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An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of PFAS

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Received by the Clerk of the House on May 15, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ARATA of New Gloucester.
Cosponsored by Senator BERNARD of Aroostook and
Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town,
GUERRETTE of Caribou, HEPLER of Woolwich, JACKSON of Oxford.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1732, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 277, §2, is amended to read:

5-A. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; PFAS. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means any member of the class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom. any chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance that structurally contains at least one of the following 3 substructures:

A. R-(CF₂)-CF(R')R", where both the CF₂ and CF moieties are saturated carbons;

B. R-CF₂OCF₂-R', where R and R' can either be F, O or saturated carbons; or

C. $\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)\text{R}'\text{R}''$, where R' and R'' can either be F or saturated carbons.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:

F. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means substances that include any member of the class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom, any chemical substance or mixture containing a chemical substance that structurally contains at least one of the following 3 substructures:

(1) R-(CF₂)-CF(R')R'', where both the CF₂ and CF moieties are saturated carbons;

(2) $\text{R-CF}_2\text{OCF}_2\text{-R}'$, where R and R' can either be F, O or saturated carbons; or

(3) $\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)\text{R}'\text{R}''$, where R' and R'' can either be F or saturated carbons.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the definition of "perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" in the laws governing reduction of toxics in packaging, the sale of products containing intentionally added PFAS, the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination, pesticides, renewable energy procurement in contaminated land, firefighting or fire-suppressing foam, waste discharge licenses, licenses to spread septage and the Land Application Containment Monitoring Fund to align with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's definition of "PFAS."