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House of Representatives, March 17, 2020

**An Act Relating to the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm
Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Representative: FAY of Raymond.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §752-F** is enacted to read:

3 **§752-F. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances**

4 An action arising out of any harm or injury caused by a perfluoroalkyl or
5 polyfluoroalkyl substance must be commenced within 6 years after the date the plaintiff
6 discovers or reasonably should have discovered such harm or injury. For the purposes of
7 this section, "perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance" means any member of the class
8 of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill provides that an action arising out of any harm or injury caused by a
11 perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance must be commenced within 6 years after the
12 plaintiff discovers or should have discovered such harm or injury.