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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES AND EXPANDED
POLYSTYRENE IN FOOD PACKAGING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance" mean a class of
3 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated
4 carbon atom;
- 5 (2) "Expanded polystyrene" means blown polystyrene and expanded
6 and extruded foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials
7 utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by any number of
8 techniques including, but not limited to, fusion of polymer spheres,
9 injection molding, foam molding and extrusion-blown molding.
- 10 (3) "Food packaging" means a material that is intended for direct food
11 contact and for single or limited use, including, but not limited to, take-
12 out containers and deli or bakery trays and wrappers; and

13 (4) "Reasonable alternative" means a product that has a similar use
14 and cost as the original product, but does not contain any intentionally
15 added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance or expanded
16 polystyrene in any amount.

17 (b) The Department of Public Health shall examine the availability of
18 reasonable alternatives to any food packaging product that contains an
19 intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance or
20 expanded polystyrene. Not later than January 1, 2021, the department
21 shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
22 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health on the
24 results of such examination. Such report shall include a list of any food
25 packaging products that contain an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl
26 or polyfluoroalkyl substance or expanded polystyrene for which a
27 reasonable alternative is available.

28 (c) On and after January 1, 2022, no person may manufacture,
29 knowingly sell, offer for sale, distribute for sale or distribute for use in
30 the state food packaging that contains a perfluoroalkyl or
31 polyfluoroalkyl substance or expanded polystyrene that was
32 intentionally added to such packaging in any amount when the
33 department has determined, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
34 that a reasonable alternative to such food packaging is available.

35 (d) The provisions of this section may be enforced, within available
36 appropriations, by the Commissioner of Public Health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To limit the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and expanded polystyrene in food packaging.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]