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In Senate, April 5, 2023

An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator INGWERSEN of York.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach and
Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: MEYER of
Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, SAYRE of Kennebunk.

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

- **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:
 - A. Beginning January October 1, 2023, a manufacturer of a product for sale in the State that contains intentionally added PFAS shall submit to the department a written notification that includes:
 - (1) A brief description of the product, including estimated annual sales volume in the State or nationally;
 - (2) The purpose for which PFAS are used in the product, including in any product components;
 - (3) The amount of each of the PFAS, identified by its chemical abstracts service registry number or in the absence of this number a description approved by the department, in the product, reported as an exact quantity, or as the amount of total organic fluorine if the amount of each PFAS compound is not known, determined using commercially available analytical methods or based on information provided by a supplier as falling within a range approved for reporting purposes by the department;
 - (4) The name and address of the manufacturer, and the name, address and phone number of a contact person for the manufacturer; and
 - (5) Any additional information established by the department by rule as necessary to implement the requirements of this section.
- **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:
 - **4. Exemptions.** The following are exempt from this section:
 - A. A product for which federal law governs the presence of PFAS in the product in a manner that preempts state authority; and
 - B. A product subject to that is a package as defined in Title 32, chapter 26-A or 26-B. section 1732, subsection 4; and
 - C. A manufacturer with less than \$20,000,000 in national annual sales of products, except that this exemption does not apply to any prohibitions under subsection 5.
- **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§5,** ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:
 - C. The department may by rule identify products by category or use that may not be sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in this State if they contain intentionally added PFAS. Not later than January 1, 2025 and every year thereafter until December 31, 2029, the department shall adopt a rule identifying at least one product category or use that may not be sold, offered for sale or distributed in this State if it contains intentionally added PFAS. The department shall prioritize the prohibition of the sale of product categories that, in the department's judgment, are most likely to cause contamination of the State's land or water resources if they contain intentionally added PFAS. Products in which the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use as determined

by the department may be exempted by the department by rule except that, prior to
January 1, 2028, such a determination may not be made unless the department has
adopted rules that identify a relevant related product category or use for sales
prohibitions as authorized by this paragraph. The department may not prohibit the sale
or resale of used products.

Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

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12 Initiative: Provides allocations for one Toxicologist position and associated costs.

13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
14	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
15	Personal Services	\$105,063	\$110,595
16	All Other	\$4,750	\$4,750
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18	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$109,813	\$115,345
19	Remediation and Waste Management 0247		
20	Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related	to implementation	of the Maine

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to implementation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1614.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$269,606	\$269,606
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$269,606	\$269,606

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

27 Initiative: Provides allocations for one Environmental Specialist IV position and associated costs.

29	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
30	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
31	Personal Services	\$110,034	\$116,096
32	All Other	\$4,750	\$4,750
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34	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$114,784	\$120,846
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36	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,		
37	DEPARTMENT OF		
38	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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40	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$494,203	\$505,797
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Sec. 5. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1614, subsection 2, paragraph A applies retroactively to January 1, 2023.

SUMMARY

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This bill extends the deadline for reporting the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in products for sale until October 1, 2023. The bill authorizes reporting the amount of total organic fluorine if the amount of each PFAS compound is not known and allows the amount of PFAS to be reported based on information provided by a supplier rather than testing. The bill clarifies the packaging exemption and exempts manufacturers with less than \$20,000,000 in annual national sales from the PFAS reporting requirements but not from any sales prohibitions. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection, not later than January 1, 2025 and every year thereafter until December 31, 2029, to adopt a rule identifying at least one product category or use that may not be sold, offered for sale or distributed in this State if it contains intentionally added PFAS. It prohibits the department prior to January 1, 2028 from providing an exemption for products in which the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use unless the department has adopted rules that identify a relevant related product category or use for a sales prohibition. The bill includes an appropriations and allocations section to provide funding for 2 positions and expenditures related to the implementation of the laws governing products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.