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# H. R. 4381

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. GUIDANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
6 Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with  
7 the head of the U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Avia-  
8 tion Administration, and other relevant Federal depart-  
9 ments or agencies and representatives of State and local

1 building and fire code enforcement jurisdictions, shall  
2 issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam  
3 and other equipment containing any PFAS by firefighters,  
4 police officers, paramedics, emergency medical techni-  
5 cians, and other first responders, in order to minimize the  
6 risk to such firefighters, police officers, paramedics, emer-  
7 gency medical technicians, and other first responders, and  
8 the environment, without jeopardizing firefighting efforts.

9 (b) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “PFAS”  
10 means a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance with  
11 at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

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