



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 837

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PERFLUOROALKYL OR
POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES IN CLASS B FIREFIGHTING
FOAM.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance" means a class of
3 fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated
4 carbon atom;
- 5 (2) "Class B firefighting foam" means a foam used for the purpose of
6 extinguishing flammable liquid fires; and
- 7 (3) "Testing" includes calibration testing, conformance testing and
8 fixed system testing as required by state or municipal law or policy.
- 9 (b) On and after the effective date of this section, no person, local
10 government or state agency may use a class B firefighting foam that
11 contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl
12 substance in any amount for training purposes.
- 13 (c) On or after April 1, 2021, no person shall use a class B firefighting
14 foam that contains an intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or
15 polyfluoroalkyl substance for any firefighting purpose unless such fire

16 is a petroleum-based fire and the Commissioner of Energy and
17 Environmental Protection fails to identify an alternative to such use by
18 January 1, 2021.

19 (d) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Commissioner of Energy and
20 Environmental Protection shall develop or identify a take-back program
21 for municipal sources of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances
22 that results in the application of best management practices for the
23 disposal of such substances.

24 (e) The provisions of this section may be enforced, within available
25 appropriations, by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
26 Protection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

ENV *Joint Favorable Subst.*