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An Act To Establish Maximum Contaminant Levels under the State's Drinking Water Rules for Certain Perflouroalkyl and Polyflouroalkyl Substances

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUCKER of Brunswick.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2611, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Maximum contaminant levels for certain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The primary drinking water rules adopted and enforced by the commissioner pursuant to subsection 1 must specify for the following perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances a maximum contaminant level equivalent to 20 nanograms per liter, both individually for each of the contaminants listed in this subsection and as the sum concentration of 2 or more of those contaminants:

A. Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, or "PFOS";

B. Perfluorooctanoic acid, or "PFOA";

C. Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, or "PFHxS";

D. Perfluorononanoic acid, or "PFNA";

E. Perfluoroheptanoic acid, or "PFHpA"; and

F. Perfluorodecanoic acid, or "PFDA."

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law authorizing the adoption of state drinking water rules by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to require that those rules establish a maximum contaminant level equivalent to 20 nanograms per liter for the following perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, both individually for each substance and as a sum concentration of 2 or more of those substances: perfluorooctane sulfonic acid; perfluorooctanoic acid; perfluorohexane sulfonic acid; perfluorononanoic acid; perfluoroheptanoic acid; and perfluorodecanoic acid.