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**Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on
LD 987 An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products
Containing PFAS
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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and member of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Brad Farrin, and I represent Senate District 3 representing communities in Kennebec, Penobscot and Somerset counties.

I am here today to present my bill, LD 987, "An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Notification Requirements for Products Containing PFAS."

Last session, your committee worked very hard on LD 1537, which made important and necessary changes to the law regulating PFAS. That bill provided exemptions from the notification requirements of the PFAS law for certain categories of products. One of those categories of products was motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment.

I have been working with the Maine Forest Products Council, the Maine Farm Coalition and the Truck and Engine Manufacturers Association on this legislation. My bill specifically adds off road vehicles and mobile or stationary equipment to the current section exempting motor vehicles. This will ensure that the vehicles and equipment utilized by our agricultural and forest products industries utilized in off highway applications will be covered by the same exemption from reporting.

My original bill is drafted using a list of the types of products intended to be covered by the exemption but my understanding is that the Maine Department of Environmental Protection prefers to use a simpler approach so I have attached a proposed amendment for your consideration. I appreciate your consideration of this legislation and look forward to working with the committee.

Thank you.

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LD 987
Proposed amendment, Senator Farrin

Amend the bill by striking the title and inserting the following in its place:

“An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS”

Amend the bill by striking everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following in its place:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§4, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 630, §1, is amended to read:

I. A motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment regulated under a federal motor vehicle safety standard, as defined in 49 United States Code, Section 30102(a)(10), and any other motor vehicle, including an off-highway motorized vehicle ~~or specialty motor vehicle, such as an all-terrain vehicle, side-by-side vehicle, farm equipment, mobile or stationary~~ motorized equipment or personal assistive mobility device, except that the exemption under this paragraph does not apply to any textile article or refrigerant that is included in or as a component part of such products;

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of and replaces the bill. It amends the law regulating products containing PFAS to clarify the scope of the exemption under that law for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment.