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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

PHASING OUT THE USE OF AVOIDABLE PFAS IN CONSUMER PRODUCTS IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the National Academies of Sciences,  
2 Engineering, and Medicine have both indicated that per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are associated with  
3 increases in cholesterol levels, decreases in birth weight, lower antibody response to vaccines in children, kidney and  
4 testicular cancer, pregnancy induced hypertension/preeclampsia and changes in liver enzymes; and

5 WHEREAS the United States Environmental Protection Agency has recently finalized drinking water standards  
6 for six PFAS and requires monitoring for many other PFAS; and

7 WHEREAS 15 states have phased out or regulated PFAS in multiple consumer products including textiles,  
8 packaging, cosmetics, and cookware; and

9 WHEREAS 23 states use a comprehensive definition of PFAS supported by over 100 PFAS researchers that  
10 includes all PFAS including polymers, gasses and any PFAS that has more than one fully fluorinated carbon atom, and this  
11 definition is consistent with the definition by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development; and

12 WHEREAS Delaware taxpayers have spent over an estimated \$20 million dollars to remediate the impacts of  
13 PFAS pollution; and

14 WHEREAS Delaware has already made efforts to limit PFAS exposure through proposed Maximum  
15 Contamination Levels in drinking water, banning the use of PFAS in firefighting foams in training, and directing DNREC  
16 to provide regular updates on its PFAS measurement efforts; and

17 WHEREAS Delaware's drinking water continues to be contaminated by the presence of PFAS in consumer  
18 products; and

19 WHEREAS Delaware has filed lawsuits against makers and users of PFAS to recoup taxpayer expenses for the  
20 clean-up of PFAS; and

21 WHEREAS the Delaware legislature seeks to protect the public from PFAS exposure.

22 NOW, THEREFORE:

23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, that  
24 it is the intent that Delaware phase out the use of avoidable PFAS in consumer products sold in Delaware, consistent with  
25 precedents set in other states that have banned the use of avoidable PFAS in consumer products.

SYNOPSIS

This House Resolution states the intent to phase out the use of avoidable PFAS in consumer products sold in Delaware, consistent with precedents set in other states that have banned the use of avoidable PFAS in consumer products.