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A BILL

To enact section 3737.52 of the Revised Code to
prohibit the use of class B firefighting foam
containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals
for testing and training purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3737.52 of the Revised Code be
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3737.52. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Class B firefighting foam" means a foam that is
designed to extinguish a fire caused by flammable liquid.

(2) "PFAS chemicals" means a class of fluorinated organic
chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom,
including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, that
are designed to be fully functional in class B firefighting foam
formulations.

(3) "Testing" includes calibration testing, conformance testing, and fixed system testing. 15
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(B) No person shall use a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals for training purposes. 17
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(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this section, no person shall use a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals for testing purposes. 20
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(2) A person may use a class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals for testing purposes if required by law, regulation, or ordinance and the testing facility has implemented appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal measures to prevent releases of the class B firefighting foam into the environment. 24
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(D) Nothing in this section restricts either of the following: 30
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(1) The manufacture, sale, or distribution of class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals. 32
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(2) The use of class B firefighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals in emergency firefighting or fire prevention operations. 34
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(E) For purposes of using foam during firefighting operations training, a person may use a training foam that does not contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals. 37
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