

S 2353

PFAS Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Emergency Management

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Current Status: Held at the desk.

Latest Action: Held at the desk. (Dec 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO]	R · CO		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 31, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Aug 1, 2019
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 9, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Sep 18, 2019
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. McSally, Martha [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Sep 26, 2019
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 27, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Feb 3, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 18, 2020)

Protecting Firefighters from Adverse Substances Act of 2019 or the PFAS Act of 2019

This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop guidance for firefighters and other emergency response personnel on training, education programs, and best practices to protect them from exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFASs, from firefighting foam and to limit or prevent the release of PFASs into the environment. These substances are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain the compounds, such as nonstick cookware or weatherproof clothing.

FEMA shall (1) develop and issue guidance on alternative foams, personal protective equipment, and other firefighting tools and equipment that do not contain PFASs; and (2) create an online public repository on tools and best practices to reduce, limit, and prevent the release of and exposure to PFASs.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 21, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Dec 21, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Dec 20, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 18, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7828; text: CR S7828)
- **Feb 3, 2020:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Johnson without amendment. With written report No. 116-211.
- **Feb 3, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 409.
- **Nov 6, 2019:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 31, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 31, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.