S 231

PFAS Act

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Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Emergency Management
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]
Party: Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 4, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Mar 17, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 22, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 10, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4954	Related bill	**Aug 9, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

Summary (as of Dec 20, 2022)

Protecting Firefighters from Adverse Substances Act or the PFAS Act

This act requires the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 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 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.

DHS shall make available a curriculum designed to

- reduce and eliminate exposure to PFAS from firefighting foam and personal protective equipment (PPE);
- prevent the release of PFAS from firefighting foam into the environment; and
- educate firefighters and other emergency response personnel on foams and non-foam alternatives, PPE, and other firefighting tools and equipment that do not contain PFAS.

The U.S. Fire Administration shall make recommendations to DHS as to the content of the curriculum.

DHS must 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 20, 2022:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 20, 2022:** Became Public Law No: 117-248.
- **Dec 16, 2022:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8702-8703)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 400 - 22 (Roll no. 498).
- **Dec 1, 2022:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 400 - 22 (Roll no. 498). (text: 11/29/2022 CR H8609)
- **Dec 1, 2022:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Ms. Stevens moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8609-8612)
- **Nov 29, 2022:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 231.
- **Nov 29, 2022:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 30, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5189-5190)
- **Jul 29, 2021:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5189-5190)
- **Jul 29, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5189-5190)
- **May 10, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 117-21.
- **May 10, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 55.
- **Mar 17, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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