

## HR 5987

### PFAS Definition Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 17, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 4350	Related bill	<b>Mar 1, 2022:</b> Returned to the Calendar. Calendar No. 144.

## Summary (as of Nov 16, 2021)

### PFAS Definition Improvement Act

This bill broadens the definition of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS, in relation to the reporting requirement under the Toxic Substances Control Act. PFAS are man-made and may have adverse human health effects. A variety of products contain the compounds, such as nonstick cookware or weatherproof clothing.

Specifically, the bill provides that PFAS include those substances that contain at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

### Actions Timeline

- **Nov 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Nov 16, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 16, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.