

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3661**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James K. Hawkins***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>

<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>

<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3661**

By Mr. Hawkins of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3661) of James K. Hawkins and others relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 237. (a) The following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the  
4 context clearly requires otherwise:-

5 “Firefighting personal protective equipment” means any clothing designed, intended, or  
6 marketed to be worn by firefighting personnel in the performance of their duties, designed with  
7 the intent for the use in fire and rescue activities, including jackets, pants, shoes, gloves, helmets,  
8 and respiratory equipment.

9 “Local governments” includes any county, city, town, fire district, regional fire protection  
10 authority, or special purpose district that provides firefighting services.

11 “Manufacturer” includes any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation,  
12 organization, joint venue, importer, or domestic distributor of firefighting agents or firefighting  
13 equipment. For the purposes of this definition, “importer” means the owner of the product.

14 “Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances” or “PFAS chemicals” means, for the  
15 purposes of firefighting agents and firefighting equipment, a class of fluorinated organic  
16 chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

17 (b) A manufacturer or other person that sells firefighting personal protective equipment  
18 containing PFAS chemicals to any person, local government, or state agency shall provide  
19 written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale which shall state: (i) that the firefighting  
20 personal protective equipment contains PFAS chemicals; and (ii) the reason PFAS chemicals are  
21 added to the equipment.

22 The manufacturer or other person selling firefighting personal protective equipment and  
23 the purchaser of the equipment shall retain a copy of the notice required pursuant to this  
24 subsection on file for at least 3 years from the date of the purchase. Upon the request of the  
25 department, a person, manufacturer, or purchaser shall furnish the notice, or written copies, and  
26 associated sales documentation to the department within 60 days of such request.

27 SECTION 2. Section 237 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as added by section 1, is  
28 hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following  
29 subsection:-

30 (b) A manufacturer or other person to that sells firefighting personal protective equipment  
31 to any person, local government, or state agency shall not manufacture, knowingly sell, offer for

32 sale, distribute for sale, or distribute for use in the commonwealth any firefighting personal  
33 protective equipment containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals.

34 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

35 SECTION 4. Section 2 shall take effect on January 1, 2022.