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**An Act To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.
Cosponsored by Senator BENNETT of Oxford and
Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, Senators:
BRENNER of Cumberland, DILL of Penobscot.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

3 **11-A. Leachate treatment to reduce perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl**
4 **substances.** Beginning July 1, 2025, a solid waste disposal facility owned by the State
5 may not be licensed or otherwise authorized to transfer leachate from the solid waste
6 disposal facility to a wastewater treatment plant unless:

7 A. Prior to the transfer the leachate is treated to reduce the concentration of
8 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the extent feasible with available
9 technology; or

10 B. The wastewater treatment plant receiving the leachate employs technology to
11 reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in all of its
12 discharges and residual sludge to the extent feasible with available technology and at
13 least as effectively as could be achieved through treatment of the leachate prior to its
14 transfer.

15 The department shall adopt rules implementing this subsection, which must include, but
16 are not limited to, allowable concentrations of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
17 substances, technology requirements and monitoring requirements. Rules adopted
18 pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
19 subchapter 2-A. For the purposes of this subsection, "wastewater treatment plant" has the
20 same meaning as in Title 32, section 4171, subsection 4 and "perfluoroalkyl and
21 polyfluoroalkyl substances" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 1732, subsection
22 5-A.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides that a solid waste disposal facility owned by the State may not be
25 licensed or otherwise authorized to transfer leachate from the solid waste disposal facility
26 to a wastewater treatment plant unless prior to the transfer the leachate is treated to reduce
27 the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or the facility receiving
28 the leachate employs technology to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and
29 polyfluoroalkyl substances. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to
30 adopt rules to implement the prohibition.