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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY  
SYSTEM PROTECTION

Introduced By: Senators Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Quezada, and Zurier

Date Introduced: January 25, 2022

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 46-15.3 of the General Laws entitled "Public Drinking Water Supply  
2 System Protection" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **46-15.3-7.8. Water suppliers - Treatment and removal of PFAS.**

4           (a) Every supplier of public water subject to the provisions of this chapter shall utilize and  
5 install systems to remove per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") from public drinking water  
6 supplies. These systems shall include, but not be limited to, activated carbon treatment, ion  
7 exchange resins, and high pressure membranes, such as nanofiltration or reverse osmosis.

8           (b) Every supplier of public water shall comply with the provisions of subsection (a) of this  
9 section by July 1, 2024 unless the deadline for compliance is extended by the water resources board  
10 for good cause.

11          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require public drinking water suppliers to utilize technologies to remove  
2 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances ("PFAS") from public drinking water supplies by July 1, 2024.  
3 These systems would include, but not be limited to, activated carbon treatment, ion exchange resins,  
4 and high pressure membranes, such as nanofiltration or reverse osmosis.  
5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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