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Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford and Mrowicki of Putney  
Referred to Committee on  
Date:  
Subject: Conservation and development; water supply; maximum contaminant level; perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances  
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Secretary of Natural Resources to amend the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Water Supply Rule to establish a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of zero parts per trillion for the perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) of perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, perfluoroheptanoic acid, and perfluorodecanoic acid. The bill also would propose that the Secretary of Natural Resources amend the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Water Supply Rule to establish an MCL of not more than 20 parts per trillion for any testable PFAS other than those specifically required to have an MCL of zero parts per trillion.

1 An act relating to drinking water standards for perfluoroalkyl and  
2 polyfluoroalkyl substances

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION;

5 DRINKING WATER STANDARDS; PERFLUOROALKYL AND

6 POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES

7 (a) As used in this section, “perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances”  
8 or “PFAS” means a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least  
9 one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

10 (b) On or before July 1, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall file  
11 under 3 V.S.A. § 841 a final proposed rule with the Secretary of State and the  
12 Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules establishing the following  
13 under the Department of Environmental Conservation’s Water Supply Rule:

14 (1) a maximum contaminant level (MCL) of zero parts per trillion for  
15 the PFAS of perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid,  
16 perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, perfluoroheptanoic  
17 acid, and perfluorodecanoic acid; and

18 (2) an MCL of not more than 20 parts per trillion total for any testable  
19 PFAS combined other than those PFAS listed under subdivision (1) of this  
20 subsection.

21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

22 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.