

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to require the Commissioner of Health to convene a work group to study the occurrence of*  
3 *perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorobutyrate (PFBA),*  
4 *perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), perfluorohexane sulfonate (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid*  
5 *(PFNA), and other perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the Commonwealth's*  
6 *public drinking water; report.*

7 [H 586]

8 Approved

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

10 1. § 1. *That the Commissioner of Health shall convene a work group to study the occurrence of*  
11 *perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorobutyrate (PFBA),*  
12 *perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), perfluorohexane sulfonate (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA),*  
13 *and other perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as deemed necessary, in the*  
14 *Commonwealth's public drinking water and may develop recommendations for specific maximum*  
15 *contaminant levels for PFOA, PFOS, PFBA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, and other PFAS, as deemed*  
16 *necessary, for inclusion in regulations of the Board of Health applicable to waterworks. Such work*  
17 *group shall include representatives of waterworks owners and operators, including owners and*  
18 *operators of community waterworks, private companies that operate waterworks, advocacy groups*  
19 *representing owners and operators of waterworks, consumers of public drinking water, a manufacturer*  
20 *with chemistry experience, and such other stakeholders as the Commissioner of Health shall deem*  
21 *appropriate. The Office of Drinking Water of the Department of Health shall provide administrative and*  
22 *technical support for the work group. In completing its work, the work group (i) shall (a) determine*  
23 *current levels of PFOA, PFOS, PFBA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, and other PFAS, as deemed necessary,*  
24 *contamination in the Commonwealth's public drinking water, provided that in making such*  
25 *determination of current levels, the Department of Health shall sample no more than 50 representative*  
26 *waterworks and major sources of water; (b) identify possible sources of such contamination, where*  
27 *identified; and (c) evaluate existing approaches to regulating PFOA, PFOS, PFBA, PFHpA, PFHxS,*  
28 *PFNA, and other PFAS, as deemed necessary, in drinking water, including regulatory approaches*  
29 *adopted by other states and the federal government, and (ii) may develop recommendations for specific*  
30 *maximum contaminant levels for PFOA, PFOS, PFBA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, and other PFAS, as*  
31 *deemed necessary, to be included in regulations of the Board of Health applicable to waterworks. The*  
32 *work group shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the*  
33 *House Committees on Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources and Health, Welfare and*  
34 *Institutions and the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources and*  
35 *Education and Health by December 1, 2021.*

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