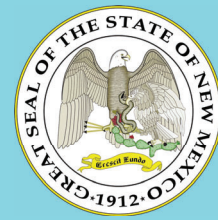


HB 212: PFAS Protection Act

PFAS are poisoning people, livestock, land, and water in New Mexico. This bill protects New Mexicans from PFAS chemicals added to products we use everyday.



How does this bill work?

Starting in 2027, certain consumer products, including dental floss, juvenile products, firefighting foam, cookware, and food packaging that contain intentionally-added PFAS will be prohibited from sale – protecting you and your family from exposure.

In 2028, additional consumer products that contain intentionally-added PFAS will be prohibited from sale. These products include carpets and rugs, cleaning supplies and fabric treatments, cosmetics and feminine hygiene products, textiles and upholstered furniture, and ski wax.

In 2029, other products with intentionally added PFAS that don't have an exemption will be prohibited from sale.

There are allowances for the continued sale of certain products with intentionally added PFAS, like medical, pharmaceutical, and agricultural products, semiconductors, electronics, lab equipment, certain refrigerants, automobiles, and NM manufacturing. Other products can be exempted through a PFAS stewardship program.

This bill also requires regular inventories of PFAS-laden firefighting foams in New Mexico and prohibits the use of those foams for anything except emergency purposes.

To date, 13 other state legislatures already passed laws removing PFAS from consumer products to cut future cleanup costs to protect the health and wallet of their residents.

How will it benefit New Mexico?



Saves Money

- ✓ It costs between \$2.7 million to \$18 million to remove and destroy a pound of PFAS from our water.
- ✓ Protects property values for homeowners and businesses while avoiding expensive treatment and remediation costs New Mexicans cannot afford.



Public Health

- ✓ PFAS accumulate in plants, animals, and humans - causing health issues.
- ✓ PFAS are linked to thyroid disease, cancer, liver damage, birth defects, and increased risk of miscarriage.



Environment

- ✓ Helps protect our state's water – our most precious natural resource.
- ✓ Safeguards our land for agriculture, ranching, hunting, and wildlife for New Mexicans.

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