HB 212: PFAS Protection Act

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How does this bill work?

While many manufacturers and retailers have removed toxic PFAS chemicals from their products in recent years, some have not done so.

House Bill 212 meets many manufacturers where they are by recognizing their efforts to remove PFAS from products we use every day while phasing out and prohibiting products from manufacturers that contain intentionally added PFAS.

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

In 2028, additional consumer products, including carpet and rugs, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, and cosmetics that contain intentionally added PFAS will be largely prohibited from sale unless otherwise deemed essential.

In 2032, other products with intentionally added PFAS that are not otherwise exempt will be prohibited from sale.

Eight other states already enacted laws restricting or banning PFAS in juvenile products, including Colorado, Minnesota, and California.

Children, who make up nearly a quarter of New Mexico's population, are particularly at risk for health complications caused by PFAS exposure, including developmental issues, immune system problems, increased cholesterol, and even reduced vaccine effectiveness. Prenatal exposure from a mother to child may continue with breastfeeding.

Children are further exposed to PFAS through juvenile products, as well as cookware, home furnishings, and cleaning supplies. Juvenile products can include bath items, diapers, sleep equipment, playtime toys, and feeding supplies.



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