

HOUSE BILL 619

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Use of Fire-Fighting Foam Containing Perfluoroalkyl and**
3 **Polyfluoroalkyl Substances – Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, on or after a certain date, the use of fire-fighting foam
5 containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances for firefighter training
6 purposes; establishing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; defining a certain
7 term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
8 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Environment

11 Section 6–1601 through 6–1604 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16.
12 Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Environment**

18 **SUBTITLE 16. PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.**

19 **6–1601.**

20 IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL
21 SUBSTANCES” MEANS MANUFACTURED CHEMICALS USED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF
22 CONSUMER AND INDUSTRY PRODUCTS, INCLUDING:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(1) STAIN-RESISTANT AND WATER-RESISTANT FABRICS;**
2 **(2) CLEANING PRODUCTS;**
3 **(3) PAINT; AND**
4 **(4) FIRE-FIGHTING FOAMS.**

5 **6-1602.**

6 **THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO FIRE-FIGHTING FOAMS USED AT THE**
7 **BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT.**

8 **6-1603.**

9 **ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2021, FIRE-FIGHTING FOAM CONTAINING**
10 **PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES MAY NOT BE USED FOR**
11 **FIREFIGHTER TRAINING PURPOSES.**

12 **6-1604.**

13 **A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBTITLE IS SUBJECT TO:**

- 14 **(1) FOR A FIRST VIOLATION, A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$500;**
15 **AND**
16 **(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION, A CIVIL PENALTY**
17 **NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000.**

18 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
19 **October 1, 2020.**