

# MARYLAND RETAILERS ALLIANCE

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## **HB1112 PFAS Chemicals - Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales Judiciary Committee March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Position:** Unfavorable

**Background:** HB1112 would prohibit the manufacturing, sale, or distribution in Maryland of any consumer product that contains PFAS chemicals.

**Comments:** The Maryland Retailers Alliance has serious concerns about the potential economic effects of **HB1112 PFAS Chemicals - Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales**. While we understand the desire to regulate potential exposure to harmful materials and chemicals, the impact of establishing a blanket prohibition on any products that contain PFAS in any way is staggeringly widespread.

There are thousands of PFAS chemicals in existence and these substances are used in almost every industry or product category from aviation and aerospace equipment to architectural materials to X-ray film to circuit boards in cell phones. Materials incorporating PFAS chemicals are virtually everywhere. Prohibiting the sale of all products containing any and all PFAS without adequate time for developing effective replacements would seriously restrict Marylanders' access to everyday items.

Maryland has already taken several steps forward in recent years, passing multiple bills regulating the use of PFAS in a variety of areas. We would urge the legislature to maintain a reasonable pace on this subject and let those policies take effect without additional drastic measures, and would recommend an unfavorable vote on HB1112. Thank you for your consideration.