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HOUSE BILL ***1114***

AN ACT extending the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals in the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, Hudson and Litchfield.

SPONSORS: Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12; Rep. Rung, Hills. 12; Rep. W. Thomas, Hills. 12; Rep. Ebel, Merr. 7; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 37; Rep. Rombeau, Hills. 2; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16; Rep. Lascelles, Hills. 14; Rep. Dunn, Rock. 16; Rep. K. Perez, Rock. 16; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Soucy, Dist 18; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends for 5 years the commission to investigate and analyze the environmental and public health impacts relating to releases of perfluorinated chemicals in the air, soil, and groundwater in Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, Hudson, and Litchfield.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

187:1 Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals; Hudson Included. Amend RSA 126-A:79-a, I through II(a)(9) to read as follows:

I. There is established a commission to study environmental and public health impacts resulting from per fluorinated chemicals (PFAS) releases to the air, soil, and water in Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, ***Hudson,*** and Bedford.

II.(a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) Five members of the house of representatives, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the house minority leader.

(2) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(3) The program manager from the department of health and human services environmental public health tracking program, or designee.

(4) The commissioner of the department of environmental services, or designee.

(5) The director of the university of New Hampshire Institute for Health Policy and Practice, or designee.

(6) A representative from the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

(7) Two citizens with backgrounds in environmental science and/or public health, recommended by the senators appointed to the commission and appointed by the president of the senate.

(8) A representative from each of the affected towns of Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, ***Hudson,*** and Litchfield, appointed by the governing body of such town.

(9) [~~Four~~] ***Five*** residents, one from each of the affected towns of Merrimack, Bedford, Londonderry, ***Hudson,*** and Litchfield, who are members of drinking water related environmental advocacy citizen organizations which are not affiliated with any government or state agency, recommended by the senators appointed to the commission and appointed by the president of the senate.

187:2 Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals; Reporting Date Extended. Amend RSA 126-A:79-a, V to read as follows:

V. The commission shall submit an interim report of its findings on November 1, each year between 2020 and [~~2024~~] ***2028***, and a final report of its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, [~~2024~~] ***2029***.

187:3 Prospective Repeal Extended; Commission on the Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Perfluorinated Chemicals. Amend 2019, 335:3, I to read as follows:

I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect November 1, [~~2024~~] ***2029***.

187:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved: July 12, 2024
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