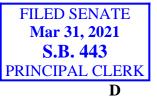
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2021



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SENATE BILL DRS45225-MHa-66

| Short Title: | 2021 Safe Drinking Water Act. | (Public) |
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| Sponsors: | Senators Batch, Salvador, and deViere (Primary Sponsors). | |
| Referred to: | | |

| 1 | | A BILL TO BE ENTITLED | |
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| 2 | AN ACT TO PROTECT NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS FROM HARMFUL TOXINS IN | | |
| 3 | DRINKING WATER BY REQUIRING THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO | | |
| 4 | ESTABL | SH MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS FOR CHEMICALS THAT ARE | |
| 5 | PROBAB | LE OR KNOWN CARCINOGENS OR ARE OTHERWISE TOXIC. | |
| 6 | The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: | | |
| 7 | | CCTION 1.(a) The Commission for Public Health shall, no later than October 15, | |
| 8 | 2021: | | |
| 9 | (1) | Commence rulemaking to establish maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), as | |
| 10 | | that term is defined under G.S. 130A-313, for probable or known carcinogens | |
| 11 | | and other toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial hazard to public | |
| 12 | | health. At a minimum, the Commission shall establish MCLs for all of the | |
| 13 | | following contaminants: | |
| 14 | | a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). | |
| 15 | | b. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). | |
| 16 | | c. Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). | |
| 17 | | d. Hexavalent chromium (chromium-6). | |
| 18 | | e. 1,4-Dioxane. | |
| 19 | (2) | For any other contaminants for which at least two other states have set MCLs | |
| 20 | | or issued guidance, the Commission shall consider establishment of MCLs for | |
| 21 | | such contaminants. | |
| 22 | | CCTION 1.(b) In the course of establishing MCLs as required by subsection (a) of | |
| 23 | | ne Commission shall: | |
| 24 | (1) | | |
| 25 | | reviewed by those states, material in the Agency for Toxic Substances and | |
| 26 | | Disease Registry, and the latest peer-reviewed science and independent or | |
| 27 | | government agency studies on appropriate MCLs for such contaminants. | |
| 28 | (2) | · · · · · · · · | |
| 29 | | such as pregnant and nursing mothers, infants, and children, which state | |
| 30 | | MCLs shall not exceed any MCL or health advisory established by the United | |
| 31 | ~- | States Environmental Protection Agency. | |
| 32 | | CCTION 2. The Commission for Public Health shall annually review the latest | |
| 33 | peer-reviewed science and independent or government agency studies and undertake additional | | |
| 34 | rulemaking, as necessary to establish or revise MCLs for contaminants that are likely to pose a | | |
| 35 | substantial the | reat to public health. | |
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1 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of 2 Health and Human Services the sum of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in recurring funds for the 3 2021-2022 fiscal year to carry out the requirements set forth in this act. The Department may 4 establish up to 37 FTE positions with the funds provided by this section.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.