

Appendix for A Policy Analysis of PFAS Regulations in Maine and the US Federal Government

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SUMMARY OF MAINE'S LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS RELATED TO PFAS, 2008-2024

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2008	LD 2048: An Act to Protect Children's Health and the Environment from Toxic Chemicals in Toys and Children's Products	Disclosure; prohibitions and thresholds	Toxic flame retardants; Heavy metals; bisphenols; PFAS; toxic chemicals, general; phthalates	Children's products	Identifies chemicals of high concern and requires reporting on usage and replacement with safer alternatives.
2011	LD 1129: An Act to Provide the Department of Environmental Protection with Regulatory Flexibility Regarding the Listing of Priority Chemicals	Disclosure	Bisphenols; toxic flame retardants; phthalates; heavy metals; toxic chemicals, general; PFAS	Children's products	Selects up to seventy chemicals as Chemicals of High Concern based upon likely exposure to children or fetuses and uses this list to designate Priority Chemicals which will require reporting and disclosure when used in children's products.
2019	LD 1433: An Act to Protect the Environment and Public Health by Further Reducing Toxic Chemicals in Packaging	Prohibitions and thresholds	Phthalates; PFAS; heavy metals; bisphenols	Packaging	Prohibits the sale of food packaging with intentionally added toxic heavy metals, PFAS, or phthalates.
2021	LD 129: Resolve, to Protect Consumers of Public Drinking Water by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Substances and Contaminants	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Water	Requires PFAS monitoring in drinking water and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish maximum contaminant levels for PFAS substances by June 1, 2024.
2021	LD 1503: An Act to Stop Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution	Disclosure; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Textiles; packaging; personal care products	Requires manufacturers to report products containing intentionally added PFAS beginning in 2023. Prohibits the sale of residential carpets or rugs, and fabric treatments, that contain intentionally added PFAS beginning in 2023. Prohibits the sale of products containing intentionally added PFAS beginning in 2030 unless the use of PFAS in a product is specifically designated as "currently unavoidable". Amended by LD 1537 in 2024.
2021	LD 1505: An Act to Restrict the Use of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Firefighting Foam	Prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Firefighting foam	Prohibits the use, manufacture, sale, and distribution of firefighting foam containing PFAS. Effective January 1, 2022.
2021	LD 1600: An Act to Investigate Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Contamination of Land and Groundwater	Fact-finding; prosecution and accountability; victim support	PFAS	Biosolids	Creates the Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund to test and monitor soil and groundwater for PFAS substances and other contaminants. The fund is funded by a \$10 per ton fee assessed on any disposal of septage, industrial sludge, municipal sludge, bioash, wood ash, or other residuals. Also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to test land that has received residuals for PFAS.
2021	LD 1733: An Act to Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds	Fact-finding; victim support	PFAS	Water	Provides funding to expand efforts to address imminent risk to public health through investment in public water system improvements, including mitigation of lead in drinking water at schools and daycares and perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, effects.

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2021	LD 221: An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023	Victim support; remediation	PFAS	Research	Appropriations bill. \$13 million for DACF to fund, abate, clean up and mitigate threats or hazards posed by PFAS and establishing; funding new staff positions to effectuate those efforts directly with affected farmers; establishing and funding the Fund to Address PFAS Contamination (the "PFAS Fund") at \$60 million; and \$16.5 million for PFAS testing, management, and treatment of drinking water.
2021	LD 264: An Act to Prohibit Aerial Application of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Pesticides	Directs the Board of Pesticides Control to gather information relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in pesticides.
2021	LD 363: An Act Regarding the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Prosecution and accountability; victim support	PFAS	Litigation	Provides that an action arising out of any harm or injury caused by a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance must be commenced within 6 years after the plaintiff discovers or should have discovered such harm or injury. It does not alter the 15-notice period or limitation period applicable to claims against a government entity.
2021	LD 558: Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study Alternative Cropping Systems for Farmers Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination	Education and outreach; victim support; remediation	PFAS	Agriculture	Directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry to work with partners to develop a comprehensive research study plan to identify and aid farmers who are or may be affected by PFAS contamination.
2022	LD 1875: An Act to Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution from State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds; remediation	PFAS	Biosolids	Requires state department to study methods of treating leachate from state-owned landfills to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the leachate.
2022	LD 1911: An Act to Prohibit the Contamination of Clean Soils with So-called Forever Chemical	Prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Biosolids	Prohibits the spreading of PFAS-laden sludge and sludge-derived compost as fertilizer.
2022	LD 2019: An Act to Require the Registration of Adjuvants in the State and To Regulate the Distribution of Pesticides with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Disclosure; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Pesticides	Beginning January 1, 2032, bans pesticides that contain intentionally added PFAS.
2022	LD 2020: An Act to Implement Recommendations Regarding the Regulation of Firefighting or Fire-suppressing Foams to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Intentionally Added	Prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Firefighting foam	Amends the law regulating firefighting and fire-suppressing foams to which PFAS have been intentionally added to provide that the prohibition on the manufacture, sale and distribution of such foams does not include foams manufactured, sold or distributed for a marine defense application if the use of the foam is required by the United States Department of Defense.
2023	LD 1591: An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development	Remediation	PFAS	Agriculture	Promotes economic reuse of PFAS contaminated farmland through the Clean Energy Department.
2023	LD 206: An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023	Victim support; remediation	PFAS	Textiles	Appropriations bill. Provides one-time funding to replace firefighting gear that is known to have perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

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2023	LD 217: An Act to Support Manufacturers Whose Products Contain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Disclosure; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Products	Extends deadline for manufacturers to notify Maine DEP of their products for sale in the state that contain intentionally added PFAS from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2025.
2023	LD 1248: An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Water	Requires bottlers to conduct testing for PFAS. Prohibits the sale of bottled water that contains a regulated PFAS contaminant in an amount that exceeds the standard applicable to a community water system.
2024	LD 1537: An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution and to Provide Additional Funding	Disclosure; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Children's products; cleaning products; personal care products; textiles; cookware	Amends existing PFAS law (LD 1503). Beginning January 1, 2026, prohibits PFAS in cleaning products, cookware, cosmetics, dental floss, juvenile products, menstrual products, textile articles, ski wax, and upholstered furniture. Beginning January 1, 2029, prohibits PFAS in artificial turf, outdoor apparel for extreme weather conditions, and certain refrigerants. Requires disclosure by manufacturers who seek an exemption from the ban on PFAS in all products beginning in 2032 unless they ask for a currently unavoidable use designation.
2025	LD 130: An Act to Establish the PFAS Response Program and to Modify the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination	Education and outreach; victim support; remediation	PFAS	Agriculture	Establishes PFAS Response Program to respond to and address PFAS contamination affecting agricultural producers.
2025	LD 1326: An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds; remediation	PFAS	Water	Sets maximum PFAS levels in drinking water for certain Maine water systems, mandates monitoring and treatment if levels are exceeded, and requires reporting and notification procedures.
2025	LD 1604: An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds	PFAS	Landfills	Establishes regulations concerning the management and testing of landfill leachate for PFAS chemicals.
2025	LD 400: Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate	Fact-finding; disclosure	PFAS	Firefighting foam	Requires an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate held by both public and private entities in the state.
2025	LD 493: An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells		PFAS	Water	Provides tenants the right to know if the water coming from their household wells is contaminated with PFAS.
2025	LD 1786: An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners	Disclosure	PFAS	Water	Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to inform the public of the current federal Environmental Protection Agency standards or the state maximum contaminant level for PFAS in drinking water.
2026	LD 2070: An Act to Prohibit Landfill Expansion into Wetlands	Fact-finding; prohibitions and thresholds; remediation	PFAS	Landfills	Requires monitoring, control, and treatment and reduction of PFAS in landfill leachate and emissions of sludge treatment facilities.

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2026	LD 222: An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added	Disclosure, remediation	PFAS	Firefighting foam	Establishes a take-back and disposal program for firefighting foam containing PFAS.
2026	LD 582: An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Victim support	PFAS	Health	Provides impacted people access to PFAS blood testing through their insurance carrier, helping them monitor and address impacts of PFAS to their health.