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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to discharge and use of firefighting
3 foam; creating s. 633.3041, F.S.; providing
4 definitions; prohibiting fire service providers from
5 discharging or using Class B firefighting foam that
6 contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals, beginning
7 on a specified date; providing an exception; providing
8 construction; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 633.3041, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

14 633.3041 Firefighting foam.-

15 (1) As used in this section, the term:

16 (a) "Class B firefighting foam" means any foam designed to
17 extinguish flammable liquid fires.

18 (b) "PFAS chemicals" means a class of fluorinated organic
19 chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom,
20 including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances,
21 designed to be fully functional in Class B firefighting foam
22 formulations.

23 (c) "Testing" means calibration, conformance, or fixed
24 system testing.

25 (2) Beginning January 1, 2023, a fire service provider may
26 not discharge or otherwise use Class B firefighting foam that
27 contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals unless such
28 discharge or use occurs in fire prevention or in response to an
29 emergency firefighting operation.

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30 (3) This section does not:

31 (a) Restrict the manufacturing, sale, or distribution of
32 Class B firefighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS
33 chemicals or restrict the discharge or use of Class B
34 firefighting foam in response to fire prevention or an emergency
35 firefighting operation.

36 (b) Prevent the use of nonfluorinated foams, including
37 other Class B firefighting foams, for purposes of firefighter
38 training or testing.

39 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.