

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
3 substances; providing a short title; creating s.
4 376.911, F.S.; defining the term "aqueous film-forming
5 foam"; prohibiting, beginning on a specified date,
6 certain use and the sale, purchase, or distribution of
7 aqueous film-forming foam; requiring, beginning on a
8 specified date, certain entities to submit aqueous
9 film-forming foam inventories and disposal plans to
10 the Department of Environmental Protection;
11 prohibiting, beginning on a specified date, the
12 possession and use of aqueous film-forming foam;
13 providing applicability; providing duties of the
14 department; authorizing the department to administer
15 certain grants or cost share programs; providing
16 penalties and injunctive relief; amending s. 403.086,
17 F.S.; requiring certain public entities disposing of
18 domestic wastewater biosolids and treated effluent to
19 quarterly conduct specified samplings and submit the
20 results to the Department of Environmental Protection;
21 providing an effective date.

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

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25 **Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Joe Casello Act."

26 **Section 2. Section 376.911, Florida Statutes, is created**
27 **to read:**

28 376.911 Aqueous film-forming foam.—

29 (1) As used in this section, the term "aqueous film-
30 forming foam" means any firefighting foam containing
31 intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
32 substances, including perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane
33 sulfonate as defined by the United States Environmental
34 Protection Agency.

35 (2) Effective July 1, 2026:

36 (a) Aqueous film-forming foam may not be used for any
37 nonemergency instruction, training, or testing.

38 (b) All entities in possession of aqueous film-forming
39 foam must report inventories to the department.

40 (3) Effective July 1, 2027:

41 (a) The sale, purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-
42 forming foam within this state is prohibited.

43 (b) All entities with remaining inventories of aqueous
44 film-forming foam must submit a disposal plan to the department.

45 (4) Effective July 1, 2028, possession and use of aqueous
46 film-forming foam is prohibited in this state.

47 (5) The prohibition under subsection (4) does not apply
48 to:

49 (a) Federal aviation facilities required to comply with 14
50 C.F.R. part 139.

51 (b) Military applications where alternatives do not exist.

52 (c) Emergency firefighting situations where alternative
53 firefighting foam is not available.

54 (6) The department shall:

55 (a) Adopt rules for containment, collection, and disposal
56 of aqueous film-forming foam.

57 (b) Maintain a registry of firefighting foam alternatives
58 that do not contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
59 substances.

60 (c) Provide technical assistance and grants for transition
61 to products that do not contain perfluoroalkyl and
62 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

63 (7) The department may administer grants or cost share
64 programs to assist local fire departments and airports in
65 transitioning to products that do not contain perfluoroalkyl and
66 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

67 (8) A person who violates this act is subject to:

68 (a) Civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 for each
69 violation for each day the violation persists.

70 (b) Additional penalties for failure to report inventories
71 or submit disposal plans.

72 (c) The department may seek injunctive relief to enforce
73 compliance with this section.

74 **Section 3. Subsection (12) is added to section 403.086,**
75 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

76 403.086 Sewage disposal facilities; advanced and secondary
77 waste treatment.—

78 (12) All public entities disposing of domestic wastewater
79 biosolids and treated effluent that have a designed average
80 daily flow of 25,000 or more gallons per day must quarterly
81 conduct at least one biosolids and treated effluent sampling, as
82 applicable, for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances,
83 including perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate,
84 and submit the results to the department. The sampling must be
85 conducted in accordance with department rules.

86 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.