An Act Relating to the Statute of Limitations for Injuries or Harm Resulting from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.
Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Representative INGWERSEN of Arundel.
Cosponsored by Representative: FAY of Raymond.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §752-F is enacted to read:

§752-F. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

An action arising out of any harm or injury caused by a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance must be commenced within 6 years after the date the plaintiff discovers or reasonably should have discovered such harm or injury. For the purposes of this section, "perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance" means any member of the class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

SUMMARY

This bill 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.