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Senator Sherman Lauds Opportunity to Continue NH's Work to Strengthen Drinking Water Safety

Legislation to Enshrine the NH DES PFAS & PFOAS Standards Will Get Another Senate Hearing

CONCORD - Today, the New Hampshire Senate voted in favor of public health and environmental protection by reviving SB 287-FN, which would require the commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services to revise rules relative to perfluorinated chemical contamination in drinking water. The bill was rereferred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and will have another hearing on an amendment to set state PFAs and PFOAs maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) at the same level NH DES set in 2019, the implementation of which is now delayed given a pending court case led by PFAs manufacturer 3M.

After the vote, prime sponsor Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye) issued the following statement:

"I commend the hard work done by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services towards protecting public safety. Unfortunately, as their efforts have been stalled due to the lawsuit filed by PFAS manufacturer 3M, it falls to the Legislature to make the critical moves towards implementing and enforcing the recommended MCL limit. These limits are critical to protecting safe drinking water, public health, and our environment."

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