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### **Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Hears New Testimony on SB 287**

**CONCORD** - Today, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee heard testimony on an amendment to SB 287 introduced by prime sponsor Senator Tom Sherman (D-Rye). Following the hearing the committee voted 5-0 ought to pass as amended. The bill will next go before the full Senate for a vote. The bill, as amended, would set state PFAS maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) at the same levels recommended by the Department of Environmental Services in 2019.

The implementation of those requirements is currently held up in litigation pursued by PFAS manufacturer 3M.

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

“Enacting and enforcing MCL limitations in our drinking water is critical to protecting public health and our environment. The MCLs for PFAS containments were set based on the latest science which shows that minimizing exposure is crucial in protecting the health of Granite Staters, particularly those most vulnerable to exposure including pregnant women, newborns, and children.

Despite setbacks from the ongoing lawsuit filed by PFAS manufacturer 3M, we must remain committed to protecting safe drinking water, public safety, and our environment. We cannot wait for another public health emergency to take action. This issue has been known, prevalent, and affecting public health and safety since the 1980s. It is not, as opponents may argue, derived from political hysteries, this is a real issue negatively impacting the health of Granite Staters every day.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to implement this important initiative.”

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#### **Background:**

**The recommended PFAS and PFOAS MCLs from the Department of Environmental Services are as follows:**

- (a) Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA): 12 parts per trillion.
- (b) Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS): 15 parts per trillion.
- (c) Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS): 18 parts per trillion.
- (d) Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA): 11 parts per trillion.