

STATEMENT TO
[Second Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2712

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator SINGLETON)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

These floor amendments would:

(1) clarify that the provisions of section 1 of the bill would not impose any liability on news media that accepts or publishes advertising for any product that may fall within the scope of the bill;

(2) add a new section to the bill, which would direct the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to establish a voluntary program to collect class B firefighting foams containing intentionally added PFAS from fire departments in the State and dispose of the foam in an environmentally sound manner. Under the program, the DEP would cover the costs of collecting and disposing of the firefighting foam. Fire departments would be responsible for the costs of obtaining replacement firefighting foam, except that a municipality that can demonstrate to the DEP that the costs of the replacement foam would exceed a certain percentage of the fire department's operating budget may apply to the DEP for a grant to fully reimburse the fire department for the costs of the replacement foam; and

(3) add a \$250,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the DEP, in order to provide the initial funding for the collection and disposal program.