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SYNOPSIS

Sets maximum contaminant level and requires private well testing for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 bill would also amend the “Private Well Testing Act” to require
2 certain private well testing of PFOS and PFOA.

3 The bill would set a maximum contaminant level for PFOS at
4 0.013 micrograms per liter and PFOA at 0.014 micrograms per liter.
5 The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) would have the
6 authority to set a maximum contaminant level that is more stringent
7 than the levels provided in the bill pursuant to the “Safe Drinking
8 Water Act.” In addition, the bill would amend the "Private Well
9 Testing Act" to add PFOS and PFOA to the list of chemicals
10 regulated under that act, requiring sellers and lessors of property
11 that contains a private well to test the well's water to ensure it meets
12 water quality standards established by the Department of
13 Environmental Protection.

14 PFOS and PFOA are part of a larger class of substances, referred
15 to as “PFAS,” which have been detected in drinking water supplies
16 and which can pose serious health threats to consumers. The DEP,
17 in 2018, established a maximum contaminant level for
18 perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA). Currently, there are no federal
19 drinking water standards for these contaminants. The levels
20 provided in this bill are consistent with the levels recommended to
21 the DEP by the New Jersey Drinking Water Qualify Institute.