

1-1 By: Johnson S.B. No. 1898  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2025; March 17, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Water, Agriculture and  
1-4 Rural Affairs; April 15, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 15, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Perry	X		
1-10	Hancock		X	
1-11	Birdwell		X	
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Gutierrez	X		
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-15	Johnson	X		
1-16	Kolkhorst	X		
1-17	Sparks	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1898 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the discharge or use of certain firefighting foams for  
1-22 testing or training.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Health and Safety  
1-25 Code, is amended by adding Section 501.027 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 501.027. DISCHARGE OR USE OF CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING  
1-27 FOAMS PROHIBITED FOR TESTING OR TRAINING. (a) In this section:

1-28 (1) "Fixed foam system" means a complete installation  
1-29 engineered for flammable liquid fire hazards that discharges  
1-30 through a fixed discharge device foam piped from a central foam  
1-31 station onto a flammable liquid fire hazard. The installation must  
1-32 have permanently installed foam proportioning components and may  
1-33 contain multiple listed components and foam.

1-34 (2) "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals"  
1-35 means non-polymeric perfluoroalkyl substances, saturated  
1-36 polyfluoroalkyl substances, and side-chain fluorinated polymers  
1-37 that contain at least two fully fluorinated sequential carbon  
1-38 atoms. The term does not include gases or substances that become  
1-39 gases in use that are otherwise regulated by state or federal laws,  
1-40 rules, or regulations, or by international protocols.

1-41 (3) "Testing facility" means a facility, including a  
1-42 facility used for firefighter training, that allows for the  
1-43 discharge of firefighting foam in a nonemergency situation for the  
1-44 evaluation and calibration of firefighting equipment and foam.

1-45 (b) A person may not discharge a Class B firefighting foam  
1-46 designed to extinguish flammable liquid fires that contains  
1-47 intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals:

1-48 (1) during or for the training of firefighters; or

1-49 (2) during or for testing, including calibration  
1-50 testing, conformance testing, or fixed foam system testing, unless  
1-51 the discharge or use:

1-52 (A) is otherwise:

1-53 (i) required by law or a rule or order of  
1-54 the applicable state agency or political subdivision; or

1-55 (ii) necessary to meet applicable National  
1-56 Fire Protection Association standards; and

1-57 (B) occurs in a testing facility that has  
1-58 implemented appropriate containment, treatment, and disposal  
1-59 measures to prevent the release of the foam into the environment.

1-60 (c) A person shall use a non-fluorinated firefighting

training foam or other non-fluorinated surrogate during or for the training of firefighters. Training that uses a non-fluorinated firefighting training foam or other non-fluorinated surrogate under this subsection must be conducted in a manner that ensures collection of the used foam or surrogate, regardless of the foam or surrogate type.

(d) This section does not prohibit or restrict:  
(1) the manufacture, sale, or distribution of firefighting foam that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals; or  
(2) the discharge or use of firefighting foam that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals during emergency firefighting operations.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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