

CHAPTER 133  
HB 236 - FINAL VERSION

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HOUSE BILL           **236**

AN ACT                creating a statute of limitation on civil actions relative to damage caused by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

SPONSORS:           Rep. Vail, Hills. 30; Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7; Rep. M. Murray, Hills. 22; Rep. Chase, Straf. 18; Rep. Mooney, Hills. 21; Rep. Labranche, Hills. 22; Rep. Healey, Hills. 21; Rep. Meuse, Rock. 29; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21

COMMITTEE:         Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill creates a statute of limitation on civil actions relative to damage caused by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

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Explanation:         Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            133:1 New Section; Statute of Limitations; Civil Actions. Amend RSA 485-H by inserting after  
2 section 10 the following new section:

3            485-H:11 Statute of Limitations; Civil Actions; PFAS Exposure. A civil action arising out of any  
4 harm or injury caused by a person or entity found legally responsible for or an action for any  
5 damages resulting from a PFAS exposure may be brought within the 6 years after the date the  
6 plaintiff discovers, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have discovered, such harm,  
7 injury, or damages and the causal relationship of an act or omission to such harm, injury or  
8 damages. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting any action brought by the state.

          133:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 23, 2021

Effective Date: September 21, 2021