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H. R. 4975

To prohibit the procurement, purchase, and sale by the Department of Defense of certain items containing a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl substance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “PFAS Free Military
5 Purchasing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON PROCUREMENT, PURCHASING,**
2 **AND SALE BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF**
3 **CERTAIN ITEMS CONTAINING PERFLUOROAL-**
4 **KYL SUBSTANCES AND POLYFLUOROALKYL**
5 **SUBSTANCES.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT AND PUR-
7 CHASING.—The Secretary of Defense may not—

8 (1) procure or purchase any covered item con-
9 taining a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl
10 substance; or

11 (2) permit the sale of any covered item con-
12 taining a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroalkyl
13 substance on any property under the jurisdiction of
14 the Department of Defense.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) The term “covered item” means—

17 (A) non-stick cookware or food service
18 ware for use in galleys or dining facilities;

19 (B) food packaging materials;

20 (C) furniture or floor waxes;

21 (D) carpeting, rugs, curtains, or uphol-
22 stered furniture;

23 (E) personal care items;

24 (F) dental floss or toothpaste;

25 (G) sunscreen;

26 (H) umbrellas, luggage or bags;

- 1 (I) ski wax;
- 2 (J) car wax and car window treatments;
- 3 (K) cleaning products; and
- 4 (L) shoes and clothing for which treatment
- 5 with a perfluoroalkyl substance or polyfluoroal-
- 6 kyl substance is not necessary for an essential
- 7 function.

8 (2) The term “perfluoroalkyl substance” means

9 a man-made chemical of which all of the carbon

10 atoms are fully fluorinated carbon atoms.

11 (3) The term “polyfluoroalkyl substance”

12 means a man-made chemical containing at least one

13 fully fluorinated carbon atom and at least one

14 nonfluorinated carbon atom.

15 (4) The term “property under the jurisdiction

16 of the Department of Defense” includes any—

17 (A) commissary;

18 (B) facility operated by the Army and Air

19 Force Exchange Service, the Navy Exchange

20 Service Command, or the Navy Resale and

21 Services Support Office;

22 (C) Marine Corps exchange;

23 (D) online exchange shop; and

24 (E) ship’s store.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
2 on the date that is one year after the date of the enact-
3 ment of this Act.

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