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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to prohibiting the sale of medical adhesives and bandages containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 37-0123 to read as follows:

§ 37-0123. Prohibitions against the sale of medical adhesives and bandages containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Medical adhesives and bandages" means any product intended for medical purposes that consists of a strip of fabric material or plastic, coated on one or more sides with an adhesive, and may include a pad of surgical dressing, and is used to cover and protect wounds, hold together the skin edges of a wound, support an injured part of the body, or secure objects to the skin.

(b) "Intentionally added chemical" means a chemical in a product that serves an intended function or technical effect in the product or product component, including the PFAS within intentionally added chemicals and PFAS that are intentional breakdown products of an added chemical that also have a functional or technical effect in the product or product component.

(c) "Manufacturer" means a person, firm, association, partnership or corporation:

(i) that makes or whose brand name is affixed to medical adhesives and bandages; or

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (ii) in the case of medical adhesives and bandages that were imported
2 into the United States, "manufacturer" means the importer or first
3 domestic distributor of such medical adhesives and bandages if no person
4 who is a manufacturer within the meaning of subparagraph (i) of this
5 paragraph has a presence in the United States.

6 (d) "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS
7 substances" mean a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at
8 least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

9 2. No person shall sell or offer for sale in this state any medical
10 adhesives and bandages containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
11 substances as intentionally added chemicals.

12 3. No person that sells or offers for sale any medical adhesives and
13 bandages shall be held in violation of this title if they can show that
14 they relied in good faith on the written assurance of the manufacturer
15 of such product that such product met the requirements of this section.
16 Such written assurance shall take the form of a certificate of compli-
17 ance stating that such product is in compliance with the requirements of
18 this section. The certificate of compliance shall be signed by an
19 authorized official of the manufacturer.

20 4. In addition to any other applicable penalties, it shall be a
21 violation of this section to provide a certificate of compliance pursu-
22 ant to subdivision three of this section when the applicable medical
23 adhesives and bandages do not satisfy the prohibitions on the presence
24 of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances set forth in subdivi-
25 sion two of this section.

26 § 2. Section 71-3703 of the environmental conservation law is amended
27 by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

28 8. Any person who violates any of the provisions of, or who fails to
29 perform any duty imposed by, section 37-0123 of this chapter or any rule
30 or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, shall be liable for a civil
31 penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each day during which
32 such violation continues, and in addition thereto, such person may be
33 enjoined from continuing such violation. Such person shall for a second
34 violation be liable to the people of the state for a civil penalty not
35 to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each day during which
36 such violation continues.

37 § 3. This act shall take effect December 31, 2026. Effective imme-
38 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
39 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
40 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
41 effective date.