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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 727

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 727 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Safe
5 Public Drinking Water Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Agency" means the Environmental Protection Agency.

8 "Board" means the Pollution Control Board.

9 "MCL" means maximum contaminant level, or the legal
10 threshold limit on the amount of a substance that is allowed in
11 public water systems.

12 Section 10. Purpose. It is the goal of the State of
13 Illinois to protect residents from harmful toxins in drinking
14 water. Accordingly, this Act directs the Agency to propose,
15 and the Board to adopt, rules establishing State-only MCLs for

1 likely or known carcinogens found in public drinking water
2 systems.

3 Section 15. Maximum contaminant levels; rulemaking.

4 (a) The Agency shall conduct an initial study on primary
5 drinking water standards and, by no later than June 30, 2025,
6 present its findings to the General Assembly for the purpose
7 of implementing a State-only MCL for carcinogens and toxic
8 chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial health hazard
9 to residents of the State.

10 (b) The Agency shall, within 2 years after June 30, 2025,
11 take all actions needed to obtain the expertise necessary to
12 propose rules that will establish a State-only MCL for
13 carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a
14 substantial health hazard to residents of the State.

15 (c) By no later than June 30, 2029, the Agency shall
16 propose, and, by no later than June 30, 2030, the Board shall
17 adopt, amendments to the Board rules that establish State-only
18 MCLs for carcinogens and toxic chemicals that are likely to
19 pose a substantial health hazard to residents of the State.

20 (d) At a minimum, the rules adopted by the Board under this
21 Section shall establish:

22 (1) a State-only MCL for perfluoroalkyl substances and
23 polyfluoroalkyl substances in public drinking water
24 systems;

25 (2) a State-only MCL for hexavalent chromium in public

1 drinking water systems;

2 (3) a State-only MCL for 1,4 dioxane in public
3 drinking water systems; and

4 (4) a requirement for the Agency to propose
5 implementing a State-only MCL for any other pollutants in
6 public drinking water systems when 2 or more other states
7 have set limits or issued guidance on a given pollutant.

8 (e) In proceedings under this Section, the Agency and the
9 Board shall review MCLs adopted by other states, the studies
10 and scientific evidence reviewed by those states, material in
11 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, and the
12 latest peer-reviewed science and independent or government
13 agency studies, and shall propose and adopt an MCL that
14 provides at least as much protection as any MCL or health
15 advisory promulgated by the United States Environmental
16 Protection Agency and that is protective of public health,
17 including vulnerable subpopulations, such as pregnant and
18 nursing mothers, infants, and children. The Agency and the
19 Board shall annually review the latest peer-reviewed science
20 and independent or government agency studies and undertake
21 additional rulemaking if needed to comply with this Act."