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H. R. 4381

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. GUIDANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
6 Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with
7 the head of the U.S. Fire Administration, Federal Avia-
8 tion Administration, and other relevant Federal depart-
9 ments or agencies and representatives of State and local

1 building and fire code enforcement jurisdictions, shall
2 issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam
3 and other equipment containing any PFAS by firefighters,
4 police officers, paramedics, emergency medical techni-
5 cians, and other first responders, in order to minimize the
6 risk to such firefighters, police officers, paramedics, emer-
7 gency medical technicians, and other first responders, and
8 the environment, without jeopardizing firefighting efforts.

9 (b) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “PFAS”
10 means a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance with
11 at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

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