

**Senate File 254 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting municipalities and fire departments from  
2 purchasing fire fighter equipment that does not contain a  
3 label regarding perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **100B.51 Fire fighter equipment —**  
2 **required label.**

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
4 requires:

5 a. "*Fire fighter equipment*" means clothing designed,  
6 intended, or marketed to be a structural fire fighting protective  
7 ensemble or ensemble element that includes coats, trousers,  
8 coveralls, helmets, gloves, footwear, interface components, and  
9 other components used to construct such clothing.

10 b. "*Municipality*" means the same as defined in section  
11 100B.21.

12 c. "*Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances*" means any  
13 chemical of a class of fluorinated organic chemicals that  
14 contains at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom and is used  
15 in fire fighting agents.

16 2. On or after July 1, 2026, a municipality or fire  
17 department shall not purchase fire fighter equipment unless  
18 the fire fighter equipment contains a permanently affixed  
19 label indicating whether the fire fighter equipment contains  
20 perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

21 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection 3,  
22 shall not apply to this Act.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill prohibits a municipality or fire department from  
27 purchasing fire fighter equipment unless the fire fighter  
28 equipment contains a permanently affixed label indicating  
29 whether the fire fighter equipment contains perfluoroalkyl and  
30 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

31 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
32 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,  
33 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from  
34 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of the  
35 state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore, political

1 subdivisions are required to comply with any state mandate  
2 included in the bill.

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