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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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Senator Applewhite

1 moves to amend the bill on page 260, lines 18-19, by inserting the following between the lines:

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3 **"REQUIRE THE COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM**
4 **CONTAMINANT LEVELS FOR CHEMICALS THAT ARE PROBABLE OR KNOWN**
5 **CARCINOGENS OR ARE OTHERWISE TOXIC IN DRINKING WATER.**

6 **SECTION 12.4.(a)** The Commission for Public Health shall, no later than October
7 15, 2025:

- 8 (1) Commence rulemaking to establish maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), as
9 that term is defined under G.S. 130A-313, for probable or known carcinogens
10 and other toxic chemicals that are likely to pose a substantial hazard to public
11 health. At a minimum, the Commission shall establish MCLs for all of the
12 following contaminants:
 - 13 a. Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
 - 14 b. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).
 - 15 c. Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS).
 - 16 d. Hexavalent chromium (chromium-6).
 - 17 e. 1,4-Dioxane.
- 18 (2) Consider establishment of MCLs for any other contaminants for which at least
19 two other states have set MCLs or issued guidance.

20 **SECTION 12.4.(b)** In the course of establishing MCLs as required by subsection (a)
21 of this section, the Commission shall:

- 22 (1) Review MCLs adopted by other states, the studies and scientific evidence
23 reviewed by those states, material in the Agency for Toxic Substances and
24 Disease Registry, and the latest peer-reviewed science and independent or
25 government agency studies on appropriate MCLs for such contaminants.
- 26 (2) Adopt MCLs protective of public health, including vulnerable subpopulations
27 such as pregnant and nursing mothers, infants, and children, which state
28 MCLs shall not exceed any MCL or health advisory established by the United
29 States Environmental Protection Agency.

30 **SECTION 12.4.(c)** The Commission for Public Health shall annually review the
31 latest peer-reviewed science and independent or government agency studies and undertake



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- 1 additional rulemaking as necessary to establish or revise MCLs for contaminants that are likely
- 2 to pose a substantial threat to public health.
- 3 **SECTION 12.4.(d)** This act is effective when it becomes law."

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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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