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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Clean Water Standards  
5       for PFAS Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLEAN WATER ACT EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS GUIDE-**  
2 **LINES AND STANDARDS AND WATER QUALITY**  
3 **CRITERIA FOR PFAS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-  
7 mental Protection Agency.

8 (2) EFFLUENT LIMITATION.—The term “efflu-  
9 ent limitation” has the meaning given the term in  
10 section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
11 Act (33 U.S.C. 1362).

12 (3) MEASURABLE.—The term “measurable”,  
13 with respect to a perfluoroalkyl substance, a  
14 polyfluoroalkyl substance, or a class of those sub-  
15 stances, means that the substance or class of sub-  
16 stances is capable of being measured using any test  
17 method promulgated under part 136 of title 40,  
18 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-  
19 tions).

20 (4) PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCE.—The term  
21 “perfluoroalkyl substance” means a chemical of  
22 which all of the carbon atoms are fully fluorinated  
23 carbon atoms.

24 (5) POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCE.—The  
25 term “polyfluoroalkyl substance” means a chemical  
26 containing at least 1 fully fluorinated carbon atom

1 and at least 1 carbon atom that is not a fully  
2 fluorinated carbon atom.

3 (6) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term “treatment  
4 works” has the meaning given the term in section  
5 212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
6 U.S.C. 1292).

7 (b) DEADLINES.—

8 (1) WATER QUALITY CRITERIA.—Not later than  
9 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
10 Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register  
11 human health water quality criteria under section  
12 304(a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
13 Act (33 U.S.C. 1314(a)(1)) to address each measur-  
14 able perfluoroalkyl substance, polyfluoroalkyl sub-  
15 stance, and class of those substances.

16 (2) EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS GUIDELINES AND  
17 STANDARDS FOR PRIORITY INDUSTRY CAT-  
18 EGORIES.—Not later than the following dates, the  
19 Administrator shall take final action on a rule estab-  
20 lishing effluent limitations guidelines and standards,  
21 in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
22 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), for each of the  
23 following industry categories for the discharge (in-  
24 cluding a discharge into a publicly owned treatment  
25 works) of each measurable perfluoroalkyl substance,

1 polyfluoroalkyl substance, or class of those sub-  
2 stances:

3 (A) DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026.—Not  
4 later than September 30, 2026, for the fol-  
5 lowing point source categories:

6 (i) Organic chemicals, plastics, and  
7 synthetic fibers, as identified in part 414  
8 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
9 successor regulations).

10 (ii) Electroplating, as identified in  
11 part 413 of title 40, Code of Federal Regu-  
12 lations (or successor regulations).

13 (iii) Metal finishing, as identified in  
14 part 433 of title 40, Code of Federal Regu-  
15 lations (or successor regulations).

16 (B) DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2027.—Not  
17 later than September 30, 2027, for the fol-  
18 lowing point source categories:

19 (i) Textile mills, as identified in part  
20 410 of title 40, Code of Federal Regula-  
21 tions (or successor regulations).

22 (ii) Landfills, as identified in part 445  
23 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
24 successor regulations).

1 (C) DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2028.—Not  
2 later than September 30, 2028, for the fol-  
3 lowing point source categories:

4 (i) Leather tanning and finishing, as  
5 identified in part 425 of title 40, Code of  
6 Federal Regulations (or successor regula-  
7 tions).

8 (ii) Paint formulating, as identified in  
9 part 446 of title 40, Code of Federal Regu-  
10 lations (or successor regulations).

11 (iii) Plastics molding and forming, as  
12 identified in part 463 of title 40, Code of  
13 Federal Regulations (or successor regula-  
14 tions).

15 (c) MONITORING.—

16 (1) MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-  
19 trator shall require monitoring of the discharges  
20 (including discharges into a publicly owned  
21 treatment works) of each measurable  
22 perfluoroalkyl substance, polyfluoroalkyl sub-  
23 stance, and class of those substances for the  
24 point source categories and entities described in

1 subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection  
2 (b)(2).

3 (B) CERTAIN MONITORING REQUIRED.—  
4 Effective beginning on the date of enactment of  
5 this Act, the Administrator shall require moni-  
6 toring of the discharges (including discharges  
7 into a publicly owned treatment works) of each  
8 measurable perfluoroalkyl substance,  
9 polyfluoroalkyl substance, and class of those  
10 substances for the following point source cat-  
11 egories and entities:

12 (i) Pulp, paper, and paperboard, as  
13 identified in part 430 of title 40, Code of  
14 Federal Regulations (or successor regula-  
15 tions).

16 (ii) Airports (as defined in section  
17 47102 of title 49, United States Code).

18 (iii) Electrical and electronic compo-  
19 nents, as identified in part 469 of title 40,  
20 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor  
21 regulations).

22 (2) DETERMINATION.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Decem-  
24 ber 31, 2026, the Administrator shall make a  
25 determination—

1 (i) to commence developing effluent  
2 limitations guidelines and standards for  
3 the point source categories and entities  
4 listed in paragraph (1)(B); or

5 (ii) to not commence developing efflu-  
6 ent limitations guidelines and standards  
7 for those point source categories and enti-  
8 ties, including an explanation of the rea-  
9 soning for this determination.

10 (B) REQUIREMENT.—Any effluent limita-  
11 tions guidelines and standards for the point  
12 source categories and entities listed in para-  
13 graph (1)(B) shall be published in the Federal  
14 Register by not later than December 31, 2028.

15 (d) METHOD PROMULGATION.—Subject to the re-  
16 quirements of subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5, United  
17 States Code (commonly referred to as the “Administrative  
18 Procedure Act”), not later than January 31, 2026, the  
19 Administrator shall promulgate Method 1633A, as de-  
20 scribed in the document of the Environmental Protection  
21 Agency entitled “Method 1633, Revision A Analysis of  
22 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Aqueous,  
23 Solid, Biosolids, and Tissue Samples by LC-MS/MS” and  
24 dated December 2024 (or a successor method of equal or

1 greater validity and standard), under part 136 of title 40,  
2 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

3 (e) NOTIFICATION.—The Administrator shall notify  
4 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of  
5 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Envi-  
6 ronment and Public Works of the Senate of each publica-  
7 tion made under this section.

8 (f) PRETREATMENT PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of  
10 appropriations, the Administrator shall award grants  
11 to owners and operators of publicly owned treatment  
12 works—

13 (A) to carry out pretreatment program ac-  
14 tivities conducted in accordance with part 403  
15 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-  
16 cessor regulations), that address contamination  
17 by perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl  
18 substances; and

19 (B) to further monitor, assess, or analyze  
20 local sources of perfluoroalkyl substances and  
21 polyfluoroalkyl substances that enter into the  
22 treatment works.

23 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

24 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-  
25 ministrator to carry out this subsection



1       \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through  
2       2030, to remain available until expended.

3       (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
4 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to  
5 carry out this section (except subsection (f)) \$12,000,000  
6 for each of fiscal years 2026 to 2030, to remain available  
7 until expended.