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H. R. 3226

To direct the Secretary of Defense to prohibit the use of firefighting foam containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Safe Water for Mili-
5 tary Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF PFAS BY DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **DEFENSE.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
10 2029, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the

1 Department of Defense uses only non-fluorinated
2 firefighting foam, which does not contain covered
3 PFAS.

4 (2) COVERED PFAS.—In this subsection, the
5 term “covered PFAS” means a perfluoroalkyl or
6 polyfluoroalkyl substance with at least one fully
7 fluorinated carbon atom.

8 (b) STUDY.—

9 (1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of De-
10 fense shall conduct a study of the best practices to
11 clean up ground contaminated by perfluoroalkyl or
12 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

13 (2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under
14 subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

15 (A) evaluate best practices in the cleanup
16 (not including incineration) of ground contami-
17 nated by perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
18 stances;

19 (B) determine the estimated costs of the
20 different types of cleanup methods; and

21 (C) estimate the length of time for various
22 types of cleanup methods.

23 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
24 the date on which funds are made available to carry
25 out the study under paragraph (1), the Secretary

1 shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of
2 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
3 Armed Services of the Senate a report that de-
4 scribes—

5 (A) the findings and conclusions of the
6 study; and

7 (B) any recommendations of the Secretary.

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