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SB 375 Engrossed

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Present law defines "testing" as calibration testing, conformance testing, or fixed system testing.

Proposed law changes the definition to the evaluation of fire fighting equipment, systems, or foam concentrates for operability, performance verification, calibration, conformance to manufacturer specifications, or regulatory compliance including but not limited to discharge testing of fixed fire suppression systems, mobile apparatus testing, proportioning system calibrations, and system acceptance testing. Further provides "testing" does not include emergency fire fighting operations.

Proposed law defines "training" as instruction, drills, exercises, demonstrations, or other activities conducted to familiarize personnel with the deployment, handling, storage, mixing, proportioning, or application of fire fighting foam, including live fire exercises and simulated fire response scenarios. Further provides "training" does not include emergency fire fighting operations.

Present law provides that on and after January 1, 2022, no person shall discharge or otherwise use Class B fire fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals unless such discharge or other use occurs in fire prevention or in response to an emergency fire fighting operation.

Proposed law amends present law to provide for discharge or use in a declared emergency firefighting operation, but otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that nothing in present law is construed to restrict the manufacture, sale, or distribution of Class B fire fighting foam containing intentionally added PFAS chemicals or to restrict the discharge or use of that foam in response to an emergency firefighting operation.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that nothing is construed to restrict the discharge or use of that foam in response to a declared emergency firefighting operation but otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:1615(A)(4), (B), and (C)(1); Adds R.S. 40:1615(A)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide that Class C fire fighting foam shall be used only in fire prevention or in response to a declared emergency firefighting operation, and that nothing in proposed law shall restrict its sale or use in those circumstances.