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California Bill Limiting PFAS in Textiles Sent to Governor

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A California bill that would phase out “forever chemicals” from most textiles starting 2025 cleared the Legislature on Tuesday.

The bill, A.B. 1817, passed in a 43-0 concurrence vote. It now heads to Gov. Gavin Newsom (D), who has until Sept. 30 to sign the measure.

The chemicals—per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances also known as PFAS—are found in products from stain-resistant clothing to carpets. PFAS are linked to human health issues including increased cancer risk, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Amendments to the bill set a phase-out compliance threshold allowing a maximum of 100 parts-per-million of PFAS in 2025 and 50 ppm in 2027. The bill now also grants exemptions for personal protective equipment, industrial clothing, and an extension by 2028 for outdoor apparel.

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