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Amend the amendment in section 7 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in the first line (page 4, line 29 in amendment) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting the following: 'June'

Amend the amendment in section 7 in subsection 14 in paragraph B by striking out all of subparagraph (2) and inserting the following:

(2) Is a brominated or chlorinated flame retardant; or

Amend the amendment in section 7 in subsection 14 in paragraph B in the 2nd blocked paragraph from the end in the 3rd line (page 5, line 5 in amendment) by striking out the following: "0.01%" and inserting the following: '0.1%'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 10 the following:

‘Sec. 11. Study issues. The Department of Environmental Protection shall, within existing resources, study the issues related to the implementation of the restrictions that a person may not replace the "deca" mixture of polybrominated diphenyl ethers with a chemical alternative that is a brominated or chlorinated flame retardant. By January 15, 2011, the Department of Environmental Protection shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters its findings and recommendations.’

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the effective date for a person subject to restrictions of replacement of the "deca" mixture from January 1, 2011 to June 1, 2011. The amendment makes a technical correction to a percentage amount. The amendment narrows the prohibition on replacements for the "deca" mixture from a halogenated organic chemical that contains the element bromine, chlorine or fluorine to a brominated or chlorinated flame retardant. The amendment also requires the Department of Environmental Protection to study, within existing resources, whether the implementation of the restriction that a "deca" mixture may not be replaced with a chemical alternative that is a brominated or chlorinated flame retardant would cause a hardship to anyone that must comply with the restriction.