

REFERENCE TITLE: blood testing; perfluorinated chemicals; appropriation

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SB 1696

Introduced by
Senator Gonzales

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-149; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-149, to read:

4 36-149. Perfluorinated chemicals; blood testing; reporting
5 requirement

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE
7 BLOOD TESTING FOR PERSONS WHO ARE EXPOSED TO PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS
8 THROUGH PRIVATE OR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES. THE COST OF THE BLOOD TESTS
9 SHALL BE COVERED BY THIS STATE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

10 1. THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE OR LABORATORY DATA DEMONSTRATES THAT
11 THE PERSON HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO A DRINKING WATER SUPPLY THAT EXCEEDS THE
12 CURRENT APPLICABLE GROUNDWATER OR DRINKING WATER CRITERIA.

13 2. THE DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY DENIED THE PERSON'S REQUEST FOR BLOOD
14 TESTING FOR PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS BECAUSE THE PERSON'S PUBLIC OR
15 PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY DID NOT EXCEED THE CURRENT APPLICABLE GROUNDWATER OR
16 DRINKING WATER CRITERIA.

17 3. THE PERSON LIVES IN A CITY OR TOWN WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A
18 SUSPECTED RELEASE OF PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS INTO THE AIR OR INTO THE
19 GROUNDWATER OR DRINKING WATER.

20 4. THE PERSON LIVES IN A CITY OR TOWN WHERE PERFLUORINATED
21 CHEMICALS HAVE BEEN DETECTED IN THE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY.

22 B. IF A CITY OR TOWN HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO CONCENTRATIONS OF
23 PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS THAT EXCEED A TOTAL OF FIFTY PARTS PER TRILLION
24 OR THE CURRENT AMBIENT GROUNDWATER QUALITY STANDARD PRESCRIBED IN RULE,
25 WHICHEVER IS LOWER, IN RELATION TO A KNOWN OR SUSPECTED RELEASE, THE
26 DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSESS AND REPORT TO THE PUBLIC THE PREVALENCE AND
27 INCIDENCE OF INDICATIONS KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE
28 TO PERFLUORINATED CHEMICALS WITHIN THAT EXPOSED POPULATION, INCLUDING
29 KIDNEY, LIVER OR TESTICULAR CANCER, LOW BIRTH WEIGHT, MISCARRIAGES,
30 ULCERATIVE COLITIS AND THYROID DISEASE OR CANCER.

31 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of health services;
32 perfluorinated chemical testing; exemption

33 A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
34 in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the department of health services for the
35 purposes of section 36-149, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
36 act.

37 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
38 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
39 to the lapsing of appropriations.

40 Sec. 3. Effective date

41 This act is effective from and after December 31, 2022.