PFAS Legislation: A 50-State Overview

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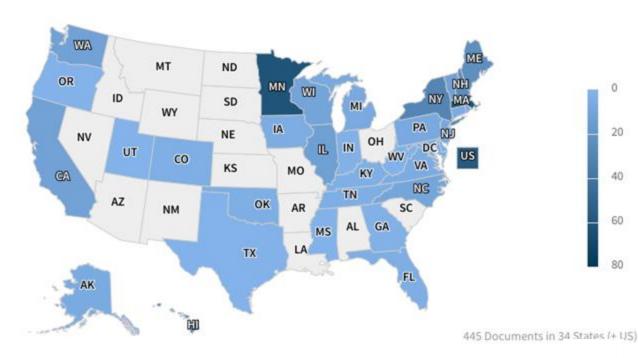
States Engaging with PFAS

Currently, state lawmakers have introduced **445 PFAS-related bills** this legislative session.

State lawmakers began regulating PFAS in the mid 2010s, focusing on PFAS in water and military bases (particularly firefighting equipment).

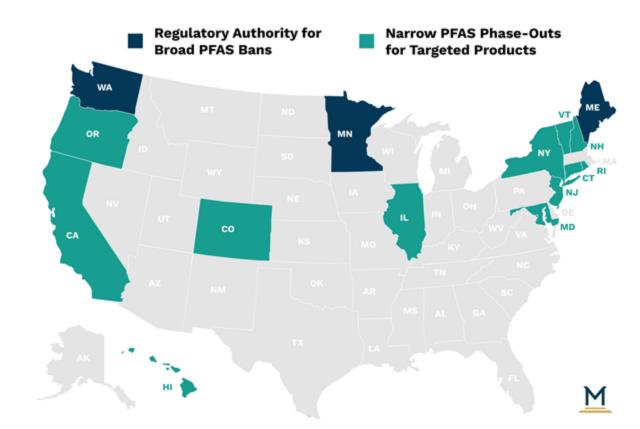
Today, much of the focus is on **consumer products** (starting around 2018–19). This phase has focused on

- **1. reporting** requirements,
- 2. prohibiting the sale of **certain** PFAS containing products, and
- 3. setting dates to ban **all** PFAS containing products.





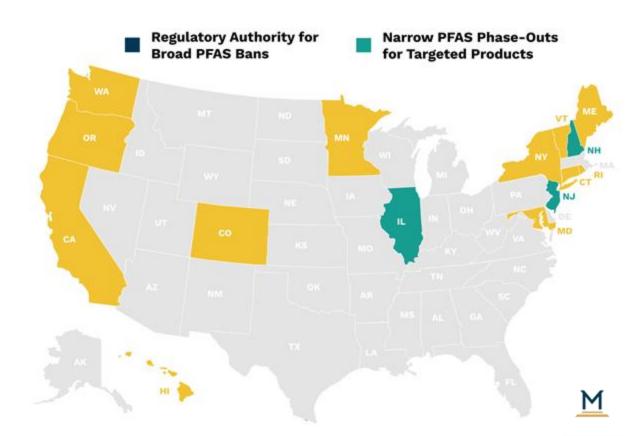
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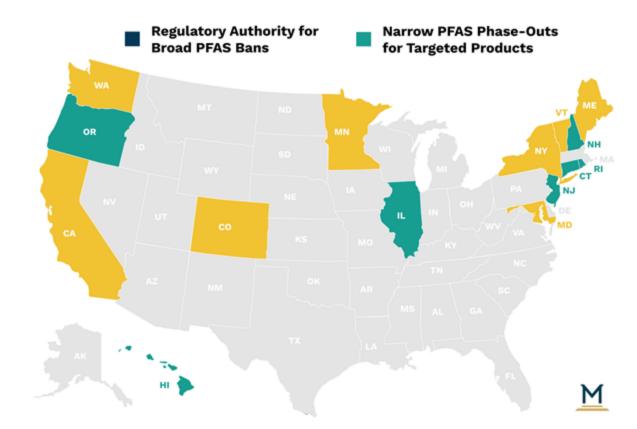
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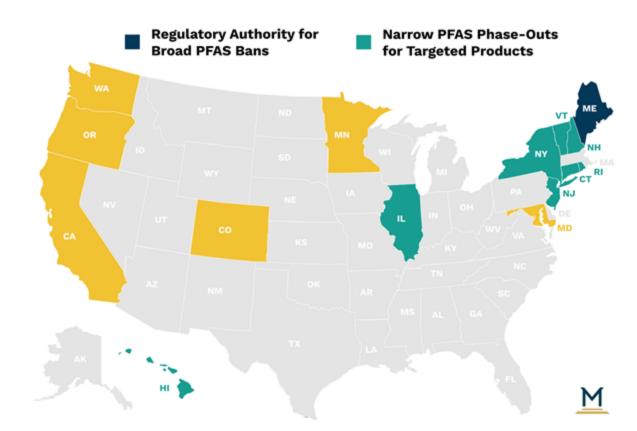
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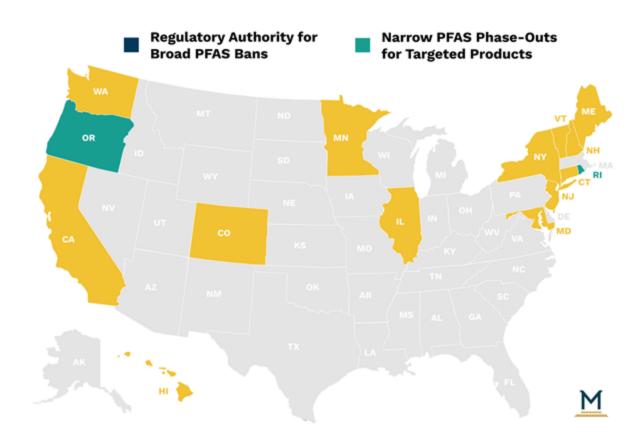
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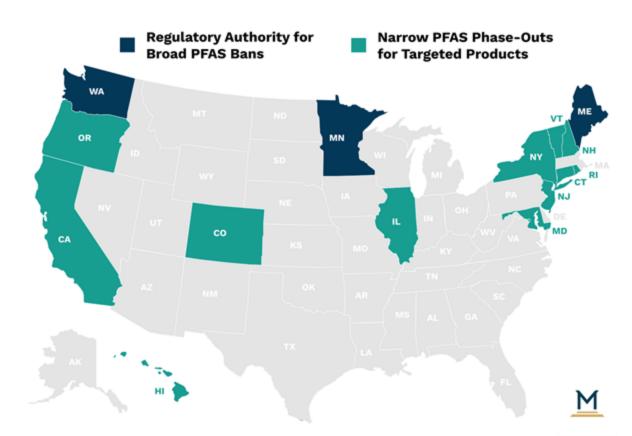
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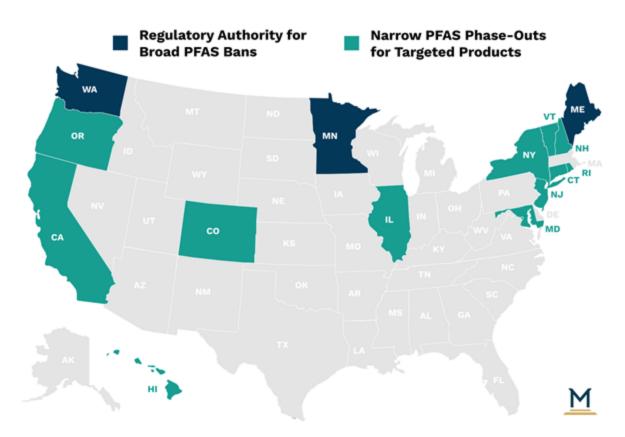
- Bans the sale and distribution in the state of any product that contains "intentionally added" PFAS (originally by 2030).
- Requires "manufacturers" to submit notifications informing the state of products for sale that contain "intentionally" added PFAS (originally by 2023)
 - Much left up to regulators at DEP



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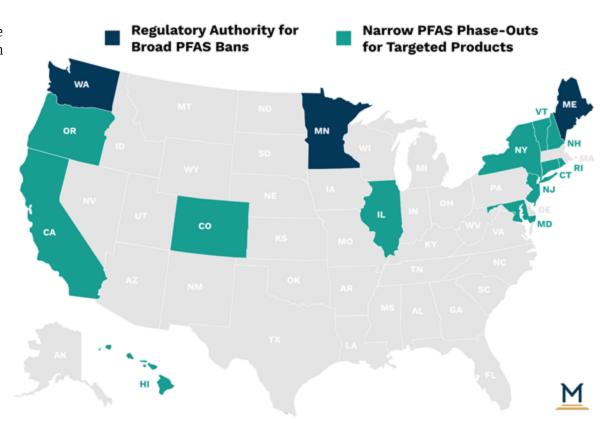
Lawmakers amended the Act again in **2024** to delay and significantly narrow **reporting requirements**:

- Now only applies to products with "unavoidable use" determinations from DEP after a sales ban has taken effect.
- Reporting for other products containing "intentionally" added PFAS delayed until 2032 (from original 2023 deadline).



Maine's 2024 amendments made significant changes to the Act's general ban on PFAS product sales:

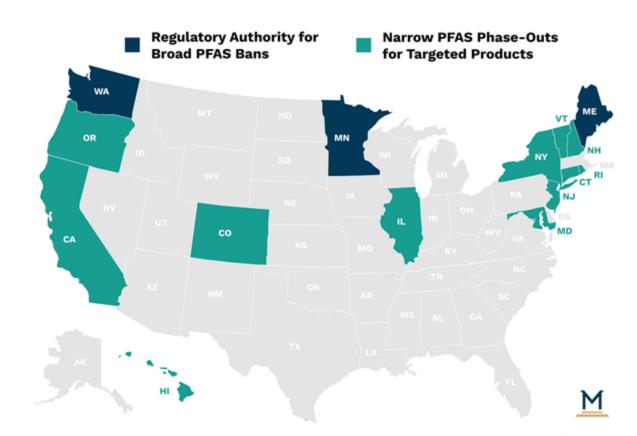
- Delayed the general ban of PFAS product sales from 2030 to 2032
- Identified certain products that are exempt from the sales ban.
- Added a scheduled phase out of certain PFAS products:
 - 2026: cleaning products,
 cookware, cosmetics, dental floss,
 juvenile products, menstruation
 products, ski wax, upholstered
 furniture, most textiles
 - Additional products in 2029,
 2032, and 2040.



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Lawmakers authorized the Department of Ecology to develop regulations restricting the manufacture, sale, and distribution of "priority chemicals" — which include PFAS — and then identify "priority consumer products" that utilize the targeted chemicals.

Separately, lawmakers have banned PFAS from various **food packaging** (implemented in 2023 and 2024) and **firefighting foam** (2020).



Washington Department of Ecology's four-phase implementation process

Phase 1



PRIORITY CHEMICAL CLASSES

Select priority chemicals and chemical classes to focus on during the cycle.

Phase 2



PRIORITY CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Identify which consumer products contain these chemicals and can harm people and the environment.

Phase 3



REGULATORY ACTIONS

Determine whether we'll regulate when these chemicals are used. Will we require notice, restrict/prohibit, or take no action?

Phase 4



RULEMAKING

Restrict the use of chemicals in products or require reporting to keep people and the environment safer.

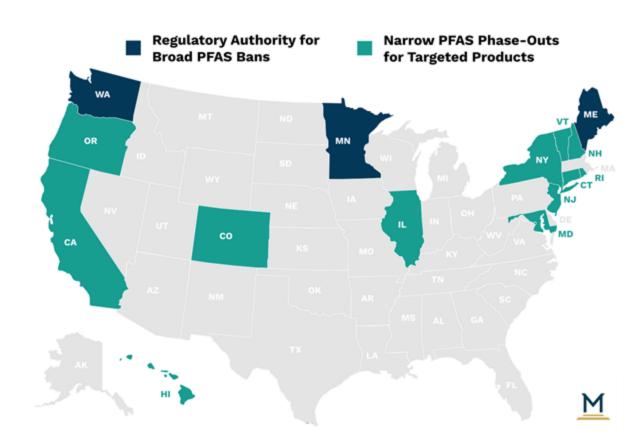
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Cycle 1 (rule finalized in 2023):

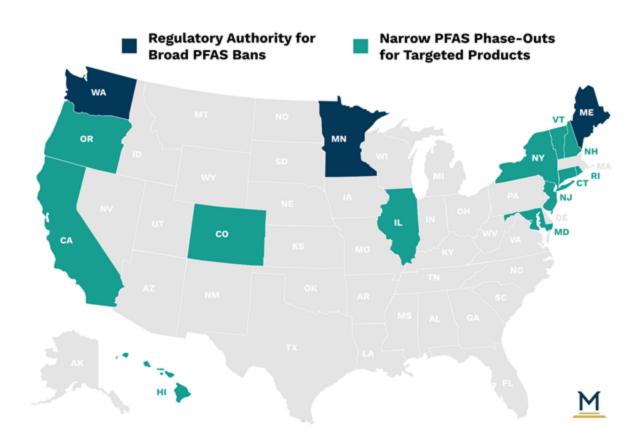
- **2024**: outdoor furniture (reporting)
- **2025**: carpets and rugs
- **2025**: aftermarket stain and water-resistance treatments
- **2026**: indoor furniture



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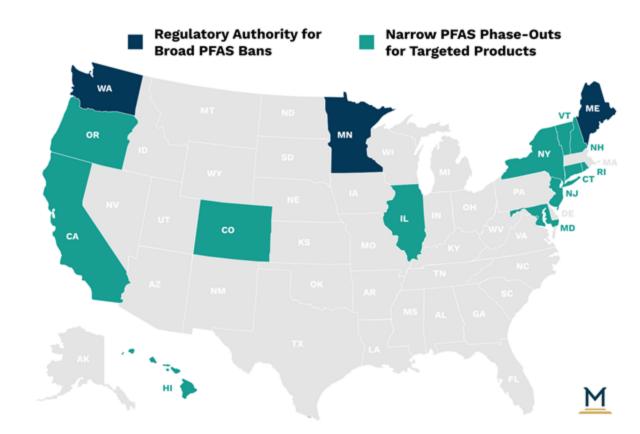
Cycle 1.5 (proposed in 2022):

- Apparel and gear
- Firefighting PPE (reporing)
- Cleaning products
- Automotive washes
- Automotive waxes (reporting)
- Floor waxes (reporting)
- Ski waxes (reporting)
- Hard surface sealants (reporting)
- Cookware and kitchen supplies (reporting)



Minnesota enacted "Amara's Law" in 2023, which bans the "nonessential" use of PFAS chemicals in the state, and will be implemented in three stages:

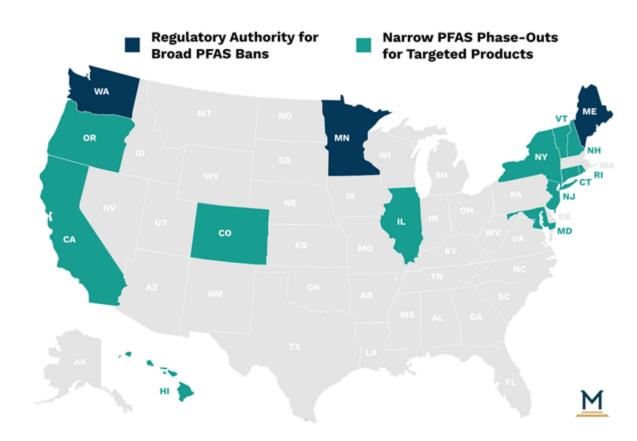
- Bans sale of certain PFAS containing products in 2025
- Establishes reporting requirements for PFAS containing products in 2026
- Bans non-essential uses of PFAS in all products by 2032



^{*} excludes pesticides

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- Carpets or rugs
- Cleaning products
- Cookware
- Cosmetics
- Dental floss
- Fabric treatments
- Juvenile products
- Menstruation products
- Textile furnishings
- Ski wax
- Upholstered furniture



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Still a **very active issue** and we expect activity to continue in the foreseeable future.

