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in SUPPORT of

LD 735, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Add a Flame Retardant to the Lists of Chemicals of Concern and of High Concern

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Intro

When Maine and others banned Penta PBDEs in foam cushions ten years ago, the chemical industry replaced them with “regrettable substitutes”

Couch study results by % chemical in samples (frequency)

The Resolve should lead to chlorinated tris (TDCPP), a cancer causing flame retardant, being added to Maine’s list of Chemicals of High Concern

The Resolve should be amended to include listing of TBB and TBPH, two other flame retardants that are persistent, bioaccumulative & toxic (PBTs)

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