

## Proposed Legislation Would Ban Perc in Drycleaning

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Under a bill proposed by Representative Julie Hamos ([HB6115](#)), the State of Illinois would phase out and ultimately ban the use of perchloroethylene ("perc") in drycleaning. The bill would mandate as follows:

- 1) Beginning January 1, 2011, no person shall install a drycleaning machine that uses perchloroethylene.
- 2) Beginning January 1, 2013, no person shall use perchloroethylene in drycleaning that is conducted in (i) a building that contains a residence or (ii) a facility that shares a common wall, floor, or ceiling with a residence.
- 3) Beginning January 1, 2013, no person shall use a drycleaning machine that uses perchloroethylene if the machine is 15 years old or older based on its date of manufacture.
- 4) Beginning January 1, 2026, no person shall use perchloroethylene in drycleaning.

The bill would impose taxes on perc and require the tax money to be deposited into a grant account to be used, subject to certain limitations, to establish a demonstration program to showcase green solvent drycleaning technologies and provide grants to encourage a transition to use of those technologies.

According to U.S. EPA, perc has been linked to neurological, liver, and kidney problems in humans.

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