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State lawmaker urges PCB ban

LANSING — (UPI) — The chairman of the House Marine Affairs Committee has introduced legislation to ban the use of PCB in Michigan, prompted by discovery of high levels of the toxic chemical in Great Lakes fish.

"Considering its potential harmful effect on people and wildlife, I think it's time we get rid of PCB altogether," said Rep. David Bonoir, D-Mt. Clemens.

PCB is used in many industrial compounds and processes, including fire-resistant hydraulic fluids, heat transfer fluids, electrical transformer and capacitor insulation, plasticizers and specialty inks.

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