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LD 295 An Act to Incentivize Accurate Recyclability Labeling on Packaging Material

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 589 amends the law establishing a stewardship program for packaging material to provide that the producer payment schedule adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection under that law must delineate criteria to be used to adjust producer payments in a manner that incentivizes labeling of packaging material to reduce consumer confusion including by incentivizing accuracy in recyclability claims displayed on packaging material.

Public Law 2023, chapter 589 also provides that the annual report regarding the packaging material stewardship program to be submitted by the department by February 15, 2028 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters must include information regarding the criteria and standards adopted by other jurisdictions to regulate recyclability claims displayed on packaging material and an evaluation of options for further incentivizing or ensuring accuracy in recyclability claims displayed on packaging material through amendments to the producer payment schedule, through amendments to the criteria and standards for recyclability or through other amendments to the law governing the stewardship program for packaging material or the rules adopted pursuant to that law.

LD 865 An Act to Clarify the Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 512 amends laws relating to the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection and the Board of Environmental Protection as follows.

1. It amends the criteria by which the board assumes jurisdiction over a license or permit application, stipulating the specific categories of license and permit applications over which the board must assume jurisdiction. The law also includes technical revisions to other statutes relating to these jurisdictional changes.
2. It amends provisions regarding the board's acceptance and consideration of additional or supplemental evidence submitted by an appellant, respondent or interested party during the appeal of a final license or permit decision of the commissioner.
3. It provides that, if the board modifies or reverses a final license or permit decision of the commissioner, the licensee or permittee is required to implement any changes to the project that is the subject of the license or permit necessary to comply with the decision of the board, which may include, but are not limited to, deconstruction and site restoration, and the department may initiate enforcement actions and impose penalties if the licensee or permittee fails to satisfactorily implement those changes.

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LD 1471 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 169 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period, only if certain specified changes are made to the rule prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2023, chapter 169 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2024.

LD 1537 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the Prevention of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 630 amends the laws governing products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, as follows.

1. It amends the manufacturer notification requirement to provide that a manufacturer is only required to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection information regarding a product containing intentionally added PFAS that the manufacturer sells, offers for sale or distributes for sale in this State if the sale of that product is otherwise prohibited and the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use. A manufacturer that submits such a notification must at the same time pay to the department a fee established by the department by rule to cover the department's costs in administering the law.
2. It provides that, effective January 1, 2026, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any of the following products containing intentionally added PFAS: a cleaning product, a cookware product, a cosmetic product, dental floss, a juvenile product, a menstruation product, a textile article, ski wax or upholstered furniture. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
3. It provides that, effective January 1, 2029, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any of the following products containing intentionally added PFAS: artificial turf or, except where accompanied by a disclosure regarding PFAS in the product, outdoor apparel for severe wet conditions. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.

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4. It provides that, effective January 1, 2032, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any products containing intentionally added PFAS not already prohibited from sale, offer for sale or distribution for sale in this State, excluding cooling, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment and certain refrigerants, foams and aerosol propellants. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
5. It provides that, effective January 1, 2040, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in this State any cooling, heating, ventilation, air conditioning or refrigeration equipment or any refrigerants, foams or aerosol propellants that contain intentionally added PFAS. This prohibition does not apply to any such product for which the department has determined by rule that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use.
6. It exempts from the requirements of the law a number of categories of products, including firefighting foams; federally regulated medical products and federally regulated veterinary medical products; certain public health, environmental and water quality testing products; products required to meet certain federal standards or requirements; motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment; watercraft and seaplanes; semiconductors; and certain nonconsumer electronics and nonconsumer laboratory equipment.
7. It stipulates the process by which the department may by rule determine that the use of PFAS in a product or product category is a currently unavoidable use. A product or product category for which the department determines the use of PFAS is a currently unavoidable use is exempt from an otherwise applicable sales prohibition for one of the following periods of time, whichever provides a longer period of exemption: five years from the effective date of the rule determining that the use of PFAS in the product or product category is a currently unavoidable use, or five years from the effective date of the otherwise applicable sales prohibition.
8. It requires the department, by January 1, 2026, and biennially thereafter, to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters a report regarding implementation of the law and other state and federal laws governing the presence of PFAS in products, including any recommendations for necessary legislative changes. The law specifies that for this report due January 1, 2026, the department must include findings and recommendations resulting from an evaluation regarding the feasibility of implementing one or more product stewardship programs for certain regulated products containing intentionally added PFAS that are exempted from or otherwise regulated under the law.
9. It provides that proprietary information submitted to the department by a manufacturer pursuant to the requirements of the laws governing products containing PFAS that is identified by the manufacturer as proprietary information is confidential and must be handled by the department in the same manner as confidential information is handled under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1310-B.

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10. It makes additional technical and substantive changes to the laws governing products containing PFAS necessitated by the other changes provided in this law, including the incorporation of additional definitions and the clarification of existing definitions.

LD 1660 An Act to Ensure Proper Regulation of Chemical Plastic Processing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 517 amends the solid waste laws to define “chemical plastic processing,” “plastic” and “plastic-to-plastic recycling” and clarifies that a facility that processes plastic waste through chemical plastic processing is a solid waste processing facility. “Chemical plastic processing” is defined as the processing of plastic waste using chemical or molecular methods into basic raw materials, feedstock chemicals, fuel for combustion, waxes or lubricants and does not include plastic-to-plastic recycling. The law also provides that, for the purposes of the recycling and source reduction determination requirement generally applicable to solid waste processing facilities, a solid waste processing facility may not count as recycled any plastic waste processed through chemical plastic processing. Finally, the law requires a solid waste processing facility that processes plastic waste through chemical plastic processing to satisfy financial assurance requirements currently applicable to solid waste disposal facilities.

LD 2021 An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 504 amends the law establishing a drug take-back stewardship program to clarify that the entity that manufactures a drug is the regulated entity under that program and that retailers are not regulated as manufacturers of generic drugs.

LD 2030 An Act to Amend the Natural Resources Protection Act to Enhance the State’s Ability to Respond to and Prepare for Significant Flood Events and Storm Surge

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 531 amends the Natural Resources Protection Act as follows.

1. It exempts from permit requirements an emergency activity conducted or overseen by the State or a local government in, on, over or adjacent to a river, stream or brook when the emergency activity is necessary to alleviate an immediate threat to public health or safety caused by a flood event, subject to additional specified limitations.
2. It exempts from permit requirements the elevation of a building foundation when the building is located in a coastal sand dune system; on a pier, wharf or dock located wholly or partially

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in, on or over a coastal wetland; or adjacent to a protected natural resource, subject to additional specified limitations.

3. It exempts from permit requirements the repair of a pier, wharf or dock located wholly or partially in, on or over a coastal wetland where the height of the pier, wharf or dock is increased by no more than the amount necessary for the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural component of the deck to be four feet above base flood elevation, subject to additional specified limitations.
4. It provides that the Department of Environmental Protection may authorize through a permit by rule an increase in the height of a pier, wharf or dock located wholly or partially in, on or over a coastal wetland when reconstructed or replaced where the height of the pier, wharf or dock is increased by no more than the amount necessary for the bottom of the lowest horizontal structural component of the deck to be four feet above base flood elevation, subject to additional specified limitations.
5. It provides that the department may authorize through a permit or a permit by rule the reconstruction or replacement of a pier, wharf or dock in, on or over a coastal sand dune system if the pier, wharf or dock was in existence on January 1, 2024 and the reconstructed or replaced pier, wharf or dock is built on pilings, posts or similar supports that allow for the free movement of water, wind and sand under the deck, subject to additional specified limitations.
6. It provides that department rulemaking conducted prior to July 1, 2025 to amend its rule Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act-Permit by Rule Standards and its rule Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules to ensure the consistency of those rules with the statutory changes provided for in this law is routine technical rulemaking. The law also provides that prior to the final adoption of those rule amendments, the department may authorize through a permit or permit by rule, as applicable, certain pier, wharf or dock reconstruction, replacement or repair activities authorized by the statutory changes in the law.

Public Law 2023, chapter 531 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 12, 2024.

LD 2034 An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and the Natural Resources Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 505 amends the laws governing erosion control to extend the requirement for preventing unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment statewide instead of applying only in the organized areas of the State. The law does not extend the application of the retroactive provisions of the laws regarding erosion because of human activity, which currently apply only in the organized areas of the State, to the unorganized areas of the State. The law also clarifies that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry have enforcement authority pursuant to their delegated authority under the Natural Resources Protection Act.

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LD 2044 An Act to Update Air Quality Health Warnings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Current law requires the Department of Environmental Protection to disseminate a health warning to the mass media when ground-level ozone concentrations have exceeded or will exceed .08 parts per million averaged over an eight-hour period. Public Law 2023, chapter 496 instead requires the department to disseminate a health warning to the mass media when ambient air concentrations of a pollutant reach the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Index category of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or a higher category. The law also requires the department to disseminate health warnings directly to the public using appropriate technology and authorizes the use of other appropriate technology besides a telephone hotline when providing information to the public on daily ground-level ozone concentrations.

LD 2058 An Act Regarding Compliance with Environmental Permit and License Application Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 509 provides that the Department of Environmental Protection may specify as a reason for nonacceptance of a permit or license application that the application was submitted after the activity requiring the permit or license has begun if the applicant knowingly violated a requirement to obtain a permit or license for the activity or the applicant previously violated a requirement to obtain a permit or license within the five years immediately preceding the submission of the application.

LD 2059 An Act Regarding Processing of Applications Under the Natural Resources Protection Act to Ensure Consistency with Shoreland Zoning Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 497 authorizes the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to return as incomplete an application for a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act if the commissioner finds that there is a reasonable likelihood that the proposed activity would be inconsistent with the minimum guidelines for municipal zoning and land use controls adopted by the Board of Environmental Protection under the laws governing shoreland zoning.

LD 2066 An Act to Clarify Liability Under the Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Site Law and to Waive a Fee Regarding Voluntary Response Action Plans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 510 amends the uncontrolled hazardous substance site law as follows.

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1. It clarifies that each responsible party is jointly and severally liable for all costs incurred by the State for the abatement, cleanup or mitigation of the threats or hazards posed by an uncontrolled site, including all of the State's costs of acquiring property.
2. It clarifies that a person who would otherwise be a responsible party is not subject to cost recovery by the State for the State's abatement, clean up or mitigation costs and for damages under certain circumstances.
3. For the purpose of demonstrating that a person has exercised due care with respect to an uncontrolled site that the person acquired after hazardous substances were located on that site, the law establishes different requirements based on the date the property was acquired.
4. It provides a limited exemption from liability for contamination of a site with perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, if the source of the contamination was primarily caused by Department of Environmental Protection-licensed land application of sludge or sludge-derived products.

Public Law 2023, chapter 510 also provides that a fee for department assistance in submitting a voluntary response action plan is waived if the plan is submitted for a property transaction or use funded by the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination for the purpose of buying or selling agricultural land found to be contaminated by PFAS.

LD 2134 An Act Regarding Responsibility for Activities Intended to Increase the Use of Refillable and Reusable Beverage Containers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 529 amends the beverage container redemption laws by transferring from the Department of Environmental Protection to the commingling cooperative established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3107, subsection 3-B the responsibility for management of the expenditure of unclaimed beverage container deposit funds to support activities designed to increase the use of refillable and reusable beverage containers in the State. The law reduces by \$500,000 per year the amount of unclaimed deposit funds the commingling cooperative is required to provide to the department for deposit into the department's Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund and instead requires the cooperative to make available a minimum of \$500,000 per year to fund activities and infrastructure relating to increasing the use of refillable and reusable beverage containers and reusable beverage packaging in the State. It also requires the commingling cooperative, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection and interested persons, to contract with a third party entity to complete a study required regarding the feasibility of achieving certain goals for the sale of reusable and refillable beverage containers.

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LD 2168 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 130 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review.

Resolve 2023, chapter 130 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective February 29, 2024.

LD 2227 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2023, chapter 147 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 80: Reduction of Toxics in Packaging, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2023, chapter 147 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective March 25, 2024.

LD 2253 An Act to Authorize a Stop-work Order Regarding an Activity That Is Creating an Immediate and Substantial Adverse Impact to a Protected Natural Resource

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 623 authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to issue a stop-work order whenever the Commissioner of Environmental Protection finds that an activity is being performed in a manner that violates state environmental protection laws or rules or the terms or conditions of a license, permit or order issued by the Board of Environmental Protection or the department and that the activity is creating an immediate and substantial adverse impact to a protected natural resource. The law provides similar enforcement authority to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission with respect to activities under its jurisdiction that are creating an immediate and substantial adverse impact to a protected natural resource.

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LD 2261 An Act Regarding New Motor Vehicle Emissions Rules

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2023, chapter 624 amends the law governing new motor vehicle emission standards to provide that rules adopted or amended by the Board of Environmental Protection on or after August 1, 2024 pursuant to that law, including, but not limited to, rules to establish zero-emission requirements, are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Public Law 2023, chapter 624 also requires that, beginning January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Department of Environmental Protection submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters regarding the status of the regulatory program adopted by the California Air Resources Board for new motor vehicle emissions, known as the Advanced Clean Cars II program, and the adoption of that program by other states, as well as any updates regarding federal motor vehicle emissions control requirements. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report. For the first such report due January 1, 2025, the law requires the Department of Environmental Protection to collaborate with the Department of Transportation, the Governor's Energy Office, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the Efficiency Maine Trust in evaluating relevant barriers to the adoption of zero-emission vehicle standards or requirements in the State. In addition to the statutory requirements for that report, the report due January 1, 2025 must include an analysis of zero-emission vehicle adoption rates in the State relative to national trends and identification of barriers to achieving higher adoption rates, identification of strategies to reduce those barriers with particular consideration given to barriers present in rural communities and an evaluation of policies or market trends for overcoming those barriers. The Department of Environmental Protection is required to submit this report by January 1, 2025 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, energy and utilities matters and transportation matters. After reviewing the report, each of the joint standing committees may report out legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

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ANALYST NOTES

This section includes additional information relating to certain LDs as noted in a committee digest. This is information staff found useful and may provide useful information to users of this Digest; please note that most LDs do not have a note and lack of a note should not be interpreted as having any significance.

LD 2266 An Act Regarding Offshore Wind Terminals Located in Coastal Sand Dune Systems

Although this bill was not enacted, the substantive provisions of the bill were incorporated into Public Law 2023, chapter 643, the supplemental budget bill enacted in the Second Regular Session. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2214, Part YYY.

