

STATE OF MAINE
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Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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Air Quality/Air Emissions

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Beverage Containers

Enacted	LD 1564	An Act to Delay Implementation of Certain Recent Changes to the Beverage Container Redemption Law and to Make Other Necessary Changes to That Law	PUBLIC 241
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Not Enacted	LD 479	An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's Recycling Efforts Under the Beverage Container Redemption Program	ONTP
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	LD 1582	An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on the Sale of Beverages in Plastic Containers	Died Between Houses
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	LD 1721	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Commingling of Beverage Containers	ONTP
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Board of Environmental Protection

Enacted	LD 36	An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection	PUBLIC 52
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Not Enacted	LD 75	An Act to Update Funding for the Board of Environmental Protection	ONTP
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	LD 407	Resolve, to Ensure the Removal of Aqueous Film-forming Foam from the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	RESOLVE 33
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	LD 987	An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS	PUBLIC 67
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Not Enacted	LD 222	An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added	HELD BY GOVERNOR
	LD 317	An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act	CARRIED OVER
	LD 827	An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1903	An Act to Conform the State's Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Laws to Federal Standards	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1982	An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of PFAS	Majority (ONTP) Report

Climate Change/Greenhouse Gases

Not Enacted	LD 495	An Act to Require Rules Designed to Reduce Climate Change to Include Estimates of the Reduction in Adverse Climate Effects and of the Cost to Consumers	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1037	An Act to Lower the Energy Burden of Residents by Advancing Climate Change Goals	ONTP
	LD 1808	An Act to Enact the Maine Climate Superfund Act	ONTP
	LD 1870	An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters	CARRIED OVER

Coastal Areas

Not Enacted	LD 630	An Act to Implement Portions of the "Protecting Maine's Beaches for the Future: 2017 Update" Report Regarding Beach Nourishment and Dune Restoration Projects	ONTP
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Enacted	LD 62	An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Release from Dam Ownership	PUBLIC 226
	LD 529	An Act to Establish the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District	P & S 10
	LD 531	An Act to Establish the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District	P & S 9

Not Enacted	LD 212	An Act to Require the Valuation of Energy Produced by Hydropower Dams and Exploration of Alternative Ownership Options Before They Are Removed	ONTP
	LD 430	An Act to Impose Moratoria on Hydropower Dam Removal and on Water Release from Nonhydropower Dams and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Such Dams	ONTP
	LD 846	An Act to Protect Natural Resources by Clarifying Hydropower Dam Removal Requirements	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1083	Resolve, to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Assess Existing Water Retention Structures and Water Levels	ONTP
	LD 1210	An Act to Regarding Renewable Electricity Generation by Hydropower Projects	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1698	An Act Regarding Changes of Ownership of Dams	ONTP

Department of Environmental Protection

Not Enacted	LD 383	An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Drinking Water

Enacted	LD 1786	An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners	PUBLIC 321
Not Enacted	LD 1111	An Act to Provide Water Service Infrastructure to Fairfield Residents Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	CARRIED OVER

Geoengineering

Not Enacted	LD 499	An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 825	An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation	Majority (ONTP) Report

Groundwater

Not Enacted	LD 757	Resolve, to Study and Oversee Water in the State of Maine	ONTP
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LD 1696	Resolve, to Study Maine's Absolute Dominion and Beneficial Use Laws Relating to Water Rights	CARRIED OVER
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Lakes

Enacted	LD 296	An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund	PUBLIC 451
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Mining/Quarrying

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	LD 795	An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities	PUBLIC 93
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Not Enacted	LD 1073	An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well-being of Vulnerable Populations	ONTP
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Miscellaneous

Not Enacted	LD 226	An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport by Extending Conservation Easement Protections	Majority (ONTP) Report
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	LD 474	An Act to Improve Maine's Environment and Protect Natural Resources	CARRIED OVER
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	LD 735	An Act to Protect Sand Dunes on Sears Island and to Establish Criteria for Legislation Regarding Land Development	Majority (ONTP) Report
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Natural Resources Protection Act

Enacted	LD 65	An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws	PUBLIC 128
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	LD 138	An Act Regarding the Permitting of Projects Affecting Public-use Airports Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Site Location of Development Laws	PUBLIC 329
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	LD 228	An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise	PUBLIC 122
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	LD 497	An Act Regarding the Regulation of Significant Vernal Pools Under the Natural Resources Protection Act	PUBLIC 338
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Not Enacted	LD 488	An Act to Protect Coastal Property by Allowing Property Owners to Protect Their Existing Dwellings	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 1882	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Rulemaking Regarding Significant Vernal Pools	ONTP

Oil/Fuel/Oil Storage Facilities

Enacted	LD 26	An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection	PUBLIC 94
Not Enacted	LD 1507	An Act to Require General Public Notification of Oil Terminal Facility Transfer Activities	CARRIED OVER

Product Regulation

Enacted	LD 1158	An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards	PUBLIC 184
	LD 1306	An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Containers Prepackaged at Wholesale	PUBLIC 151
Not Enacted	LD 56	An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 69	An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single-use Bags	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 476	An Act to Ban the Sale of Polystyrene Packing Peanuts in the State	ONTP
	LD 1122	An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use Carry-out Bags	ONTP
	LD 1177	Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1928	An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers	Died Between Houses

Product Stewardship

Enacted	LD 1423	An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging	PUBLIC 383
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Not Enacted	LD 754	An Act to Ban the Sale, Use and Possession of Single-use Electronic Cigarettes and to Review Extended Producer Responsibility Options for All Batteries	CARRIED OVER
	LD 1035	Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters	ONTP
	LD 1519	An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products	CARRIED OVER

Shoreland Zoning

Enacted	LD 65	An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws	PUBLIC 128
Not Enacted	LD 1904	An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund	CARRIED OVER

Site Law

Enacted	LD 138	An Act Regarding the Permitting of Projects Affecting Public-use Airports Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Site Location of Development Laws	PUBLIC 329
	LD 269	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	RESOLVE 58
	LD 708	An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned	PUBLIC 49
	LD 1207	An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks	PUBLIC 106
Not Enacted	LD 1458	An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts for Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Majority (ONTP) Report

Solar Energy

Enacted	LD 1207	An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks	PUBLIC 106
	LD 1976	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection	RESOLVE 51

Not Enacted	LD 92	An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 830	An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View	Majority (ONTP) Report
	LD 935	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Report on Air and Soil Chemical and Metal Levels and on Soil Testing on Solar Panel Farm Sites	Majority (ONTP) Report

Storm Water

Not Enacted	LD 646	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution	CARRIED OVER
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Waste Discharges

Enacted	LD 401	An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems	PUBLIC 44
	LD 465	An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees	PUBLIC 62

Waste Facilities

Enacted	LD 1604	An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate	PUBLIC 172
	LD 1782	Resolve, Regarding Host Community Compensation for the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town	RESOLVE 66
Not Enacted	LD 235	Resolve, Regarding the Operation and Future Capacity of State-owned Landfills	ONTP
	LD 920	Resolve, to Review Efficiencies in the Licensing of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities by the Department of Environmental Protection	ONTP
	LD 1349	An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill	Majority (ONTP) Report

Waste Management

Enacted	LD 297	An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill	PUBLIC 373
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**Not
Enacted**

LD 1065	An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste	PUBLIC 419
LD 1793	An Act to Amend Eligibility Criteria Under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program	PUBLIC 322
LD 231	An Act to Update the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy	ONTP
LD 605	An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste	CARRIED OVER
LD 1165	An Act to Create a Fund for Safe Disposal of Hazardous Fluids from Salvage Yards	ONTP
LD 1633	An Act to Promote the Recycling and Reuse of Construction Materials	ONTP

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ENR	26	An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection	Carney, Anne	OTP-AM	5/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	94		S1
ENR	36	An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection	Tepler, Denise	OTP-AM	4/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	52		S1
ENR	56	An Act to Remove the 5 Cent Fee for Bags in Retail Stores	Lemelin, Michael	ONTP/OTP	4/3/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	62	An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Release from Dam Ownership	Milliken, Nina	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	226		S1
ENR	65	An Act to Update the Definition of "Coastal Wetlands" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws	Doudera, Victoria	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	128		S1
ENR	69	An Act to Repeal the Law Restricting the Use of Certain Plastic, Paper and Single-use Bags	Bagshaw, Barbara	ONTP/OTP	4/3/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	75	An Act to Update Funding for the Board of Environmental Protection	Ankeles, Dan	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			√	S1
ENR	92	An Act Regarding the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning	Lemelin, Michael	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/9/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	138	An Act Regarding the Permitting of Projects Affecting Public-use Airports Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Site Location of Development Laws	Bennett, Richard	OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	329		S1

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ENR	212	An Act to Require the Valuation of Energy Produced by Hydropower Dams and Exploration of Alternative Ownership Options Before They Are Removed	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	222	An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Held by Governor				S1
ENR	226	An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport by Extending Conservation Easement Protections	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP	3/26/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	228	An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise	Foley, Robert	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	122		S1
ENR	231	An Act to Update the Solid Waste Management Hierarchy	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	3/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ENR	235	Resolve, Regarding the Operation and Future Capacity of State-owned Landfills	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	3/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				R1
ENR	269	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection		OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	58		S1
ENR	296	An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund	Bridgeo, William	OTP-AM	4/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	451		S1
ENR	297	An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill	Bridgeo, William	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/6/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	373		S1

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ENR	317	An Act to Enact the Safe Cosmetics Act	Warren, Sophia	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/16/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ENR	383	An Act to Facilitate the Consolidation of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission into a Single Combined Entity	Martin, Joseph	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/27/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	400	Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM	4/15/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	111		S1
ENR	401	An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems	Hepler, Allison	OTP-AM	4/11/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	44		S1
ENR	407	Resolve, to Ensure the Removal of Aqueous Film-forming Foam from the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station	Ankeles, Dan	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/9/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	33		S1
ENR	430	An Act to Impose Moratoria on Hydropower Dam Removal and on Water Release from Nonhydropower Dams and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Such Dams	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	465	An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	4/23/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	62		S1
ENR	474	An Act to Improve Maine's Environment and Protect Natural Resources	Tepler, Denise		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ENR	476	An Act to Ban the Sale of Polystyrene Packing Peanuts in the State	Tepler, Denise	ONTP	3/26/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	479	An Act to Facilitate Expansion of the State's Recycling Efforts Under the Beverage Container Redemption Program	Chapman, Quentin	ONTP	3/31/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	488	An Act to Protect Coastal Property by Allowing Property Owners to Protect Their Existing Dwellings	Hall, Randy	ONTP/OTP	4/3/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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ENR	497	An Act Regarding the Regulation of Significant Vernal Pools Under the Natural Resources Protection Act	Doudera, Victoria	OTP-AM/ONTP	6/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	338		S1
ENR	499	An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering	Schmersal-Burgess, Tammy	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/25/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	502	An Act to Promote Clean and Affordable Maine-sourced Bioenergy by Amending the Law Regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers and Outdoor Pellet Boilers	Ardell, Donald	ONTP/OTP-AM	4/23/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	529	An Act to Establish the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District	Milliken, Nina	OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPS	10		S1
ENR	531	An Act to Establish the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District	Milliken, Nina	OTP-AM	6/12/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPS	9		S1
ENR	605	An Act to Provide Solutions for Sustainable Management of Municipal Solid Waste	Campbell, Dick		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ENR	630	An Act to Implement Portions of the "Protecting Maine's Beaches for the Future: 2017 Update" Report Regarding Beach Nourishment and Dune Restoration Projects	Foley, Robert	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	646	Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution	Bell, Art	OTP-AM	5/2/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
ENR	704	An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries	Pluecker, Bill	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	91		S1
ENR	708	An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned	Bridgeo, William	OTP/ONTP	4/3/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	49		S1
ENR	735	An Act to Protect Sand Dunes on Sears Island and to Establish Criteria for Legislation Regarding Land Development	Paul, Reagan	ONTP/OTP	4/11/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	754	An Act to Ban the Sale, Use and Possession of Single-use Electronic Cigarettes and to Review Extended Producer Responsibility Options for All Batteries	Bennett, Richard		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1

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ENR	795	An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities	Martin, Joseph	OTP-AM	5/2/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	93		S1
ENR	825	An Act to Prohibit Geoengineering, Including the Use of Cloud Seeding, Weather Modification, Excessive Radio Waves and Microwave Radiation	Black, Russell	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/9/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	827	An Act to Allow the Sale of Polymer-coated Cookware That Is Authorized for Food Contact by the United States Food and Drug Administration	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP/OTP	4/11/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	830	An Act to Protect Maine's Scenic Beauty by Requiring Solar Panel Fields to Be Hidden from View	Haggan, David	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	846	An Act to Protect Natural Resources by Clarifying Hydropower Dam Removal Requirements	Blier, Mark		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ENR	920	Resolve, to Review Efficiencies in the Licensing of Solid Waste Disposal Facilities by the Department of Environmental Protection	Campbell, Dick	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	935	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Report on Air and Soil Chemical and Metal Levels and on Soil Testing on Solar Panel Farm Sites	Quint, Tracy	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/16/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	987	An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS	Farrin, Brad	OTP-AM/ONTP	4/25/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	67		S1
ENR	1035	Resolve, to Study the Safe Disposal of Single-use Propane Canisters	Rana, Ambureen	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ENR	1065	An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste	Brenner, Stacy	OTP-AM	6/5/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	419		S1
ENR	1073	An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act to Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well-being of Vulnerable Populations	Rana, Ambureen	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1083	Resolve, to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Assess Existing Water Retention Structures and Water Levels	Mason, Rick	ONTP	4/14/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1111	An Act to Provide Water Service Infrastructure to Fairfield Residents Affected by Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Rudnicki, Shelley	OTP-AM	5/15/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ENR	1122	An Act to Amend the Law Banning Single-use Carry-out Bags	Warren, Sophia	ONTP	4/3/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1158	An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards	Bell, Art	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	184		S1
ENR	1165	An Act to Create a Fund for Safe Disposal of Hazardous Fluids from Salvage Yards	Cluchey, Sally	ONTP	4/22/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1177	Resolve, to Study the Public Health and Environmental Risks from Synthetic Turf	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	5/21/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ENR	1207	An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks	Black, Russell	OTP-AM	5/9/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	106		S1

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ENR	1210	An Act to Regarding Renewable Electricity Generation by Hydropower Projects	Farrin, Brad	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/20/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	1306	An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Containers Prepackaged at Wholesale	Bradstreet, Dick	OTP-AM	5/15/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	151		S1
ENR	1349	An Act to Require Legislative Approval for a Contract to Operate the Juniper Ridge Landfill	Tipping, Michael	ONTP/OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	1423	An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging	Baldacci, Joseph	OTP-AM/OTP-AM	6/16/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	383		S1
ENR	1458	An Act Regarding Compensation Fees and Related Conservation Efforts for Solar and Wind Energy Development and High-impact Electric Transmission Lines Under the Site Location of Development Laws	Hickman, Craig	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/27/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1
ENR	1507	An Act to Require General Public Notification of Oil Terminal Facility Transfer Activities	Beck, Matthew		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ENR	1519	An Act to Create a Stewardship Program for Electronic Smoking Devices and Related Products	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM	6/2/2025	Carried On Approps Table					S1
ENR	1564	An Act to Delay Implementation of Certain Recent Changes to the Beverage Container Redemption Law and to Make Other Necessary Changes to That Law	Soboleski, Mike	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Emergency Enacted	ACTPUB	241		S1
ENR	1582	An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on the Sale of Beverages in Plastic Containers	Cloutier, Kristen	OTP/ONTP	5/29/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
ENR	1604	An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate	Tipping, Michael	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/20/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	172		S1
ENR	1633	An Act to Promote the Recycling and Reuse of Construction Materials	White, Russell	ONTP	5/12/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1

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ENR	1696	Resolve, to Study Maine's Absolute Dominion and Beneficial Use Laws Relating to Water Rights	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/15/2025	Carried on Study Table					S1
ENR	1698	An Act Regarding Changes of Ownership of Dams	Milliken, Nina	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1721	An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Commingling of Beverage Containers	Hepler, Allison	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1782	Resolve, Regarding Host Community Compensation for the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town	Dill, Jim	OTP-AM	6/2/2025		Finally Passed	RESLV	66		S1
ENR	1786	An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners	Arford, Poppy	OTP-AM	5/27/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	321		S1
ENR	1793	An Act to Amend Eligibility Criteria Under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program	Grohoski, Nicole	OTP-AM	5/29/2025		Enacted	ACTPUB	322		S1
ENR	1808	An Act to Enact the Maine Climate Superfund Act	Lookner, Grayson	ONTP	5/19/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1870	An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters	Brenner, Stacy		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ENR	1882	Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Conduct Rulemaking Regarding Significant Vernal Pools	Cluchey, Sally	ONTP	5/23/2025		Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310				S1
ENR	1903	An Act to Conform the State's Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Laws to Federal Standards	Timberlake, Jeff	ONTP/OTP	5/28/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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ENR	1904	An Act to Establish the Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund	Nangle, Tim		5/19/2025	Carried Over					S1
ENR	1928	An Act to Prohibit Lodging Establishments from Providing Single-use Plastic Containers	Gramlich, Lori	OTP-AM/ONTP	5/30/2025		Died Between Houses				S1
ENR	1976	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection		OTP	5/27/2025		Emergency Finally Passed	RESLV	51		S1
ENR	1982	An Act to Ensure Uniformity in the Regulation of PFAS	Arata, Amy	ONTP/OTP-AM	5/30/2025		Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report				S1

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LD 26 An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 94 changes a provision governing the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund by requiring the \$7,000,000 annual limit on fund disbursements for certain personal services of the Department of Environmental Protection to be adjusted on an annual basis based on the Consumer Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LD 36 An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 52 provides that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection is not required to notify the Board of Environmental Protection of permit by rule notifications, waste transporter applications and occupational licenses. It also provides that an applicant is not required to provide notice to the public of permit by rule notifications, waste transporter applications and occupational licenses.

Public Law 2025, chapter 52 also allows a person to whom an order regarding an uncontrolled hazardous substance site is directed to apply to the board for a hearing on the order if the application is made within 10 working days after service of the order. The law requires the board to hold a hearing on an order regarding an uncontrolled hazardous substance site as expeditiously as possible after receipt of an application for a hearing, but in no case later than 90 days after receipt, and requires the board decision to be published within 2 working days after it is made.

LD 62 An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Release from Dam Ownership

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 226 amends the process for Department of Environmental Protection proceedings for release of dam ownership by changing the information that must be submitted by the dam owner; changing the time frames for certain required processes under the laws regulating those proceedings; and including the Department of Marine Resources in the consultation process required under those proceedings to provide for an assessment of the value to marine resources associated with the dam or its removal. The law also makes other specified changes to the laws regulating release from dam ownership.

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LD 65 An Act to Update the Definition of “Coastal Wetlands” Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Mandatory Shoreland Zoning Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 128 amends the definition of “coastal wetlands” in the Natural Resources Protection Act and makes corresponding changes to the definition of “coastal wetlands” in the mandatory shoreland zoning laws.

LD 138 An Act Regarding the Permitting of Projects Affecting Public-use Airports Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Site Location of Development Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 329 amends the Natural Resources Protection Act and the site location of development laws to provide that the Department of Environmental Protection may not include in any permit issued pursuant to either article any conditions that, as determined by the department, would decrease safety within the air operations area at a public-use airport. “Public-use airport” is defined to have the same meaning as in 49 United States Code, Section 47102(22), “airport security program” means a security program approved by the United States Transportation Services Administration under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1542.101 and “air operations area” is defined to have the same meaning as in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, except as otherwise specified for a public-use airport that does not have an airport security program.

LD 228 An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 122 amends the Natural Resources Protection Act to authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to approve a permit for a one-time increase by up to 2 feet in the height of a seawall or similar structure in a coastal sand dune system, as long as certain specified conditions are met. The law provides a similar allowance for a height increase of up to 2 feet where a seawall has been destroyed or threatened and is replaced after emergency action. The law also makes additional clarifications to the provision of the Natural Resources Protection Act regarding coastal sand dune system restoration projects with respect to existing seawalls.

Public Law 2025, chapter 122 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 29, 2025.

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LD 269 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 58 authorizes final adoption by the Department of Environmental Protection of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the department that was submitted for legislative review, only if certain specified changes are made to that rule prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2025, chapter 58 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 296 An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 451 provides one-time funding of \$50,000 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to support projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

LD 297 An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 373 amends the law regarding the reuse or recycling of construction and demolition debris by certain solid waste processing facilities that were in operation during calendar year 2018 and that accept exclusively construction and demolition debris by extending the dates by which such facilities must reuse or recycle a certain percentage of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill.

The law also amends Public Law 2023, chapter 283, section 2, which took effect June 23, 2023, and which provided that, for the period ending July 1, 2025, if in any 12-month period the total weight of the residue generated by a solid waste processing facility and disposed of or otherwise placed in a solid waste landfill exceeds the total weight of the solid waste initially generated within the State that was processed by the facility in that 12-month period, such excess residue, not to exceed 25,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State, as long as that excess residue is composed of oversized bulky waste and is disposed of or otherwise placed in a state-owned solid waste landfill. Under that prior law, any other excess residue generated by the facility in that 12-month period is deemed not to be waste generated within the State.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 373 amends that provision of that 2023 public law to extend the end date of the period in which the provision applies to July 1, 2027. It also stipulates that, for the purposes of that provision, any additional excess residue associated with the processing of the 25,000 tons of oversized bulky waste amount generated by the solid waste processing facility in that 12-month period and used at a solid waste landfill, not to exceed 75,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State, as long as that additional excess residue is not composed of oversized bulky waste and is used at a state-owned solid waste landfill as daily cover.

These changes provided in Public Law 2025, chapter 373 are retroactive to June 23, 2023.

LD 400 Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to Compile a Statewide Inventory of Aqueous Film-forming Foam Concentrate

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 111 requires that, no later than November 1, 2025, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal shall initiate a program to compile an inventory of aqueous film-forming foam concentrate possessed by any public entity in the State in an amount of 5 gallons or more and solicit similar information from private entities in the State. The Office of the State Fire Marshal must make the completed inventory available on its publicly accessible website and, no later than January 1, 2028, submit the completed inventory to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters and criminal justice and public safety matters. Either committee is authorized to report out legislation relating to the inventory to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 401 An Act to Support Removal of Overboard Discharge Systems

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 44 amends the laws governing pollution control as follows.

1. It changes the cost of a municipal or quasi-municipal pollution abatement construction program or a pollution abatement construction program in an unorganized township or plantation authorized by the county commissioners for which the Commissioner of Environmental Protection may pay up to 90% of the expense from \$100,000 to 250% of the median household income in the State.
2. It changes the income limits for individual pollution abatement projects serving single-family dwellings, seasonal dwellings or commercial establishments for which the commissioner may pay a percentage of the cost.
3. It changes the income limits used to determine the portion of an overboard discharge replacement project that is eligible for grant funding. It also requires that, to be eligible for grant funding, the owner of an overboard discharge system and the overboard discharge

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removal contractor must certify that the overboard discharge removal project has been completed, including proper abandonment of the overboard discharge system, and the local plumbing inspector must certify that an alternative disposal system has been installed.

4. It changes the definition of “significant action” in the laws governing overboard discharges to mean a single construction project performed on a primary residence with an overboard discharge when the total material and labor cost of the construction project exceeds 100% of the median household income in the State. It provides that a property transfer is limited to a monetary sale of the property containing the overboard discharge.
5. It changes the income threshold for which the Department of Environmental Protection must grant a waiver from the requirement to install an alternative system when the ownership of a property containing an overboard discharge has been transferred from less than \$25,000 to less than 100% of the median household income in the State.
6. It changes the income threshold for which a license holder for an overboard discharge system may reduce the license fee from less than \$15,000 to less than 50% of the median household income in the State and changes the fee reduction from \$125 to 50% of the fee.
7. It specifies determinations that a licensed site evaluator must make in connection with a required finding by the department that an overboard discharge meets the requirements of best practicable treatment for purposes of licensing.
8. It provides that the department may request that a person seeking to renew or transfer an overboard discharge license evaluate the feasibility of a spray irrigation system as an alternative to the overboard discharge system.

LD 407 Resolve, to Ensure the Removal of Aqueous Film-forming Foam from the Former Brunswick Naval Air Station

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 33 directs the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority to take all necessary steps to ensure the following.

1. No later than December 31, 2025, all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority must be shut off or otherwise made incapable of dispensing or releasing aqueous film-forming foam.
2. No later than December 31, 2025, all aqueous film-forming foam or aqueous film-forming foam concentrate not contained in a fire suppression system or other system that is located on any property leased or owned by the authority must be removed from that property.

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3. No later than July 1, 2026, funding must be acquired by the authority sufficient to cover the anticipated costs of completely purging all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority so that those systems no longer contain any aqueous film-forming foam or any residue containing aqueous film-forming foam.
4. No later than December 31, 2026, all fire suppression systems and any other systems containing aqueous film-forming foam that are located on any property leased or owned by the authority must be completely purged so that those systems no longer contain any aqueous film-forming foam or any residue containing aqueous film-forming foam.

LD 465 An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 62 adds marine finfish aquaculture facilities and general permit coverage for municipal separate storm sewer systems as waste discharge license groups and establishes the basis for the annual fees for those license groups. It changes the basis for the annual fee for the general permit coverage for the marine aquaculture facilities waste discharge license group and increases the median fee for that license group. It also clarifies that the fish-rearing facility waste discharge license group covers terrestrial fish-rearing facilities.

LD 497 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Significant Vernal Pools Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 338 amends provisions of the Natural Resources Protection Act regarding significant wildlife habitat to require the following provisions in the Department of Environmental Protection's rules regulating significant vernal pools.

1. It requires that the rules include definitions for "critical terrestrial habitat," "significant vernal pool habitat" and "significant vernal pool protection zone." "Significant vernal pool protection zone" must be defined to mean that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 100 feet of the spring or fall high-water mark of a significant vernal pool depression. With respect to habitat management standards for significant vernal pool habitat, the rule must require no disturbance within the significant vernal pool depression and the significant vernal pool protection zone to the greatest extent practicable.
2. It provides that, where the critical terrestrial habitat for a significant vernal pool is bisected by one or more property boundaries, the critical terrestrial habitat located on a property that does not contain the vernal pool depression must be afforded the same habitat protections under the rule as the critical terrestrial habitat located on the property that contains the vernal pool depression. Public Law 2025, chapter 338 also repeals a provision of law providing that a

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landowner proposing to cause an impact on the buffer area defined for a significant vernal pool habitat is not subject to regulation pursuant to the rule if the significant vernal pool habitat depression is not on property owned or controlled by that landowner.

3. It provides that, when a vernal pool habitat has not previously been determined to be significant and the Department of Environmental Protection or the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife makes a determination concerning whether the vernal pool habitat is significant, the rule must provide that either department may determine that the vernal pool habitat is not significant if the vernal pool is located in northern Maine and dries out after filling and before July 15th or the vernal pool is located in southern Maine and dries out after filling and before July 1st.

LD 529 An Act to Establish the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Subject to approval by the voters of the Town of Orland at referendum, Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 10 establishes the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District for the purposes of acquiring ownership of, owning, maintaining and operating the dam on Alamoosook Lake and engaging in other related activities. The costs of operations of the Alamoosook Lake Watershed Management District are to be funded as follows: 50% of the costs by municipal contribution from the Town of Orland, if approved by its voters; and the remainder of the costs by assessments on the owners of waterfront property abutting Alamoosook Lake as determined based on the shoreline frontage of each waterfront property owner.

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 10 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2025.

LD 531 An Act to Establish the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Subject to approval by the voters at referendum conducted by at least one of the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot, the Town of Blue Hill and the Town of Surry, Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 9 establishes the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District for the purposes of acquiring ownership of, owning, maintaining and operating the dam on Toddy Pond and engaging in other related activities. The costs of operations of the Toddy Pond Watershed Management District are to be funded as follows: 50% of the costs by municipal contribution from the Town of Orland, the Town of Penobscot, the Town of Blue Hill and the Town of Surry, if approved by the voters of those towns; and the remainder of the costs by assessments made on the owners of waterfront property abutting Toddy Pond as determined based on the shoreline frontage of each property owner.

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Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2025.

LD 704 An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries

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Public Law 2025, chapter 91 amends the quarrying law to provide that a person that is operating a quarry or operating a quarry and conducting an excavation or grading preliminary to a construction project and that is otherwise exempt from the requirements of that law that intends to conduct blasting at that quarry or as part of that excavation or grading is required to comply with certain quarrying law notification requirements for blasting. Those notification requirements provide that, prior to blasting, the owner or operator must develop and implement a plan that provides an opportunity for prior notification of a planned blast for all persons located within 1,000 feet of the blast site. Notification may be by telephone, in writing, by public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected or by other means identified in the plan.

LD 708 An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 49 amends the site location of development laws to require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to rescind a site location of development permit for a development that is not a subdivision, upon the request of the permittee, if the development has been fully decommissioned to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Protection. The law defines “fully decommissioned” as all aboveground and belowground components of a development have been physically removed, the site has been restored to preconstruction grade, any previously vegetated areas have been revegetated with native vegetation similar to nearby native vegetation and all waste has been recycled or disposed of at a facility authorized to accept the materials for recycling or disposal.

LD 795 An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 93 amends the laws regulating explosives and flammable liquids to provide that the Commissioner of Public Safety may approve a waiver from the requirement that a person possessing, using, storing or transporting explosives obtain a permit from the commissioner if the person is intending to conduct recreational or hobby mining activities and satisfies other specified criteria, including a requirement that the person requesting the waiver had previously been issued a waiver from the permit requirements prior to March 4, 2025. The law

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defines “recreational or hobby mining activities” as mining activities that are not required to obtain a permit under the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and that are conducted for a noncommercial purpose.

LD 987 An Act Clarifying Exemptions from the Law Regulating Products Containing PFAS

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 67 amends the law regulating products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, to clarify the scope of the exemption under that law for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment as that exemption relates to construction and forestry equipment.

LD 1065 An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Waste

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 419 provides that, beginning July 1, 2030, a designated food waste generator may not dispose of its generated food waste at an incineration facility or solid waste landfill and must to the maximum extent practicable reduce the volume of food waste it generates, separate and arrange for the donation of excess edible food and manage the remaining food waste it generates through agricultural use, composting or anaerobic digestion at the point of generation, at a different location or by transferring the food waste to an organics recycler for management. The Department of Environmental Protection may approve a temporary waiver from these requirements for a designated food waste generator based on undue hardship for a period not to exceed 3 years.

Public Law 2025, chapter 419 specifies that whether a person is considered a designated food waste generator is based on the average amount of food waste generated weekly by the person. Beginning July 1, 2030 and until June 30, 2032, a designated food waste generator is a person that generates an annual average of 2 or more tons per week of food waste and that is located within 20 miles of an organics recycler with available capacity. Beginning July 1, 2032, a designated food waste generator is a person that generates an annual average of one or more tons per week of food waste and that is located within 25 miles of an organics recycler with available capacity. The law specifies that, not earlier than July 1, 2035, the department may adopt rules providing that a designated food waste generator includes a person that generates an annual average of less than one ton but greater than 100 pounds per week of food waste or that is located farther than 25 miles from an organics recycler with available capacity. The law also makes changes to the State’s food recovery hierarchy and clarifies the state waste disposal reduction goal.

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LD 1158 An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 184 adds the following categories of appliances and products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2027 to the list of new appliances and products in law that a person may not sell or offer for sale in the State if they are prohibited from sale pursuant to the appliance and product efficiency rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection: commercial battery chargers; commercial dishwashers; commercial food steamers; commercial fryers; commercial ovens; computer server power supplies; and residential ventilating fans.

LD 1207 An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 106 amends the site location of development laws to provide that a proposed solar energy development may not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. This provision does not apply to vegetation removal activities necessary for shade management or road or utility line crossings within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook.

LD 1306 An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Containers Prepackaged at Wholesale

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 151 amends the law governing disposable food service containers as follows.

1. It provides that the provision of that law that was set to take effect July 1, 2025, which will define “disposable food service container” to include service ware used to contain, transport or otherwise package raw, uncooked or butchered meat, poultry, fish, seafood or eggs, will instead take effect July 1, 2027.
2. It provides that the provision of that law that was set to be repealed July 1, 2025 and defines “disposable food service container” to not include service ware used to contain, transport or otherwise package raw, uncooked or butchered meat, poultry, fish, seafood or eggs will instead be repealed July 1, 2027.
3. It provides that the provision of that law that was set to be repealed July 1, 2025 and provides an exemption from that law for a covered establishment to sell at retail food or beverages in or on a polystyrene foam disposable food service container that the covered establishment purchases prepackaged at wholesale will instead be repealed July 1, 2027.

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Public Law 2025, chapter 151 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 30, 2025.

LD 1423 An Act to Improve Recycling by Updating the Stewardship Program for Packaging

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 383 amends the law establishing a stewardship program for packaging material as follows.

1. It amends the definitions under that law for “post-consumer recycled material,” “producer” and “toxicity” and introduces a new definition for “consumer.”
2. It clarifies the producer exemption provisions under that law regarding packaging material for perishable food to provide that a producer is exempt from the requirements and prohibitions of the law with respect to the first 15 tons of packaging material used by the producer to contain, protect, deliver, present or distribute products that were perishable food and that were sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in or into the State during the prior calendar year.
3. It amends the requirements for the statewide recycling needs assessment to be conducted by the entity selected by the Department of Environmental Protection to serve as the stewardship organization for the packaging stewardship program to include an evaluation of the producer payments schedule adopted by the department by rule and the anticipated effect of that schedule on incentivizing the use by producers of readily recyclable packaging materials and supporting the State’s solid waste management hierarchy. It also provides that, following the execution of a contract between the selected stewardship organization and the department, the stewardship organization, based on the statewide recycling needs assessment and other available information, may recommend to the department that the adopted producer payments schedule be modified to better incentivize the use by producers of readily recyclable packaging materials and support the State’s solid waste management hierarchy and the department may, in its discretion, initiate rulemaking to implement any modifications to that schedule.
4. It clarifies the law regarding the requirements for producers or the stewardship organization to provide or for the department to publish information regarding the UPCs for products for which the producers are in compliance with or not in compliance with the law.
5. It provides that a producer may not be required to pay an increased fee or penalty under the law for packaging material that is not composed of post-consumer recycled material if the packaging material is subject to state or federal laws, rules or regulations that effectively prohibit the use of post-consumer recycled material in that packaging material.
6. It amends the requirements for municipalities to participate in the packaging stewardship program by clarifying that a participating municipality must provide for the collection and recycling of any packaging material that is generated in the municipality and is readily recyclable.

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LD 1564 An Act to Delay Implementation of Certain Recent Changes to the Beverage Container Redemption Law and to Make Other Necessary Changes to That Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 241 amends the law governing manufacturers, distributors and dealers of beverage containers in a number of provisions recently amended by Public Law 2023, chapter 482, to amend certain time frames for implementation of the law, including requiring the commingling cooperative to implement a plan for a single commingling program approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. It also makes a number of additional changes to that law, including the following.

1. It clarifies the obligation for a commingling group and for the commingling cooperative to pick up and recycle beverage containers processed by dealers and redemption centers.
2. It clarifies the commingling requirement under the law to provide that beverage containers must be sorted by like deposit value, product group, material and size and that initiators of deposit may not require dealers or redemption centers to further sort containers that belong to a commingling group. It further provides that dealers or redemption centers that process beverage containers using a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program are not required to sort material by color, deposit value or size but must comply with the requirements to preserve container value.
3. It provides that commingling of beverage containers by like materials includes sorting by color for certain plastic beverage containers composed of polyethylene terephthalate and high-density polyethylene.
4. It provides that the plan for the single commingling program to be submitted by the commingling cooperative must include the method by which the program will facilitate and by October 1, 2026 complete the transition from beverage container sorting at redemption centers by brand to sorting by material type further by size and deposit value for manually sorted containers.
5. It clarifies that, beginning July 15, 2025, when the cooperative is required to provide to a dealer or redemption center the plastic bags to be used by the dealer or redemption center to contain redeemed beverage containers, or to reimburse the dealer or redemption center for the cost of those bags, if the dealer or redemption center submits a request to the cooperative for reimbursement of those costs, the cooperative must provide that reimbursement within 6 weeks of receipt of the request.
6. It clarifies that portion of the law regulating unclaimed deposits for nonrefillable beverage containers in the event that a department-approved program plan for the single commingling program is not implemented by the cooperative.

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7. It removes the provisions of law that repeal on July 15, 2025 the requirement for initiators of deposit and pick-up agents to report annually to the department certain information regarding deposit transactions and redemptions.
8. It amends that portion of the law regarding the relicensing of redemption centers to provide that any such relicensing is not subject to the population requirements for licensing.
9. It clarifies that, prior to determining whether to approve or reject a plan submitted by the cooperative for the establishment of the single commingling program, the department must hold a public meeting on the plan. This change to the law is retroactive to January 1, 2025.

Public Law 2025, chapter 241 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 1604 An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate

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Public Law 2025, chapter 172 requires a person licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection to discharge wastewater to groundwater or any waters of the State to maintain a record of and annually report to the department, in a manner determined by the department, regarding the origin, volume and final disposition of leachate collected from a solid waste landfill delivered to or otherwise accepted by the licensee for treatment or other management.

Public Law 2025, chapter 172 also requires a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate to integrate into the landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan the sampling and analysis of leachate for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and to provide the results from that leachate testing to the department in accordance with the water quality monitoring plan and as part of the landfill's annual report. On an annual basis, the department is required to make results from this leachate testing conducted by solid waste landfills available on its publicly accessible website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 172 also requires that, upon written request to the department from the owner of a property abutting a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate, the department shall require the landfill to conduct a one-time sampling and analysis for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of a private water supply well used by the owner for drinking water purposes. If the analysis indicates possible perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination of the private water supply well from the solid waste landfill, the department shall require the solid waste landfill to conduct additional sampling and analysis of the private water supply well for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in a manner directed by the department.

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LD 1782 Resolve, Regarding Host Community Compensation for the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 66 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to work with the contract operator of the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill and the City of Old Town to initiate a negotiation with those parties for further amendment of the Host Community Compensation and Facility Oversight Agreement dated December 8, 2005 and signed by the State of Maine, the City of Old Town and Casella Waste Systems, Inc. to ensure that the City of Old Town is fairly and adequately compensated for the burden of hosting the Juniper Ridge Landfill, taking into account changes in circumstances since the execution of that agreement; any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed capacity expansion at the landfill; any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed extension of the operating services agreement for the operation of the landfill; and any other factors determined by the parties.

LD 1786 An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 321 requires the Department of Environmental Protection to post on its publicly accessible website information regarding the current most stringent maximum contaminant levels adopted by a federal agency or the State for regulated PFAS contaminants, measured in parts per trillion. The law also requires that, if the department conducts or facilitates the testing of a private drinking water well for potential PFAS contamination, it must provide to the owner of the well, by mail and, if possible, by e-mail, at the time that it provides the owner with the results of that testing, information regarding maximum contaminant levels for regulated PFAS contaminants, a comparison of the testing results to those levels and information regarding resources available to owners of private drinking water wells affected by PFAS. The department is directed to provide similar information to other owners of private drinking water wells not tested by the department at the request of an owner or if the department has knowledge that the well may be contaminated by PFAS.

LD 1793 An Act to Amend Eligibility Criteria Under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 322 amends eligibility criteria for grants under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2201-B to authorize disbursement of grants to public and regional entities to cover necessary costs incidental to or associated with the implementation of a proposed program, project, initiative or activity,

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including, but not limited to, the hiring of or contracting with consultants or specialists, the conducting of feasibility studies and the promotion of collaborative regional efforts relating to the collection and transportation of solid waste. It also expands grant eligibility to public or private entities for programs, projects, initiatives or activities relating to the collection and transportation of waste that is diverted from disposal.

LD 1976 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 51 authorizes final adoption by the Department of Environmental Protection of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a major substantive rule of the department that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2025, chapter 51 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 9, 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 75 An Act to Update Funding for the Board of Environmental Protection

Though this bill was not enacted, its substance was incorporated into the budget. See Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Enacted Law Summary, LD 609, Public Law 2025, chapter 388, Part M.