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committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters with an evaluation of the effectiveness of the environmental management system incentive program developed under this section, including a list of applications to the program, a list of entities that qualified for incentives under the program and a list of incentives granted. The report must include any recommendations for changes to the incentives or the scope of the program and any proposed legislation. The department shall work with a representative stakeholder group in conducting its evaluation and developing recommendations. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature regarding environmental management systems.

4. Repeal. This section is repealed December 31, 2002.

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CHAPTER 563

S.P. 880 - L.D. 2295

An Act to Clarify Granting Authority Under the Agricultural Development Grant Program

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §436, as amended by PL 1999, c. 72, §8, is further amended to read:

§436. Grants for technical assistance and research

The commissioner may use all or a portion of the accrued interest in the cash balance of the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and interest portion of loan repayments, up to a maximum of \$250,000 per year, for grants for technical assistance and the agricultural development grant program in chapter 10. The commissioner may expend grant dollars designated to an applicant in one fiscal year during the following fiscal year.

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CHAPTER 564

H.P. 1656 - L.D. 2325

An Act to Address Financial Inequities in Special Waste Fees

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2203-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 385, §7, is amended to read:

C. A municipal or regional association landfill that has accepted ~~4,000~~ 550 tons or more of oil-contaminated soil, gravel, brick, concrete and other aggregate in calendar year 1998 shall pay \$5 per ton for that category of waste.

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CHAPTER 565

H.P. 1661 - L.D. 2330

An Act to Require the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to Report to the Legislature on Matters Related to State Veterans Laws

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §3, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. K, §2, is further amended by adding a new sub-¶(14) to read:

(14) The Adjutant General shall report at the beginning of each biennium to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans' affairs on any recommended changes or modifications to the laws governing veterans' affairs, particularly as those changes or modifications relate to changes in federal veterans' laws.

Sec. 2. Veterans' benefits eligibility criteria study. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall study the laws governing eligibility for state veterans' benefits. The study must examine the inconsistencies among eligibility criteria and make recommendations to resolve those inconsistencies. The commissioner shall report findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans' affairs by December 31, 2000. Following receipt of the study report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans' affairs may report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

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