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(c) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether proprietary systems and devices authorized for use by the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services governing subsurface wastewater disposal can be installed to reduce the subsurface disposal system sizing requirements;

(d) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether the subsurface disposal system area can be configured to fit within the property dimensions by separating the waste streams, such as laundry wastewater and sanitary wastewater, between 2 or more leach fields, drip irrigation sites or other disposal areas;

(e) The licensed site evaluator shall evaluate the feasibility of siting a disposal system using reduced setback distances as authorized for use by the rules adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services governing subsurface wastewater disposal;

(f) The licensed site evaluator shall determine whether adjoining or nearby land may be used for wastewater disposal with the permission of the property owner and shall document efforts to obtain an easement from the owner of adjoining or nearby land when, in the licensed site evaluator's judgment, an easement would allow for the installation of a replacement system; and

(g) The licensed site evaluator shall determine if connection to a public sewer is feasible, including the use of an easement across another property or right-of-way.

The department may require the overboard discharge owner to submit an additional site evaluation by a different licensed site evaluator if the conditions of this subparagraph have not been met.

Sec. 13. 38 MRSA §414-A, sub-§1-B, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 654, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) If a technologically proven alternative system eligible for grant funding according to the cost-share schedule is identified and funding is not available, then the owner of the overboard discharge is not required to install the system until grant funds are available or as provided in section 413, subsection 3 or 3-A. The department may determine that grant funds are not available when there are insufficient funds available for all alternative systems and the al-

ternative system is not one of the systems identified as a priority for funding from available grant funds by the department.

Sec. 14. 38 MRSA §414-A, sub-§1-B, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Notwithstanding paragraph A, the department may request that a person seeking to renew or transfer an overboard discharge license evaluate the feasibility of a spray irrigation system licensed in accordance with section 413 as an alternative to the overboard discharge system.

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CHAPTER 45

S.P. 268 - L.D. 585

An Act to Use Certain Regional Transmission Organization Payments for Beneficial Electrification to Reduce Electricity Rates

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10103, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 306, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Program funding. The board may apply for and receive grants from municipal, state, federal and private sources for deposit into appropriate program funds, including funds for both residential and business programs. The board may deposit in appropriate program funds the proceeds of any bonds issued for the purposes of programs administered by the trust. The board may receive and shall deposit in appropriate program funds revenue resulting from any forward capacity market or other capacity payments from ~~the a~~ regional transmission organization ~~that may be attributable to those projects funded by those funds, except that, from fiscal year 2019-20 to fiscal year 2024-25, such payments must be used to promote or to supplement incentives that support beneficial electrification measures that are cost-effective and reliably reduce electricity rates over the life of the measures, including high-performance air source heat pump technology and deposited in the Heating Fuels Efficiency and Weatherization Fund established in section 10119~~ electric vehicles. The board shall deposit into appropriate program funds revenue transferred to the trust from the energy infrastructure benefits fund pursuant to Title 5, section 282, subsection 9 for use in accordance with subsection 4-A. The board may also deposit any grants or other funds received by or from any entity with which the trust has an agreement or contract pursuant to this chapter if the board determines that receipt of those funds is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

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CHAPTER 46
H.P. 371 - L.D. 603

**An Act to Ensure That the
Exemption of Certain
Agricultural Buildings from
the Maine Uniform Building
and Energy Code Includes
Maple Sugarhouses**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) That building materials from local sawmills, including but not limited to non-graded lumber, are permissible under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) That buildings used to house livestock, store harvested crops or cultivate crops are not subject to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The exemption in this subparagraph does not include the cultivation of cannabis regulated under Title 22 or 28-B; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶B-1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 527, §1, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) That buildings used primarily to process or store maple sap or syrup are not subject to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code;

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CHAPTER 47
H.P. 790 - L.D. 1185

**An Act to Prohibit Persons
Under 18 Years of Age from
Marrying**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2023, c. 116, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2023, c. 116, §2, is further amended to read:

8. Parties under ~~17~~ 18 years of age. The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics may not issue a marriage license to a person under ~~17~~ 18 years of age.

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CHAPTER 48
H.P. 446 - L.D. 707

**An Act to Amend the
Membership of the State
Employee Health Commission
and Make Referential Changes
to the Office of Employee
Health, Wellness and Workers'
Compensation**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §285-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 312, §3 and c. 548, §45, is further amended to read:

2. Membership. The State Employee Health Commission consists of ~~24~~ labor and management members as follows:

A. One labor member from each bargaining unit recognized under Title 26, chapter 9-B, appointed by the employee organization certified to represent the unit;

B. One labor member from the largest bargaining unit recognized under Title 26, chapter 14, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the unit;

C. One labor member appointed by the retiree chapters of the Maine State Employees Association;

C-1. One labor member from Maine Turnpike Authority employees appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the employees;

C-2. One labor member from Maine Public Employees Retirement System employees, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the employees;

C-3. One labor member from Maine Maritime Academy employees, appointed by the employee organization authorized to represent the employees;

D. Four management members appointed by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services;

E. One management member appointed by the Court Administrators;