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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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Augusta, Maine 2025

Experiment- al discharge license	license fee	2019 bill amount	\$1,550
New or amended mixing zone, in addition to other applicable fees	flat fee	\$9,254	
Formation of sanitary district	flat fee	\$693	
Transfer of license for residential or commercial sanitary wastewater	flat fee	\$140	

On an annual basis, municipalities and publicly owned treatment works whose combined sewer overflows have the potential to affect shellfish harvesting areas as determined by the department by virtue of their locations within estuarine or marine waters of the State must be assessed a surcharge on their wastewater discharge licenses in a total amount of \$12,000. This amount must be allocated among the municipalities and publicly owned treatment works according to their prior 3-year average annual flows as reported to the department.

On an annual basis, publicly owned treatment works whose outfalls licensed for the discharge of treated effluent cause adjacent shellfish growing areas to be closed for the purposes of harvesting shellfish must be assessed a license surcharge in a total amount of \$25,000. This amount must be allocated among the publicly owned treatment works according to the acreage that each licensed outfall closes. This acreage must be determined by the Department of Marine Resources in consultation with the department.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures that support activities for water quality control operations, including licensing, compliance evaluation, monitoring, data acquisition, data management and administration.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$55,791	\$57,409
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,791	\$57,409

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 63 H.P. 755 - L.D. 1150

An Act to Require Reporting of Sheltering or Aiding Missing Children

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2157 is enacted to read:

§2157. Sheltering or aiding missing child

- 1. Duty to inform law enforcement officer. If a person knowingly shelters or aids in obtaining shelter for a missing child for more than 24 hours without the consent of the missing child's parent, guardian or legal custodian, the person shall inform a law enforcement officer as to the missing child's location and condition if the law enforcement officer contacts that person as part of the investigation of the missing child.
- 2. Violation. A person who violates subsection 1 is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$250.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 64 S.P. 18 - L.D. 6

An Act to Allow Persons to Label Their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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

- **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12254, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §216 and affected by §422, is amended to read:
- 1. Prohibition. A person may not set a trap for any wild animal without having the trap plainly labeled with that person's full name and address or that person's trapping online licensing system identification number issued by the department.

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