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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §551, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 319, §16, is further amended to read:

A. Administrative expenses, personal services and equipment costs of the department related to the administration and enforcement of this subchapter and subchapter 2-B, except that total disbursements for personal services may not exceed \$7,000,000 per fiscal year adjusted on an annual basis based on the Consumer Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics;

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CHAPTER 95

S.P. 51 - L.D. 33

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Fantasy Contests

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1101, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to read:

A. ~~One Two~~ Two or more fantasy contestants per game or contest, none of which may be the fantasy contest operator, pay an entry fee to participate;

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1105, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to read:

2. Allocation of funds. The director shall collect for deposit to the General Fund 10% of gross fantasy contest revenues, including any revenues earned while operating pending approval of an application submitted to the director as described in section 1103, subsection 9, ~~from a fantasy contest operator licensed under this chapter that has gross fantasy contest revenues of \$100,000 or greater.~~

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CHAPTER 96

H.P. 3 - L.D. 39

An Act to Require Landowners to Report Their Participation in a Forest Carbon Program or Project

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8881, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Forest carbon credit. "Forest carbon credit" means a unit that is equivalent to one metric ton of carbon dioxide emissions or carbon dioxide equivalent emissions that are avoided, removed or absorbed as a result of forest management activities that are either undertaken or deferred to increase forest carbon storage or sequestration.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8881, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Forest carbon program or project. "Forest carbon program or project" means a planned set of forest management activities for a defined area of forest land that is designed to provide transferable forest carbon credits and that is developed to conform to an existing voluntary or regulatory forest carbon protocol or registry.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §8881, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. Forest carbon project developer. "Forest carbon project developer" means an entity that acts on behalf of a landowner to establish forest carbon credits to meet the requirements of an existing voluntary or regulatory forest carbon protocol or registry. "Forest carbon project developer" also means a landowner that acts as the landowner's own forest carbon project developer.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §8885, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Report on forest carbon program or project. A landowner or the landowner's designated agent shall submit a report to the director whenever any portion of the landowner's forest land located in the State is enrolled in a forest carbon program or project. The report must include the following information:

A. The name of the forest carbon program or project and the name of the forest carbon project developer, if different from the landowner;

B. The name of the voluntary or regulatory forest carbon protocol or registry and the forest carbon program or project identification number in the registry, if known;

C. The legal name and contact information of the landowner or landowners as of the date of enrollment in the forest carbon program or project;

D. The period of enrollment in the forest carbon program or project of the affected forest land; and

E. The total forest acreage enrolled in the forest carbon program or project by town, township or plantation.

A landowner that enrolled in a forest carbon program or project prior to the effective date of this subsection must file the report required pursuant to subsection 2-B by July 1, 2026.