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8. Review. Prior to the repeal of this section pursuant to subsection 6, the department shall conduct a review of the effectiveness of the green crab only wholesale dealer license and submit a report to the 134th Legislature in 2030. The report must include the department's recommendations concerning possible continuation or modification of the green crab only wholesale dealer license.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 170

H.P. 1010 - L.D. 1525

An Act to Promote Firewood Banks in Maine

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1849, sub-§1, ¶B is enacted to read:

B. Upon written request from a firewood bank, the bureau may donate timber for use as firewood to the firewood bank if the following conditions are met:

(1) The director determines that sufficient funds are available in the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund in subsection 2;

(2) Any harvest and trucking fees are paid for or reimbursed by the firewood bank; and

(3) All contractual requirements of the harvest operation from which timber is donated are met.

For purposes of this paragraph, "firewood bank" means an organization that purchases or accepts donations of firewood and makes available firewood free of charge to individuals and families in need of heating assistance.

Sec. 2. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry to promote firewood banks. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry shall promote the development and public awareness of firewood banks in this State. For purposes of this section, "firewood bank" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1849, subsection 1, paragraph B. The bureau shall develop and dispense informational resources to promote the successful operation of firewood banks in this State. In fulfilling its obligations under this section, the bureau may collaborate with the University of Maine System. The bureau shall:

1. Provide information to the public for the purpose of increasing awareness of the resources available

at firewood banks and the charitable efforts needed to maintain firewood banks in this State; and

2. Develop and maintain on the bureau's publicly accessible website a list of all firewood banks operating in the State.

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CHAPTER 171

H.P. 1056 - L.D. 1598

An Act to Provide Relocation Assistance to Crime Victims

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 79, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Eligible expenses and losses. "Eligible expenses and losses" means expenses and losses resulting from a personal injury sustained by an individual as a direct result of a crime specified in subsection 3 and may include medical and medically related expenses, psychological or mental health counseling expenses, lost wages, funeral, burial and other homicide-related expenses and travel expenses and loss of income of a claimant or family member for providing or obtaining care for the personal injury of a minor or incapacitated victim. "Eligible expenses and losses" may include costs of eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures or other prosthetic devices taken, lost, destroyed or damaged as a result of the crime, costs to repair, replace or install locks or security devices, costs of crime scene cleanup and ~~security deposits~~ relocation expenses. Expenses and losses claimed under this subsection must be expenses or losses actually and reasonably incurred.

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CHAPTER 172

S.P. 641 - L.D. 1604

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

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §413, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Landfill leachate; reporting. Notwithstanding section 414-A or any other provision of law to the contrary, a person licensed by the department to discharge wastewater to groundwater or any waters of the

State shall 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.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§19-F is enacted to read:

19-F. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" has the same meaning as in section 1614, subsection 1, paragraph F.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§10-A is enacted to read:

10-A. Testing of landfill leachate for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. In accordance with a schedule approved by the department, a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate shall integrate into the landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan the sampling and analysis of leachate for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. A solid waste landfill shall provide the results from leachate testing conducted pursuant to this subsection to the department in accordance with the landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan and as part of the landfill's annual report. On an annual basis, the department shall make results from leachate testing conducted by solid waste landfills pursuant to this subsection available on its publicly accessible website.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§10-B is enacted to read:

10-B. Testing of private water supplies for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. 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. For purposes of this subsection, a property is considered to be abutting a solid waste landfill if the property is contiguous to property on which the landfill is located, including directly across a public or private right-of-way from the landfill, and is located within one mile of property on which the landfill is located.

A. Sampling and analysis for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances pursuant to this subsection

tion must be conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in the solid waste landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan.

B. The laboratory performing the sampling and analysis pursuant to this subsection shall provide written copies of the results to the solid waste landfill, the property owner and the department.

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CHAPTER 173

H.P. 1070 - L.D. 1616

An Act to Eliminate Requirements for Drivers to Surrender Their Physical Driver's Licenses During a Temporary Suspension

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §48 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

3. Disposition for violation of section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph E or F. When a juvenile has been adjudicated as having committed the juvenile crime under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph E or F, the court may impose any of the dispositional alternatives contained in subsection 1. Any incarceration that is imposed may be part of a disposition pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph F or H. Any incarceration in a detention facility must be in a facility designated in subsection 1, paragraph H.

A. For an adjudication under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph F, the juvenile's license or permit to operate a motor vehicle, right to operate a motor vehicle or right to apply for or obtain a license must be suspended by the court for a period of 180 days. The period of suspension may not be suspended by the court. The court shall give notice of the suspension and take physical custody of an operator's license or permit as provided in Title 29-A, section 2434. The court shall immediately transmit a certified abstract of the suspension to the Secretary of State. A further suspension may be imposed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 2451, subsection 3.

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§3-A, as corrected by RR 2009, c. 2, §36 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The court shall give notice of suspension and take physical custody of an operator's license or permit as pro-