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development for the period of the agreement. Exceptions may be granted by the department if an applicant does not own the land on which the applicant operates the applicant's farm business but has a long-term lease arrangement. A selected farm business may terminate the farmland protection agreement at any time if the farm business repays the department for any funds provided to the farm business by the department pursuant to this section.

5. Review of business plan. The department shall arrange to review the business plan for a farm business selected to receive a grant under subsection 2 within 2 years of the date the grant is awarded.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 255 H.P. 1304 - L.D. 1945

An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §265, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 129, §1, is amended to read:

Beginning October 1, 2026, a health care facility, other than a pharmacy licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 117, shall ensure that data related to sexual orientation and gender identity is collected from an individual as part of the health care information collected upon intake at a health care facility and at any other time who is 19 years of age or older when demographic information is collected, unless the individual declines to answer questions regarding the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. This data is part of the individual's electronic health record. For the purposes of this section, "health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph D, "health care information" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph E and "individual" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph G, except that in this section it is limited to an individual who is 19 years of age or older. Data collected pursuant to this section is health care information that is subject to the confidentiality requirements of section 1711-C. The sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected pursuant to this section is the same as the sexual and gender identity data elements added by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to the uniform data system administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2016 or included in any subsequent standards.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 256 S.P. 761 - L.D. 1953

An Act to Ensure Public Access to Conservation Land by Providing Protections from Liability to Landowners

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 566, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) The landowner or the landowner's agent by the State; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 1995, c. 566, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The landowner or grantor who grants, and the holder or grantee who accepts, an easement or other legal instrument that makes an express grant of perpetual public access over premises for the public to pursue recreational or harvesting activities; or

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §159-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Perpetual grant of public access. A landowner or other grantor who grants, and a holder or grantee who accepts, an easement or other legal instrument that includes a perpetual right of public access over premises for the public to pursue one or more recreational or harvesting activities, in reliance on the protections from liability established by this section as they exist at the time of the grant, as evidenced by an instrument recorded in the registry of deeds for the county in which the premises are located, acquires a permanent vested property right to those protections for any rights so granted, which runs to their heirs, successors and assigns.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 257 S.P. 731 - L.D. 1861

An Act to Require Training on Textured Hair for Aestheticians, Barber Hair Stylists, Cosmetologists and Hair Designers

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