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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

a municipal fire department pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 153.

3. Term. The name of a displaced civilian federal firefighter in the database must be maintained for no less than 4 years unless the department is notified that the firefighter has requested to be removed from the database.

4. Consultation. The department may consult with organizations that represent the interests of civilian federal firefighters when establishing the database.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 372

S.P. 658 - L.D. 1664

An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-AAA, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. J, §13, is amended to read:

I. "Layoff" means a reduction in workforce at a qualified business with 20 or more persons employed during any one of the preceding 4 quarters that results in an employment loss for at least 2 consecutive months within the same tax year of at least 20% of the qualified business's employees in this State. "Layoff" does not mean a reduction in workforce due to a catastrophic event or due to a restriction on the weight or passage of any vehicle over any way by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Title 29-A, section 2395.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 373

H.P. 197 - L.D. 297

An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§5-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 517, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A solid waste processing facility that generates residue requiring disposal shall recycle or process into fuel for combustion through

methods other than chemical plastic processing all waste accepted at the facility to the maximum extent practicable, but in no case at a rate less than 50%. For purposes of this subsection, "recycle" does not include chemical plastic processing and does include, but is not limited to, plastic-to-plastic recycling; the reuse of waste generated within the State as defined in section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, paragraph C; the recovery of metals from waste; the use of waste or waste-derived product as material substitutes in construction; and the use of waste as boiler fuel substitutes.

At least 50% of the waste that a solid waste processing facility characterizes as recycled under this subparagraph must have been reused or recycled by the facility through methods other than placement of the waste in a solid waste landfill, except that a solid waste processing facility that was in operation during calendar year 2018, that accepts exclusively construction and demolition debris and that accepted more than 200,000 tons of such debris in calendar year 2018 shall:

- (a) Reuse or recycle at least 15% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026;
- (b) Reuse or recycle at least 20% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027;
- (c) Reuse or recycle at least 30% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2026~~ 2028;
- (d) Reuse or recycle at least 40% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2027~~ 2029; and
- (e) Reuse or recycle at least 50% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2028~~ 2030.

Sec. 2. PL 2023, c. 283, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Temporary allowance for disposal or placement of oversized bulky waste in landfill. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A to the contrary, for the period beginning ~~on the effective date of this Act~~ June 23, 2023 and ending July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027:

1. If in any 12-month period the total weight of the residue generated by a solid waste processing facility and disposed of or otherwise placed in a solid waste

landfill exceeds the total weight of the solid waste initially generated within the State that was processed by the facility in that 12-month period, such excess residue, not to exceed 25,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, as long as that excess residue is composed of oversized bulky waste and is disposed of or otherwise placed in a state-owned solid waste landfill; ~~and~~

1-A. Any additional excess residue associated with the processing of the oversized bulky waste amount identified in subsection 1 generated by the solid waste processing facility in that 12-month period and used at a solid waste landfill, not to exceed 75,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, as long as that additional excess residue is not composed of oversized bulky waste and is used at a state-owned solid waste landfill as daily cover; and

2. Any excess residue, other than the excess residue identified in ~~subsection~~ subsections 1 and 1-A, generated by the solid waste processing facility in that 12-month period is deemed not to be waste generated within the State within the meaning of Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A.

As used in this section, "oversized bulky waste" means large items of solid waste that are residue from processing construction and demolition debris, including, but not limited to, household appliances, furniture and mattresses.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations to authorize the expenditure of additional revenue from tipping fees.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$150,000	\$150,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

Sec. 4. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to June 23, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 374 H.P. 281 - L.D. 427

An Act to Regulate Municipal Parking Space Minimums

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-D is enacted to read:

§4364-D. Minimum parking space requirements; limitations

1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "parking agreement" means a legally binding agreement between a property developer and the owner of an off-site parking facility to provide required parking spaces within 0.25 miles of a development site.

2. Limitation of minimum parking space requirements in growth areas. A municipality may not require more than one off-street parking space per dwelling unit for a residential development within a designated growth area of a municipality, but a municipality may impose maximum parking space requirements or require parking demand management strategies that do not require more than one off-street parking space per dwelling unit.

3. Legalization of off-site parking agreements. A municipality must allow a developer to satisfy municipal parking requirements through off-site parking agreements with existing parking facilities located within 0.25 miles of a development site. A developer engaged in an off-site parking agreement shall provide to the municipality documentation demonstrating the availability of sufficient capacity at the off-site parking facility, as determined by a professional parking study or similar evidence acceptable to the municipality. A municipality may not impose additional barriers to the approval of such parking agreements beyond verifying the adequacy of parking supply.

4. Rulemaking. The Maine Office of Community Affairs may adopt rules to administer and enforce this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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