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CHAPTER 620
S.P. 905 - L.D. 2221

**An Act to Amend the
Composition of the
Landowners and Land Users
Relations Advisory Board**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10157, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §28, is further amended to read:

1-A. Appointment and composition. The Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board, referred to in this chapter as "the advisory board" and established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 49-C, consists of the following 18 members:

A. ~~Eleven~~ Thirteen voting members, appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

- (1) One representative of a statewide small woodland owners association;
- (2) One representative of a large landowners association;
- (3) One representative of a statewide farmers organization;
- (4) Three representatives who hunt, fish or trap;
- (5) ~~Two~~ Three representatives of outdoor recreationists, including one representative of an all-terrain vehicle club, one representative of a snowmobile club and one representative of a nonmotorized recreation industry with a focus on hiking, wildlife watching, biking, paddling, trail running or other popular outdoor pursuits;
- (6) Two representatives of environmentalist organizations; ~~and~~
- (7) One representative of land trust organizations; and
- (8) One representative of an organization managing recreational access to the North Maine Woods; and

B. Five nonvoting members:

- (1) Two representatives of the Bureau of Warden Service, designated by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
- (2) One representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development, designated by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development; and

(3) Two representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, designated by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 621
H.P. 1504 - L.D. 2227

**An Act to Update Financial
Assurance Requirements for
Certain Solid Waste Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-Y, as amended by PL 2023, c. 517, §§7 and 8, is further amended to read:

§1310-Y. Financial assurance

An owner or operator of a solid waste processing facility that processes plastic waste through chemical plastic processing that is licensed under section 1310-N or of a solid waste disposal facility that is licensed under section 1310-N shall provide the department assurance of its financial ability to satisfy the estimated cost of corrective action for known releases from the facility and its financial capacity to satisfy the estimated cost of closure and postclosure care and maintenance at the facility for a period of at least 30 years after closure. The board may adopt rules that increase or decrease that postclosure care period, as long as those rules are consistent with applicable federal rules. The department may consider the use of more than one acceptable form of financial assurance per facility to satisfy the financial assurance requirement of this section. This section applies to all privately owned solid waste disposal facilities licensed by the department, including facilities licensed by the department before June 16, 1993, and to all solid waste processing facilities that process plastic waste through chemical plastic processing. This section does not apply to a municipally owned or operated solid waste disposal facility that accepts exclusively special waste, construction and demolition debris, land-clearing debris or any combination of those types of waste or to a municipally owned or operated solid waste disposal facility licensed before June 16, 1993.

1. Acceptable forms of financial assurance. Acceptable forms of financial assurance ~~are under this section~~ must include at least one of the following:

- A. A letter of credit;
- B. A surety bond;
- C. An escrow account;
- D. A reserve account calculated in a manner consistent with the United States Internal Revenue Code;