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LD 163 An Act Concerning the Regulation of Air Emissions at Petroleum Storage Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 294 amends the laws regulating air emissions to require the adoption by the Department of Environmental Protection by rule of certain requirements and prohibitions applicable to the licensure or operation of petroleum storage facilities with aboveground petroleum storage tanks and bulk gasoline terminals. It requires the department, on or before December 31, 2021, to initiate major substantive rulemaking to amend its rules regulating air emissions consistent with those amendments to the laws regulating air emissions.

LD 226 An Act To Limit the Use of Hydrofluorocarbons To Fight Climate Change

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 192 provides that, in accordance with rules to be adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection, a person may not sell, lease, rent, install or enter into commerce in the State a product or equipment that uses or will use certain specified substances that are hydrofluorocarbons with high global warming potential for certain specified air conditioning, refrigeration, foam or aerosol propellant end uses.

LD 593 An Act To Restore Eelgrass Mapping and Enhance Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 424 directs the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Marine Resources, to establish and administer a program to regularly produce and update maps regarding the distribution of eelgrass beds and salt marsh vegetation in the State. Data collected and maps produced under this program must be made available on the Department of Environmental Protection's publicly accessible website. The Department of Environmental Protection is directed to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental and natural resources matters on or before March 1, 2023, and biennially thereafter, a report on the data collected and maps produced and updated under this program.

Public Law 2021, chapter 424 also establishes the Eelgrass and Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping Fund to support the establishment and administration of the eelgrass and salt marsh vegetation mapping program and authorizes the fund to accept grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any source, public or private.