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LD 574 An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act and To Recognize the Maine Food Sovereignty Act in Plantations and Unorganized Territories

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 625 makes the following changes to the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.

1. It changes the definition of “food or food products.”
2. It repeals the definition of “state food law” and replaces references to this term with references to the laws regulating food in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 7 and 22.
3. It provides that a plantation has the same powers and duties and is subject to the same restrictions as a municipality with respect to ordinances directing producer-to-consumer transactions under the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.
4. It provides that the county commissioners of each county may adopt ordinances regarding direct producer-to-consumer transactions within one or more unorganized territories within that county in accordance with the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. Ordinances adopted by the county commissioners govern direct producer-to-consumer transactions in any unorganized territory within the county whose residents have opted, in a manner prescribed by the county commissioners, to have the ordinance apply in that unorganized territory.

LD 626 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop Recommendations Regarding Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine’s Waters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 147 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish an interagency working group to develop recommendations, including suggested legislation, to define and regulate nonwater-dependent floating structures on coastal and inland waters. The department is required to consult with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and other state and federal agencies as needed and seek input from a statewide municipal association and a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters. The department is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters no later than January 1, 2024. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the subject matter of the report.