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LD 259 An Act To Increase the Waste Handling Fee Imposed on the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 653 amends statutory waste handling fees to increase the fee imposed on the disposal at a landfill of municipal solid waste and municipal solid waste ash from \$1 per ton to \$2 per ton.

LD 1429 An Act Achieve Carbon Neutrality in Maine by the Year 2045

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 517 amends the State's greenhouse gas emissions reductions law to provide that, beginning January 1, 2045, net annual greenhouse gas emissions in the State may not exceed zero metric tons.

LD 1467 An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 742 provides that, beginning January 1, 2026, an initiator of deposit or spirits manufacturer may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in the State a plastic beverage container unless all of the plastic beverage containers sold, offered for sale or distributed for sale in the State by that initiator of deposit or spirits manufacturer contain, on average and in the aggregate, at least 25% post-consumer recycled plastic or the initiator of deposit or spirits manufacturer pays a post-consumer recycled plastic content fee. That post-consumer recycled plastic requirement increases to 30% post-consumer recycled plastic beginning January 1, 2031. The Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for administering and enforcing the requirements of this law and may prohibit the sale of plastic beverage containers of initiators of deposit or spirits manufacturers that fail to comply with those requirements.

LD 1488 Resolve, To Study and Recommend Improvements to Maine's Dam Safety

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 176 requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to request a peer review from the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, to be completed by September 30, 2023, of the State's dam safety efforts. If the peer review is completed by September 30, 2023, the department is required to convene a stakeholder group to review and receive public input on the peer review, including recommendations to address any deficiencies