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Public Law 2021, chapter 516 also clarifies that the designation of land as an ecological reserve may not result in a decline in the sustainable harvest level on land under the jurisdiction of the bureau to less than the average annual harvest for the preceding 10 years.

LD 1075 An Act To Protect Public Lands

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 654 clarifies that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands is required to adopt rules that establish an objective evaluation process for determining if a proposed activity on designated land under the jurisdiction of the bureau would cause the land to be reduced or the uses of the land to be substantially altered. It also requires the bureau, in adopting the rules, to observe the requirements relating to designated lands in the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 and ensure proper exercise of the bureau's public trust responsibility.

LD 1744 An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 696 requires that 80% of the fees collected from registrations to distribute a commercial feed in the State be deposited in the Animal Welfare Fund, with 20% deposited in the General Fund.

It amends the animal welfare laws regarding rabies prevention and shelters to provide that daily compensation for animal shelters holding animals pending court decisions is \$15 for dogs and cats, \$18 for female cats or dogs with unweaned litters and \$20 for equines. It also provides that \$20 is the upper limit of daily compensation for holding livestock animals, excluding equines, fowl and rabbits.

LD 1756 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in Penobscot County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 134 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey certain land held in common and undivided interest in Township 4, Range 8 in Penobscot County.