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LD 1673 An Act To Establish Fair Housing Goals in Certain Communities in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 754 sets a guideline for service center communities to employ in developing a growth management program that at least 10% of the housing stock is affordable housing. It requires the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation to update the service center community classifications in 2023 and every five years thereafter; post the service center community listing on its publicly accessible website; submit a report, by February 15, 2023, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters detailing where population growth is occurring and projected to occur; and submit the periodic evaluation report required to be provided by statute to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters. It requires the department, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Department of Economic and Community Development to share data useful in assessing and determining growth management policies and standards.

LD 1724 An Act To Create a Logging Dispute Resolution Board and To Require Proof of Ownership Documents To Be Available within 14 Days of Request

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 665 establishes the Logging Dispute Resolution Board under the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation to hear disputes between a forest landowner and a forest products harvester in the logging industry, including disputes regarding pay violations, payout amounts, contract violations and hiring disputes.

It also changes the time frame for a bond worker in a logging occupation to provide proof of the employer's ownership of any logging equipment used by that worker in the course of employment from 30 to 14 calendar days. It requires employers to certify to the Department of Labor that the employer is not requiring a bond worker to engage in point-to-point hauling of forest products within the State or to otherwise violate federal cabotage laws.

LD 1823 An Act To Amend the Enforcement Provisions of the Law Governing Earned Paid Leave

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 569 specifies that violations of earned paid leave pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 637, may be addressed through the dispute resolution process set forth in a collective bargaining agreement.