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LD 1983 Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Christian Camps and Conferences for a Parcel of Land Located in Somerset County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 152 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease to Christian Camps and Conferences certain land within the public reserved lands in Dennistown Plantation in Somerset County to be used to replace, remove, maintain, operate, repair, upgrade and use telephone cable buried in conduit for the purpose of providing telephone service.

LD 1984 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Renew a Lease of Certain Land in Aroostook State Park to the Federal Aviation Administration

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 153 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease 1/4 acre of land at Aroostook State Park in Presque Isle to the Federal Aviation Administration within the United States Department of Transportation to continue to provide an outer marker light and compass locator elements for the airplane landing guidance system for Presque Isle International Airport in Aroostook County.

LD 1998 An Act To Establish a Fund for Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 729 establishes the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program to assist farmers in the State to overcome the adverse effects of drought conditions by providing grants. It specifies that a farmer may apply for a grant if the farmer needs to establish a source for irrigation water to alleviate the risk of crop losses due to drought.

It also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to work with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and other appropriate agencies to examine the permitting process for farmers seeking to secure permits for new sources of water for irrigation and to develop recommendations, including suggested legislation, to streamline the permitting process. 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, 2023. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.