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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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LD 14 An Act to Provide Indigenous Peoples Free Access to State Parks

Public Law 2025, chapter 707 provides that a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in Maine is not required to pay a fee for admission to any state-owned park, historic site, camping area or beach managed by the State. The law also specifies that to qualify for free admission, a person is required to present a qualifying tribal identification, as approved by the respective tribal government, to the park attendant or other designee of the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

LD 468 An Act to Address Food Insecurity by Helping Maine Residents Access Locally Produced Food

Public Law 2025, chapter 745 provides one-time funding in the amount of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives to be used to match contributions from private and public sources.

LD 473 Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Enter into Rulemaking Regarding Rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato)

Resolve 2025, chapter 172 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to temporarily prohibit the importation of seed potatoes from the State of Colorado until the department has finally adopted an amended version of rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato), a routine technical rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The law directs the department to initiate rulemaking on or before May 31, 2026 and to continue to collaborate with representatives of the potato industry to prevent, to the extent practicable, the introduction of harmful potato pests that may affect the health, yield and marketability of the State's potato crops.

The law requires the department to submit a report, no later than February 2, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters on current standards for certification of seed potatoes in the State, including, but not limited to, importation requirements, testing requirements and existing quarantines prohibiting or restricting the transportation of seed potatoes capable of carrying plant disease or insect infestation. It also authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on the subject matter of the report.

Resolve 2025, chapter 172 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 21, 2026.

LD 870 An Act Regarding Membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission

Public Law 2025, chapter 534 amends the membership of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by increasing the number of members from nine to 11 with the Governor appointing two members. The law directs the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of