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LD 222 An Act to Establish a Take-back and Disposal Program for Firefighting and Fire-suppressing Foam to Which Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Have Been Added

Public Law 2025, chapter 525 requires the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and when funds are available, to design and, by July 1, 2027, implement a take-back and disposal program for firefighting and fire-suppressing foam to which perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances have been intentionally added that is located in the State and that is in the possession of a person located in the State. The program must provide for the collection of such firefighting or fire-suppressing foam from a person that voluntarily requests collection and for the safe and contained disposal of the collected foam. The department may contract with a 3rd-party entity to implement and administer the program, may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation and administration of the program and may receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to design and implement the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 525 was finally enacted in both the House and Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 525 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 474 An Act to Establish a Stewardship Program for Primary and Rechargeable Batteries

Public Law 2025, chapter 608 requires producers of primary batteries and rechargeable batteries and of products that contain those batteries to individually, collectively or through a battery stewardship organization submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval a plan for the establishment of a battery stewardship program to manage primary and rechargeable batteries sold by producers in the State. One hundred and eighty days after such a battery stewardship plan is approved by the department, a producer of primary batteries, rechargeable batteries or products that contain those batteries may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in or into the State a primary battery, rechargeable battery or product that contains those batteries unless the producer participates in an approved battery stewardship program, individually, collectively or through a battery stewardship organization.

LD 646 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution

Resolve 2025, chapter 166 establishes the Commission to Study Unmanaged Storm Water Pollution. The commission is directed to review, study and analyze existing scientific literature and data on storm water pollution and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by December 1, 2026, which is authorized to submit a bill to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 related to the subject matter of the report.