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law provides that commercial real estate includes property that is either used or held for use primarily for a business purpose, including, but not limited to, apartment buildings with five or more rental or lease units, mobile home parks, office buildings and recreational facilities. The law applies to tax liens recorded on commercial real estate on or after July 1, 2026.

LD 554 An Act to Encourage Resident-owned Communities and Preserve Affordable Housing Through Tax Deductions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 455 excludes from state income tax the amount of gain, up to a maximum of $750,000, recognized by a taxpayer in transferring the business to a cooperative affordable housing corporation. The law also specifies the policy objective and the performance measures that the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, the Government Oversight Committee and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matter must consider in developing evaluation parameters to perform the review of proposed tax deductions as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 37.

LD 744 An Act to Remove Certain Wharves and Piers from the Laws Governing the Current Use Valuation of Working Waterfront Land

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 380 changes the definition of “working waterfront land” in the laws governing the current use valuation of working waterfront land by removing from the definition wharves and piers used primarily or used predominantly by persons engaged in commercial fishing activities.

LD 819 An Act to Clarify the Status of Energy Storage Systems with Regard to the Business Equipment Tax Exemption and the Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 467 designates battery storage systems as property eligible for both the business equipment tax exemption and the business equipment tax reimbursement program. To be eligible, more than 50% of the electrical output from the battery storage system must serve a load behind the utility meter at the location of the system or a fully executed interconnection agreement must exist between the system owner and a transmission and distribution utility by January 1, 2025.