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Environmental Protection, Municipal Shoreline Protection Legal Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account and provides a corresponding allocation.

**LD 2037 An Act to Update the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Allowances**

Public Law 2025, chapter 550 amends certain provisions governing the regional greenhouse gas initiative. The law amends the amount of carbon dioxide emissions allowances the State may auction as a participant in the regional greenhouse gas initiative for the year 2027 and each subsequent year. It also eliminates requirements for establishing and developing carbon dioxide offset project categories.

**LD 2063 An Act to Clarify Activities Allowed Under the Natural Resources Protection Act**

Public Law 2025, chapter 590 amends several provisions in the Natural Resources Protection Act.

1. It adds the hand planting of native vegetation, the hand planting of native dune vegetation and certain corrective actions to the list of activities for which a permit is not required.
2. It clarifies the provisions regarding the circumstances under which a permit is not required when an emergency activity is conducted to alleviate a threat caused by a flood event.
3. It adds great ponds and habitat for state endangered and state threatened species that is significant wildlife habitat to the list of areas under the Department of Environmental Protection's compensation program and provides the department with 3rd-party enforcement rights to enforce deed restrictions or conservation easements executed to meet a requirement under its compensation program.

**LD 2070 An Act to Improve the Management of Landfill Leachate and Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at Solid Waste Landfills**

Public Law 2025, chapter 651 does the following.

1. It provides that a facility requiring an air emission license that processes or incinerates sludge must implement best available control technology for any new source and best practical treatment for any existing source to minimize emissions of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances from the facility to the ambient air.
2. It provides that, in accordance with a schedule approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, a new or expanded solid waste landfill that requires for its construction or expansion a permit under the Natural Resources Protection Act for the alteration of freshwater wetlands must incorporate a leak detection system into the landfill's engineering design; integrate into the landfill's water quality monitoring plan the use of that leak detection system and the sampling and analysis of groundwater on the landfill site for perfluoroalkyl and