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LD 2210 An Act to Clarify Board of Environmental Protection Procedures Regarding Appeals of Licensing or Permitting Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection

Public Law 2025, chapter 618 amends procedures of the Board of Environmental Protection regarding appeals of licensing or permitting decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection as follows.

1. It specifies the composition of the record to be considered by the board in deciding an appeal of a final license or permit decision of the commissioner.
2. It clarifies that an appellant to a final license or permit decision must include in the appeal all information required by rule of the board.
3. It clarifies the persons that may offer proposed supplemental evidence in an appeal proceeding before the board and the circumstances under which that evidence may be submitted to the board and provides that it is the chair of the board that determines the admissibility of that evidence.
4. It codifies a longstanding practice of the Department of Environmental Protection to allow a licensee or permittee, if the licensee or permittee is not an appellant to a final license or permit decision, to submit to the board a written response to the merits of the appeal.

LD 2227 An Act to Update Financial Assurance Requirements for Certain Solid Waste Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 621 amends financial assurance requirements for certain solid waste processing facilities and solid waste disposal facilities to align with federal regulations governing financial assurance criteria for solid waste facilities adopted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It also provides that a licensee subject to those financial assurance requirements must annually review and, as necessary and in accordance with Department of Environmental Protection rule, update its financial assurance mechanisms. The law also provides that the department may require an applicant or licensee subject to those financial assurance requirements to conduct and submit to the department an independent 3rd-party financial review of any proposed form of financial assurance.