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the committee or any grants or gifts which may become available, accepted and received by the committee; and make an annual report which shall be submitted directly to the director, commissioner, Governor and Legislature not later than September 1st of each year concerning its work, recommendations and interests of the previous fiscal year and future plans; ~~and.~~ The committee shall make such interim reports as it deems advisable or as requested by the Governor or Legislature. In addition, the long-term care ombudsman program shall submit reports on its activities as required by the bureau.

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CHAPTER 680

H.P. 1503 - L.D. 2083

An Act to Exempt Residential Developments and Construction Noise from Noise Control Provisions

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

38 MRSA §482-A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 346, §2, is amended to read:

§482-A. Noise effect

~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection 4, the effect of noise from a commercial or industrial development may be regulated pursuant to section 484, subsection 3.

1. ~~Amended rules; adoption. On or before December 31, 1987, the Department of Environmental Protection~~ The board shall adopt amended rules for the control of noise generated by commercial or industrial developments. These rules shall must:

A. Reflect consideration of local zoning with regard to both the zone in which the development is located and the proximity of the development to residential areas;

B. Employ a consistent methodology to assess background and intrusive noise effects of developments of a similar nature;

C. Provide that the board may limit the hours of operation of the development to minimize the impact on surrounding uses; and

D. Contain an appropriate list of activities ~~which that~~, although connected with a development, are wholly or partially exempt from review by the ~~board~~ department.

2. **Consideration of local ordinance.** In determining whether a developer has made adequate provision for the control of noise generated by a commercial or industrial development, the board shall consider ~~its own~~

~~regulations~~ rules adopted under this section and the quantifiable noise standards of the municipality in which the development is located and of any municipality ~~which~~ that may be affected by the noise.

3. **Prohibition.** Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit any municipality from adopting noise regulations stricter than those adopted by the ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~ board.

4. **Construction noise; residential developments.** Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. or during daylight hours, whichever is longer, noise generated by construction of developments approved under this article is exempt from regulation under this section. Noise from residential developments approved under this article is exempt from regulation under this section.

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CHAPTER 681

H.P. 1391 - L.D. 1921

An Act to Prevent Overutilization of Forest Resources

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 596, Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:

2. **Application for approval.** The application forms for approval, as provided by the commission, ~~shall must~~ be completed and signed by the applicant and ~~shall must~~ be accompanied by the following:

A. A plan of the proposed structure, subdivision or development showing the intended use of the real estate, the proposed change, the details of the project and such other information as may be required by the commission to determine conformance with applicable land use standards; ~~and~~

B. The fee prescribed by the commission rules, ~~such that~~ that fee to be a minimum of \$25 but no greater than 2/10 of 1% of the total construction costs. Zoning petitions submitted by other than a state or federal agency ~~will~~ range from \$50 to \$500 depending on size and complexity. The fees ~~shall~~ apply to all amendments except for minor changes to building permits; ~~and~~

D. Evidence of sufficient right, title or interest in all of the property ~~which that~~ is proposed for development or use. For purposes of this subsection, the written permission of the record owner or owners of flowed land ~~shall be~~ is deemed sufficient right, title or interest to confer standing for submission of a permit application, provided that the letter of permission specifically identifies the activities being