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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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tions. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters no later than January 15, 2011 with recommendations regarding fees for licenses to sell nursery stock and the advisability of establishing a dedicated account to receive license fees.

If the commissioner's recommendations include revisions to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources's existing fees, the commissioner shall:

1. Provisionally adopt amendments to Chapter 267 of the department's rules to implement the recommendations and submit the provisionally adopted rule to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature for review as a major substantive rule in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072; or

2. Submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to establish in statute fees for licenses to sell nursery stock.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 9, 2010.

CHAPTER 160

H.P. 1248 - L.D. 1754

Resolve, Naming the Bridge over Pattagumpus Stream the Nicatou Bridge

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this resolve has the time-sensitive goal of naming a bridge in the Town of Medway the Nicatou Bridge to coincide with the centennial celebration of the town; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Bridge named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate the new bridge over Pattagumpus Stream in the Town of Medway the Nicatou Bridge.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 16, 2010.

CHAPTER 161

S.P. 455 - L.D. 1222

Resolve, To Promote Geothermal Energy

Sec. 1. Policies to promote the use of geothermal energy. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall examine policy options and develop recommendations to promote and provide incentives for the installation of residential geothermal heating and cooling systems, particularly in multifamily residences. The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall, at a minimum, consult with the Maine State Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust in its examination under this section; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2011, the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under section 1, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. After its review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature relating to the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 162

H.P. 1054 - L.D. 1505

Resolve, To Ensure Consistency in the Scheduled Expiration of Terms of the Board Members of the Finance Authority of Maine

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, except for so-called "state members," the 4-year terms of membership of the board of directors of the Finance Authority of Maine were initially staggered so as to avoid simultaneous turnover; and

Whereas, the terms of board members of the Finance Authority of Maine have over time become less staggered, leading to numerous terms expiring at similar times; and

Whereas, it is desirable to avoid excessive simultaneous turnover; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Members of the Finance Authority of Maine; terms. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 966, the terms of certain members of the Finance Authority of Maine are as follows:

1. The term of the member appointed pursuant to Title 10, section 965, subsection 2, paragraph B, following its expiration in 2013, next expires in 2015;

2. The term of the member appointed pursuant to Title 10, section 965, subsection 3, paragraph B that expires in 2013 next expires in 2015; and

3. The term of the member appointed pursuant to Title 10, section 965, subsection 3, paragraph C, following its expiration in 2013, next expires in 2016.

Following completion of the adjusted terms of members under this section, terms of members under this section are for 4 years.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 17, 2010.

CHAPTER 163

H.P. 1221 - L.D. 1720

Resolve, Regarding Waste-to-energy Power

Sec. 1. Waste-to-energy power; examination. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall examine the issue of qualifying certain waste-to-energy power for renewable energy credits and renewable resource portfolio requirements. The examination must include, but is not limited to:

1. Relevant legislative proposals and actions in the United States Congress and in other states, with particular attention to other states within New England;

2. Appropriate qualifying criteria and technologies, including but not limited to advanced pyrolysis technology;

3. Potential implications of allowing certain waste-to-energy power to qualify for renewable energy credits and renewable resource portfolio requirements, including but not limited to impacts on the market for renewable energy credits and the environment; and

4. Consideration of the renewable resource portfolio requirements specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210 and the solid waste management hierarchy specified in Title 38, section 2101.

In carrying out the examination under this section, the Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall, at a minimum, consult with the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Utilities Commission and the Efficiency Maine Trust; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That, by February 15, 2011, the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under section 1, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. After its review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature relating to the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 164

H.P. 1239 - L.D. 1742

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 232: Well Drillers and Pump Installers Rules, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and