# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

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ian or conservator is not a resident of this State, subject to any conditions imposed upon nonresident parties.

**(b).** A court of this State may grant any relief available under this Part and other law of this State to enforce a registered order.

### **SUBPART 5**

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### §5-551. Uniformity of application and construction

In applying and construing this Act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

# §5-552. Relation to Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act

This Part modifies, limits and supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 United States Code, Section 7001 et seq., but does not modify, limit or supersede 15 United States Code, Section 7001(c) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices described in 15 United States Code, Section 7003(b).

#### §5-553. Transitional provisions

- (a). This Part applies to guardianship and protective proceedings begun on or after July 1, 2013.
- **(b).** Subparts 1, 3 and 4 and sections 5-551 and 5-552 apply to proceedings begun before July 1, 2013, regardless of whether a guardianship or protective order has been issued.

### §5-554. Effective date

This Part takes effect July 1, 2013.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 565 H.P. 898 - L.D. 1207

### An Act To Amend the Labor Laws Relating to Certain Agricultural Employees

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

- Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 16, as amended, is repealed.
- **Sec. 2. Review; report.** By January 15, 2017, the Department of Labor shall review the status of labor relations in this State between agricultural employees and agricultural employers that operate egg processing facilities that have over 500,000 laying birds and that employ more than 100 agricultural em-

ployees. The department shall assess the impact of changes to the laws contained in this Act and shall develop any recommendations necessary to promote agreements between agricultural employers and agricultural employees to limit industrial strife, promote stability in the farm labor force and improve the economic status of workers and businesses. The department shall submit its recommendations, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. Upon receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation to the First Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 566 H.P. 646 - L.D. 879

### An Act To Ensure Adequate Landfill Capacity in the State for Solid Waste

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

- **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-X, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 68, §1 and c. 465, Pt. A, §21 and affected by Pt. C, §2, is further amended to read:
- **3. Expansion of facilities.** The department may license an expansion of a commercial solid waste disposal or biomedical waste disposal or treatment facility after September 30, 1989 if:
  - A. The department has previously licensed the facility prior to October 6, 1989;
  - B. The department determines that the proposed expansion is contiguous with the existing facility and is located on property owned on December 31, 1989 by the licensee or by a corporation or other business entity under common ownership or control with the licensee; and:
    - (1) Is located on property owned on December 31, 1989 by the licensee or by a corporation or other business entity under common ownership or control with the licensee; or
    - (2) For a commercial solid waste disposal facility that is a commercial landfill facility that is not under order or agreement to close, is located on property owned by the licensee; and
  - C. For a commercial solid waste disposal facility the commissioner or the department determines as provided in section 1310-N, subsection 3-A that the facility provides a substantial public benefit.