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the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees.

Rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection or by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to a solar energy development on which construction begins on or after October 1, 2021 and to any other solar energy development that undergoes a transfer of ownership on or after October 1, 2021.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 152

S.P. 184 - L.D. 815

An Act To Support School Decarbonization

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10123, as amended by PL 2019, c. 347, §2, is further amended to read:

§10123. School energy savings decarbonization program

To the extent funds are available, the trust shall develop a program to provide ~~energy savings improvements to~~ technical and financial support to help kindergarten to grade 12 schools, including charter schools and private schools, to become carbon neutral. Under this program, the trust may:

1. Energy audits Professional services. ~~Provide incentives and technical support for an energy audit of~~ Facilitate access to professional services, including but not limited to energy audits, technical support, financing and legal services, to assist in the planning, design or procurement of construction projects, solar power purchases or equipment that will help a school facility to become carbon neutral. The trust may provide financial incentives for these services;

2. Energy measures. Provide financial assistance for ~~cost-effective energy measures identified in an energy audit as likely to achieve total savings within 10 years that are greater than the total costs of the measures or the plans, designs or procurements of a school facility.~~ Eligibility for energy measures qualifying for financial assistance under this section must be determined by the trust; and

3. School payments. Accept payments from schools, including, but not limited to, payments equal to or less than the value on monthly energy bills of the energy savings as a result of the energy measures. These payments may include costs to develop and oversee the project, administer the program and service loans.

The trust, in collaboration with the Department of Education, shall identify and provide incentives for cost-effective electric and natural gas conservation projects in school construction projects designated by the State Board of Education for funding pursuant to rules adopted under Title 20-A, section 15905.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10127, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 347, §3 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §55, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 153

H.P. 650 - L.D. 894

An Act To Increase Government Accountability by Removing the Restriction on the Dissemination of Information Regarding Investigations

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

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §807, as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §8, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 154

H.P. 746 - L.D. 1008

An Act To Require Joint Use Entities To Establish Permanent Liaisons with All County Emergency Management Agencies

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §717 is enacted to read:

§717. Joint use entity liaisons

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Disaster" has the same meaning as in Title 37-B, section 703, subsection 2.

B. "Facilities" has the same meaning as in section 2502, subsection 3.

C. "Joint use entity" has the same meaning as in section 711, subsection 7, paragraph B.

2. Joint use entity; liaison designation. A joint use entity shall designate, in each county where the joint