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STATE OF MAINE

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3. Collective bargaining dispute. If a public school employee was subjected to the dangerous behavior and that employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement, a dispute arising out of the incident of dangerous behavior is subject to the dispute resolution process of the collective bargaining agreement.

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CHAPTER 494

S.P. 866 - L.D. 2038

**An Act to Amend the Law
Regarding the Land for
Maine's Future Board to Allow
for Proxy Designees**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6204, sub-§1, as affected by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. II, §11 and amended by c. 657, Pt. X, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Composition. The board consists of 9 members, 6 who are private citizens and 3 who are permanent members. The permanent members are the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Commissioner of Marine Resources; and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. A permanent member may appoint a designee to represent that member at board meetings.

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CHAPTER 495

H.P. 1325 - L.D. 2063

**An Act to Clarify the Laws
Governing Disclosure of Wood
Processing Data**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Disclosure of confidential information. Notwithstanding subsection 3, confidential information may be disclosed pursuant to this subsection.

A. The director of the bureau may disclose information designated as confidential under subsection 3 to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station when that entity, in the opinion of the director, requires that information and the bureau and that entity have executed a confidentiality agreement that protects against further disclosure of that information except in summary reports that use aggregate data

that do not reveal the activities of an individual person or firm.

B. The director of the bureau may not disclose information furnished by a state or federal agency when that information has been designated as confidential by the furnishing agency unless the furnishing agency authorizes the disclosure.

A recipient of information pursuant to paragraph A or B may not disclose or use the information except as authorized by the director of the bureau, and the information remains confidential and the property of the bureau.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §45 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Penalties. A person who:

A. Fails to submit a report pursuant to this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each failure may be adjudged; or

B. Receives confidential information pursuant to subsection 3-A and uses that information for a purpose other than that authorized by the director of the bureau commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$1,000 may be adjudged.

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CHAPTER 496

H.P. 1306 - L.D. 2044

**An Act to Update Air Quality
Health Warnings**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §584-F, as amended by PL 1999, c. 79, §2, is further amended to read:

§584-F. Ozone Air quality health warnings

1. Dissemination of warnings to media and public. Whenever monitored data demonstrates or the department predicts that ground-level ozone ambient air concentrations have exceeded or of a pollutant will exceed .08 parts per million averaged over an 8-hour period reach the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Index category of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or a higher category, the department shall disseminate a health warning to the mass media, including but not limited to television, radio and print media, and shall urge the media to issue the warning to the general public. The department shall use best efforts to educate the media as to the need to broadly disseminate health warnings to the public. In disseminating a warning under this subsection, the department shall also