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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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Sec. 8. Department of Environmental Protection; rulemaking; authorizations. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 480-AA or any other provision of law to the contrary, any rulemaking conducted prior to July 1, 2025 by the Department of Environmental Protection to amend its rule Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act-Permit by Rule Standards and its rule Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules to ensure the consistency of those rules with Title 38, section 480-E, subsections 16 and 17 is routine technical rulemaking, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Notwithstanding any provision of law or department rule to the contrary, prior to the final adoption by the department of amendments to its rule Chapter 305 or rule Chapter 355 pursuant to this section, the department may authorize activities through a permit by rule consistent with the requirements of Title 38, section 480-E, subsection 16 or through a permit or permit by rule consistent with the requirements of Title 38, section 480-E, subsection 17.

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

Effective March 12, 2024.

CHAPTER 532

H.P. 1340 - L.D. 2081

An Act to Amend a Notice Provision Regarding Registration of Out-of-state Child Custody Determinations Under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1765, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 486, §3 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

B. ~~Serve~~ Provide a notice upon with the information required under subsection 3 to the person seeking registration, who shall then serve the notice on the other persons named pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph C and provide them with an opportunity to contest the registration in accordance with this section. Notice must be given in a manner allowed under section 1738.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 533
S.P. 892 - L.D. 2099

An Act to Make Changes to Certain Laws Governing Renewable Energy Projects

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §1, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) "Combined project" means a distributed solar facility that is paired with an energy storage system.

Sec. 2. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 411, §1, is amended to read:

E. Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs C and F, ratepayer funds may not be used to implement the program or to provide funding under the program to distributed solar facilities or energy storage systems.

Sec. 3. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. The office may petition the Public Utilities Commission to procure energy, capacity or renewable energy credits in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3803 from distributed solar facilities or combined projects that receive federal funding pursuant to the program. The commission may not direct a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract for energy, capacity or renewable energy credits from a distributed solar facility or a combined project unless the commission finds that the contract will benefit ratepayers and the procurement is in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3804.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3408, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 481, §6, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The Department of Labor shall adopt routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement this subsection. The Department of Labor may adopt routine technical rules relating to the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold.

See title page for effective date.
