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LD 65 An Act To Invest in the Stewardship and Management of Properties Acquired with the Proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 33 allows a small portion of Land for Maine's Future program bond funds to be used to fund minor capital investments in the stewardship and management of properties acquired with funding from the Land for Maine's Future Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund, ensuring that these properties are maintained in perpetuity for the purposes for which the properties are conserved.

LD 66 An Act To Improve Livestock and Poultry Preparation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 64 makes technical changes to the laws governing preparation of livestock and poultry products for human consumption. The law defines "amenable species" as a species of exotic animal, as defined by federal law, the anatomy and biology of which are substantially the same as an animal that is currently inspected, and it includes amenable species under the laws governing voluntary inspections. The law removes the requirement that funds reimbursed under the laws governing preparation of livestock and poultry products for human consumption be deposited in the General Fund as undedicated revenue. The law also prohibits a person from selling, transporting, offering for sale or transportation or receiving for transportation any carcasses of horses, mules or other equines or parts of these carcasses or the meat or meat food products of these carcasses. The law also clarifies the definition of "meat" in the provisions of law relating to preparation of livestock and poultry products for human consumption by providing that meat is the muscle of livestock, an amenable species or an exotic animal.

LD 90 An Act To Amend the Removal Process Applicable to the Position of State Supervisor of the Forest Protection Unit of the Bureau of Forestry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 34 clarifies that in the event that the Chief Forest Ranger is not reappointed, the Chief Forest Ranger has the right to be restored to the position from which the Chief Forest Ranger was promoted or to a position equivalent in salary grade, without impairment of personnel status or the loss of seniority, retirement or other rights to which uninterrupted service in the previous position would have entitled the former Chief Forest Ranger. The law further clarifies that the Chief Forest Ranger must be appointed from among the forest rangers of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.