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LD 8 An Act To Support Collection and Proper Disposal of Unwanted Drugs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 94 requires certain drug manufacturers to establish and operate a drug take-back stewardship program or programs in the State to collect and dispose of certain unwanted drugs. Such a program must be designed to provide free, convenient and ongoing collection opportunities to all persons seeking to dispose of such unwanted drugs, which must be geographically distributed in a way to ensure access in rural and underserved areas and which may include the use of mail-back envelopes, collection receptacles or other collection methods approved by the Department of Environmental Protection.

LD 57 An Act To Reduce the Landfilling of Municipal Solid Waste

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 230 repeals the existing \$2 per ton municipal solid waste surcharge statute in the laws governing solid waste management and amends the State's waste handling fee statute to impose a \$1 per ton disposal fee on all municipal solid waste disposed of at a commercial, municipal, state-owned or regional association landfill.

LD 67 An Act To Assist in the Restoration of Atlantic Salmon

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 50 eliminates restrictions for the total number of discharge licenses allowed to be issued for Class AA and Class A waters. It retains the requirement in current law that those discharges assist in the restoration of Atlantic salmon and will return the waters to a state that is closer to historically natural chemical quality. It also removes redundant language regarding the length of a discharge license issued for Class AA and Class A waters as current law already limits the term of a discharge license to five years.

LD 69 An Act To Reduce Duplicative Permitting Review for Projects under the Site Location of Development Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 51 increases from seven acres to 10 acres the upper acreage limit of a structure subject to municipal review and exempt from department review and permitting under the site location of development laws.