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STATE OF MAINE  
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6. The law amends animal welfare laws to define "animal care facility" and to provide that the definition of "boarding kennel" applies to all privately-owned animals that are kept for a fee.

**LD 155 Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Prohibit the Use of Certain Neonicotinoids for Outdoor Residential Use**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 33 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to prohibit the use of any product containing certain neonicotinoids used for application in outdoor residential landscapes such as on lawn, turf or ornamental vegetation. The law provides that products used for preserving wood, controlling or treating indoor pests, controlling or treating insects outside around structural foundations and other parts of structures, and treating pets are specifically exempt from the prohibition.

The law also requires the board to allow the use of certain neonicotinoids by certified applicators on ornamental vegetation to manage emerging invasive insect pests, including but not limited to the Asian long-horned beetle, emerald ash borer and hemlock wooly adelgid in order to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of the State and to protect the natural resources of the State.

**LD 204 An Act To Amend the Law Regarding the Interest Rate for State Loans under the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 31 changes the interest rate on loans made through the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund from a fixed rate of 5% to the federal prime rate on the date of loan commitment or up to a maximum of 5% and allows existing loans in good standing to be refinanced at the same rate.

Public Law 2021, chapter 31 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 7, 2021.

**LD 207 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 10 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 1: Fee Schedule, a major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Land Use Planning Commission. The law also provides that the Maine Land Use Planning Commission must finally adopt rules no later than October 1, 2021.