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130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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Resolve 2021, chapter 10 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

LD 264 Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control To Gather Information Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 83 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to amend its rules governing the registration of pesticides in the State to require manufacturers and distributors to provide affidavits stating whether the registered pesticide has ever been stored, distributed or packaged in a fluorinated high-density polyethylene container and to require manufacturers to provide an affidavit stating whether a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance is in the formulation of the registered pesticide.

The law also directs the board to conduct a study to determine if fluorinated adjuvants are being used or sold in the State. It directs the board to explore what is needed to regulate fluorinated adjuvants in the State and to explore what is necessary to impose a prohibition on the distribution or application of pesticides or adjuvants containing perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances in the State. The law also directs the board to develop a feasible definition of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl adulteration in a pesticide. It directs the board to submit a report based on the study, with findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2022 and gives the joint standing committee authority to submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

LD 268 An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 414 provides that a person may not be charged a fee to obtain a burn permit online. The law also allows a vendor or owner of a private party burn permit software system to charge a municipality for use of private party burn permit software.

LD 316 An Act To Prohibit the Use of Chlorpyrifos

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 105 prohibits the use of pesticides containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient beginning January 1, 2022. From January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 the Board of Pesticides Control may grant a temporary permit authorizing a pesticides applicator licensed by the State to use or apply a pesticide containing chlorpyrifos as an active ingredient, as long as that licensed pesticides applicator possessed the pesticide in the State before January 1, 2022. The

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board is required to post on its publicly accessible website information on the temporary permits issued.

**LD 322 An Act To Provide Occupants of Motor Vehicles with Gold Star Family
Registration Plates Free Entry to State Parks and Historic Sites**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 415 provides for free entry to state parks and historic sites managed by the State for those persons who have gold star family registration plates on their motor vehicles and for passengers in those vehicles.

**LD 416 An Act Regarding the Production and Sale of Birch Syrup and Birch Syrup
Products**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 43 provides for the regulation of the production, sale and labeling of birch syrup and birch syrup products.

Public Law 2021, chapter 43 was enacted as an emergency measure effective May 5, 2021.

LD 437 An Act To Establish the Maine Healthy Soils Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 143 establishes the Maine Healthy Soils Program within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for the purposes of promoting and expanding the use of healthy soils best practices among farmers and farmland owners.

**LD 486 Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Provide Annual Updates on
Efforts to Consolidate the Bureau's Unconsolidated Public Lots**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 18 directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to include in the bureau's annual report on public reserved, nonreserved public and submerged lands a progress report on the bureau's efforts to consolidate common and undivided public lot parcels that are held in common with private landowners.