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LD 722 Resolve, To Study the Establishment of the Maine Climate Corps

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 25 directs the Maine Commission for Community Service to study and identify short-term projects and tasks in state agencies that could be made into service projects for residents of the State. It also directs the commission to provide the basis for the establishment of a Maine Climate Corps as proposed in the Maine Climate Council's climate action plan, "Maine Won't Wait: A Four-year Plan for Climate Action," to study existing service programs to identify potential hosts for the Maine Climate Corps, along with identifying possible public and private partnerships and to include in its study how to best structure a Maine Climate Corps program to address shifting and expanding climate challenges that can be addressed by the Maine Climate Corps in the future and also to allow for long-term service projects. The commission is required to submit a report based on its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by January 31, 2022.

LD 771 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 173 modifies the laws governing the wastewater treatment plant operator certification program administered by the Department of Environmental Protection. It changes the procedure for revocation of a wastewater treatment plant operator certification, provides authority for suspension of a wastewater treatment plant operator certification, clarifies how the department may administer the program, updates outdated terminology and eliminates outdated provisions. It clarifies the department's existing authority with respect to licenses and its authority with respect to wastewater treatment plant operator certificates. It makes a violation of the chapter and rules governing sewage treatment operators a Class E crime, instead of a misdemeanor, consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 4.

LD 780 An Act Regarding Uncontrolled Hazardous Substance Sites

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 117 makes the following changes to the State's uncontrolled hazardous substance sites law.

1. It amends the definition of "hazardous substance" by including substances defined as hazardous substances or pollutants or contaminants under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.