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Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 7 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 14, 2021.

LD 940 An Act To Establish Appliance Energy and Water Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 433 provides that, beginning January 1, 2023, a person may not sell or offer for sale in the State certain appliances or products manufactured on or after January 1, 2023 that are prohibited from sale in major substantive rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection.

LD 946 Resolve, Regarding the Shore Damage Mitigation Project in Saco Bay

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 85 directs the Governor to take all actions the Governor considers necessary to assist and support the City of Saco in the City of Saco's role as the nonfederal sponsor with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the shore damage mitigation project for the Saco River and Camp Ellis Beach, which may include directing any relevant state agencies to assist the City of Saco in its entering into a project partnership agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the construction of that project and directing any relevant state agencies to assist and support the City of Saco and other communities on Saco Bay in the construction of that project and in implementing other beach and beach habitat remediation projects in and around Saco Bay.

LD 1023 An Act Regarding the Outdoor Release or Abandonment of Balloons

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 374 makes the following changes to the State's litter control law.

1. It clarifies that waste materials resulting from the outdoor release or abandonment of a balloon constitute litter under that law.
2. It provides that it is a violation of that law for a person to intentionally release outdoors a balloon that is inflated or filled with a gas that is lighter than air, except for a balloon carrying scientific instrumentation, a balloon used for meteorological observation by a governmental or scientific organization or a hot air balloon that is recovered after launching.
3. It applies a civil penalty of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 for the illegal intentional release of 16 to 24 balloons and a civil penalty of not less than \$500 for the illegal intentional release of more than 24 balloons.