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LD 1028 An Act To Ease Business Expansion by Increasing the Number and Applicability of Permit Exemptions under the Site Location of Development Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Under the site location of development laws, new construction at a licensed manufacturing facility and new construction at or modification of a campus of an educational institution is exempt from review under those laws if certain criteria are met.

Public Law 2021, chapter 123 amends those exemption criteria under those laws by increasing the allowable additional disturbed area not to be revegetated as a result of that new construction or modification from 30,000 square feet to 40,000 square feet ground area in any calendar year and from 60,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet ground area in total.

LD 1161 An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 336 authorizes a municipality to adopt an ordinance that allows the expansion of an existing restaurant that is part of a marina that has been permitted in accordance with all applicable state and local requirements, notwithstanding provisions that require certain setback requirements and limit the expansion of structures within 25 feet of a water body or wetland. Such expansion may be permitted only if it is not located over a water body or wetland, is not located any closer to the water body or wetland than the existing restaurant and, except for the water and wetland setback requirements, meets all other state and local permit requirements and complies with all other applicable rules. Such expansion may be allowed if the restaurant and the marina of which the restaurant is a part have both been in existence as of January 1, 2021.

LD 1415 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Environmental Protection To Determine Staffing Needs To More Efficiently and Effectively Issue Decisions on New, Amendment and Minor Revision Applications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 62 directs the Department of Environmental Protection to determine the staffing resources necessary to efficiently and effectively review new permit applications submitted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 420-D and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, articles 5-A and 6 and to issue decisions on amendment and minor revision applications submitted under those same laws within timetables that are no longer than those established by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for new applications. It requires the department, by November 1, 2021, to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources on the outcome of the staffing resources determination and allows the committee to report out a bill to the 130th Legislature.