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2050 and 4 feet by 2100 into administration of those laws and rules and to implement the strategy designated as "Strategy F3" in the 2020 state climate action plan.

LD 1600 An Act To Investigate Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Contamination of Land and Groundwater

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 478 establishes the Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund to be used by the Department of Environmental Protection to test and monitor soil and groundwater for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, and other contaminants and for other related activities. The fund is funded by a \$10 per ton fee assessed annually beginning January 1, 2022 on the handling of septage or sludge. The department shall waive payment of the fee for any entity that would otherwise be assessed an annual fee of less than \$50 total.

Public Law 2021, chapter 478 also requires the department to develop and implement a program for the testing of soil and groundwater for PFAS contamination at locations where sludge or septage was applied prior to 2019, with program costs to be funded through the Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund. The department is authorized to determine testing prioritization criteria and is required to complete testing of half of such locations by December 31, 2024 and all such locations by December 31, 2025, excluding locations where the department is unable to obtain authorization to test. The department may not allow a person licensed to apply sludge or septage at a location from surrendering that license or permit unless the location has been tested under the program.

Public Law 2021, chapter 478 also requires the department to develop and implement a program to evaluate leachate collected and managed by solid waste landfills for PFAS contamination and, on or before January 15, 2024, to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters regarding the program including a description of the testing results and any recommendations.

LD 1631 An Act To Amend the Laws Banning Polystyrene Foam Regarding Packaging for Meat, Poultry, Fish, Seafood and Eggs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 208 amends State law prohibiting the processing, preparation, sale or provision of food or beverages by certain establishments in or on a polystyrene foam disposable food service container as follows.

1. It amends the definition of "disposable food service container" under that law to exclude service ware used to contain, transport or otherwise package raw, uncooked or butchered meat, poultry, fish, seafood or eggs. Effective July 1, 2025, the definition of "disposable food service