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initially generated within the State. After receiving the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any such recommendations.

**LD 1801 An Act To Modify Exemptions for Certain Storm Water Discharges to Class AA and SA Waters**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 503 amends the law governing exemptions for storm water discharges to Class AA and Class SA waters and provides that certain segments of waters classified as Class AA and Class SA are not designated as outstanding national resources.

Public Law 2021, chapter 503 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.

**LD 1809 An Act To Allow Exceptions to the Height Limitations under the Shoreland Zoning Laws**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 504 amends how the height of an existing principal or accessory structure, including a legally existing nonconforming structure, located in the shoreland zone is measured when the structure is also located in an area of special flood hazard and there is a minimum elevation required for structures by a local floodplain management ordinance. It specifically allows for an exception to shoreland zoning height requirements for legally existing nonconforming structures located in an area of special flood hazard in order to be consistent with a local floodplain management elevation requirement.

**LD 1826 An Act To Require Reporting by the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species Regarding Recommendations To Reduce the Threat of Further Infestations**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 522 amends the statute governing the Interagency Task Force on Invasive Aquatic Plants and Nuisance Species to require that, on or before January 15, 2023, and biennially thereafter, the task force submit to the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Marine Resources and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters, inland fisheries and wildlife matters and marine resources matters a report containing its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, on a variety of matters relating to controlling the introduction of invasive aquatic plants and nuisance species in the State. After reviewing the report, each joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report.

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Public Law 2021, chapter 522 also requires the task force, in developing those findings and recommendations, to convene a stakeholder group that includes, but is not limited to, task force members, state natural resources agency staff and other persons with relevant experience or expertise including representatives of local and regional lake associations and representatives of lake protection organizations. It provides that for the first report due January 15, 2023, the task force is required to include additional one-time findings on a number of specified matters.

**LD 1835 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Storm Water Management To Provide an Exemption for Mountain Bike Trails**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 507 exempts certain mountain bike trails from the storm water management requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 420-D.

Public Law 2021, chapter 507 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 16, 2022.

**LD 1875 Resolve, To Address Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Pollution at State-owned Solid Waste Landfills**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 172 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to conduct a study of methods of treating leachate collected at the state-owned solid waste landfills in Old Town and in East Millinocket to reduce the concentration of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the leachate. On or before January 15, 2023, the bureau is required to submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters a report containing its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, resulting from its study. After receiving the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation to implement any such recommendations to the 131st Legislature.

Resolve 2021, chapter 172 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective May 2, 2022.

**LD 1911 An Act To Prevent the Further Contamination of the Soils and Waters of the State with So-called Forever Chemicals**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 641 does the following.