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# LD 1828 An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program

### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 523 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract for the administration of the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, but requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to administer the fund if a suitable 3rd-party administrator cannot be found.

It requires the commissioner to develop procedures to pay a person, regardless of income, 100% of the cost for the spaying or neutering of a feral cat. It also specifies that a copayment may not be required for the spaying or neutering of a feral cat.

Public Law 2021, chapter 523 requires the commissioner, in consultation with the Animal Welfare Advisory Council, to issue a request for proposals no later than August 1, 2022 to contract the administration of Companion Animal Sterilization Fund. It requires that the initial contract be for 36 months. It requires the department to conduct an evaluation of the initial 36-month contract and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over animal welfare matters no later than January 1, 2026. The joint standing committee is required to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

LD 1921 Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps

#### ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 133 authorizes the State to convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe a 1.08-acre parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, which is a portion of a site known as the Eastern Surplus Company Superfund site.

It allows the Passamaquoddy Tribe to take ownership of the parcel of land without assuming liability for historical contamination that the tribe did not cause and permits continued access to the land by the State and the United States to address remaining and future contamination at this or nearby lands.

See also Bills Not Referred To Or Reported By A Committee, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2036.

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