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incorporate into those laws and rules sea level rise projections and measures designed to enhance community resilience to flooding and other climate impacts as required by Resolve 2021, chapter 67.

1. It amends the requirements of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission permit exception for the repair and maintenance or replacement of existing road culverts to incorporate similar requirements for such activities imposed under the Natural Resources Protection Act.
2. It amends Maine Land Use Planning Commission permit approval criteria for proposed developments to provide that, in making a determination regarding whether an applicant has made adequate provision for fitting the proposal harmoniously into the existing natural environment, the commission may consider the effects of sea level rise as specified by the commission by rule.
3. It amends the laws governing municipal planning and land use regulation to define “local climate action plan”; to incorporate such plans into a municipality's or multimunicipal region's growth management program through the preparation of a climate vulnerability assessment and by addressing in its program the climate risks identified in such assessments; and to require that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's technical and financial assistance program for the implementation of growth management programs provide priority in the making of grants under the technical and financial assistance program to municipalities and multimunicipal regions that have adopted local climate action plans and prepared climate vulnerability assessments.
4. It amends the site location of development laws to authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to consider the effects of sea level rise in determining whether a developer has made adequate provision for fitting a proposed development harmoniously into the existing natural environment.
5. It amends solid waste facility siting laws to authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to consider the effects of sea level rise in determining whether an applicant for a solid waste facility license has made adequate provision for fitting a proposed facility harmoniously into the existing natural environment.

**LD 1974 An Act To Establish and Fund the Maine Climate Corps Program Pursuant to
Recommendations in the Report Required by Resolve 2021, Chapter 25**

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 728 implements recommendations regarding the establishment and funding of the Maine Climate Corps Program made pursuant to the report required by Resolve 2021, chapter 25. It establishes the Maine Climate Corps Program under the Maine Commission for Community Service and also provides one-time and ongoing General Fund appropriations to fund the Maine Climate Corps Program and one-time General Fund appropriations to fund the