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LD 26 An Act to Add an Inflation Adjustment to the Maximum Amount of Funding Disbursed from the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund for Certain Personal Services of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 94 changes a provision governing the Maine Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund by requiring the $7,000,000 annual limit on fund disbursements for certain personal services of the Department of Environmental Protection to be adjusted on an annual basis based on the Consumer Price Index as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

LD 36 An Act to Clarify Processes of the Board of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 52 provides that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection is not required to notify the Board of Environmental Protection of permit by rule notifications, waste transporter applications and occupational licenses. It also provides that an applicant is not required to provide notice to the public of permit by rule notifications, waste transporter applications and occupational licenses.

Public Law 2025, chapter 52 also allows a person to whom an order regarding an uncontrolled hazardous substance site is directed to apply to the board for a hearing on the order if the application is made within 10 working days after service of the order. The law requires the board to hold a hearing on an order regarding an uncontrolled hazardous substance site as expeditiously as possible after receipt of an application for a hearing, but in no case later than 90 days after receipt, and requires the board decision to be published within 2 working days after it is made.

LD 62 An Act to Support Municipal and County Actions on Dam Ownership and to Make Other Changes to the Laws Regulating Release from Dam Ownership

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 226 amends the process for Department of Environmental Protection proceedings for release of dam ownership by changing the information that must be submitted by the dam owner; changing the time frames for certain required processes under the laws regulating those proceedings; and including the Department of Marine Resources in the consultation process required under those proceedings to provide for an assessment of the value to marine resources associated with the dam or its removal. The law also makes other specified changes to the laws regulating release from dam ownership.