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**LD 24 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands to Convey Public Land Parcels in Lincoln Plantation and Sandy River Plantation**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 22 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to implement land transactions at 2 locations. The director is authorized to convey 47 leased lots and an additional 14 lots that are vacant and adjacent to these 47 leased lots in Lincoln Plantation. Proceeds from the sale must be used to purchase conservation land in Oxford County. In addition, the director is authorized to exchange a small leased parcel and additional land up to 0.25 acres in Sandy River Plantation in a value-for-value transaction for a deeded right-of-way across an adjacent parcel. The law also specifies that a survey must be completed to determine the boundaries of the lots to be conveyed.

**LD 39 An Act to Require Landowners to Report Their Participation in a Forest Carbon Program or Project**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 96 requires that a landowner or the landowner's designated agent report participation in a forest carbon program or project to the Director of the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

**LD 40 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Commercial Large Game Shooting Area License Transfer Process**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 29 provides the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry with the final authority on approving a transfer of a commercial large game shooting area license. The law provides that the proposed new licensee must meet the requirements for licensure.

**LD 88 An Act Regarding Penalties for Violating the Maine Weights and Measures Law**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 193 authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to assess administrative penalties for each violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapter 501, known as the Maine Weights and Measures Law, for which a specific penalty has not been prescribed, with certain exceptions. Penalties may not exceed \$5,000 for each occurrence and may not exceed \$50,000 in total. The law requires that a person be given notice of the penalties assessed and be given an opportunity to request a hearing before the penalty is imposed. The law

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establishes procedures for providing notice, holding hearings and remedies that the commissioner may use when a person fails to pay a penalty.

The law also clarifies that a person who violates provisions of the Maine Weights and Measures Law relating to the sale of firewood commits a civil violation for which a fine must be adjudged in an amount not less than \$50 nor more than \$2,000, which is the penalty under current law applicable to violations for which there is no specific penalty. Finally, the law provides that administrative penalties do not apply to violations of the Maine Weights and Measures Law relating to the sale of firewood under Title 10, subchapter 7-A or the sale of commodities under Title 10, subchapter 2-A and that the civil penalties for a violation of those provisions under current law are unchanged.

**LD 103 An Act to Reorganize and Simplify Certain Exemptions in the Use Regulation Law**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 11 reorganizes and simplifies certain exceptions in the use regulation law and the provisions in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12 that address procedures for the Land Use Planning Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection to streamline cross-jurisdictional projects and processes.

**LD 124 An Act to Protect the Right to Food**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 309 does the following.

1. It amends the law governing edible landscaping throughout Capitol Park to allow collaboration with local, state or regional entities in developing and maintaining edible landscaping.
2. It provides that strategies to end hunger in the State by 2030 must include protecting the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25.
3. It amends the Maine Food Sovereignty Act to:
  - A. Require the State, instead of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, to support certain policies, including promoting self-reliance and personal responsibility and enhancing rural economic development, and add as a policy protecting the right to food as declared in the Constitution of Maine, Article I, Section 25;
  - B. Establish food sovereignty principles;