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LD 269 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 58 authorizes final adoption by the Department of Environmental Protection of Chapter 375: No Adverse Environmental Effect Standards of the Site Location of Development Act, a major substantive rule of the department that was submitted for legislative review, only if certain specified changes are made to that rule prior to final adoption.

Resolve 2025, chapter 58 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 296 An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 451 provides one-time funding of \$50,000 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to support projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

LD 297 An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 373 amends the law regarding the reuse or recycling of construction and demolition debris by certain solid waste processing facilities that were in operation during calendar year 2018 and that accept exclusively construction and demolition debris by extending the dates by which such facilities must reuse or recycle a certain percentage of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill.

The law also amends Public Law 2023, chapter 283, section 2, which took effect June 23, 2023, and which provided that, for the period ending July 1, 2025, if in any 12-month period the total weight of the residue generated by a solid waste processing facility and disposed of or otherwise placed in a solid waste landfill exceeds the total weight of the solid waste initially generated within the State that was processed by the facility in that 12-month period, such excess residue, not to exceed 25,000 tons in that 12-month period, is deemed to be waste generated within the State, as long as that excess residue is composed of oversized bulky waste and is disposed of or otherwise placed in a state-owned solid waste landfill. Under that prior law, any other excess residue generated by the facility in that 12-month period is deemed not to be waste generated within the State.