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LD 308 An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Administration of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 15 authorizes the Animal Welfare Advisory Council to meet more frequently than the required meeting every other month. The law also allows the chair of the council to delegate council duties to individual council members or subcommittees.

LD 356 Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 47 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control to prohibit the use of rodenticides, including rodenticidal baits, in outdoor residential settings. A person who is certified by the board pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-D and authorized to use or supervise the use of any pesticides is exempt from the prohibition on the use of rodenticides in outdoor residential settings. The law requires the board to submit a report with an update on the prohibition on the use of rodenticides in outdoor residential settings to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2026.

LD 379 An Act Regarding Confidential Information Gathered for Forest Fire Emergency Response and Planning

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 72 modifies the provisions of law governing forest fire control to clarify that certain emergency plans of action formulated by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry are considered confidential and are exempt from public records requests under the Freedom of Access Act if the plans contain any of the following: personal contact information; information related to gaining access to gates, locks or roads; proprietary information of a landowner; and emergency response information acquired by the Director of the Bureau of Forestry. The director may disclose confidential information to another state agency for the purposes of emergency incident response and planning.