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Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 9 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 18, 2025.

LD 704 An Act to Clarify Performance Standards for Quarries

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 91 amends the quarrying law to provide that a person that is operating a quarry or operating a quarry and conducting an excavation or grading preliminary to a construction project and that is otherwise exempt from the requirements of that law that intends to conduct blasting at that quarry or as part of that excavation or grading is required to comply with certain quarrying law notification requirements for blasting. Those notification requirements provide that, prior to blasting, the owner or operator must develop and implement a plan that provides an opportunity for prior notification of a planned blast for all persons located within 1,000 feet of the blast site. Notification may be by telephone, in writing, by public notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected or by other means identified in the plan.

LD 708 An Act to Allow for Rescission of a Site Location of Development Permit When a Development Is Decommissioned

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 49 amends the site location of development laws to require the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to rescind a site location of development permit for a development that is not a subdivision, upon the request of the permittee, if the development has been fully decommissioned to the satisfaction of the Department of Environmental Protection. The law defines “fully decommissioned” as all aboveground and belowground components of a development have been physically removed, the site has been restored to preconstruction grade, any previously vegetated areas have been revegetated with native vegetation similar to nearby native vegetation and all waste has been recycled or disposed of at a facility authorized to accept the materials for recycling or disposal.

LD 795 An Act to Establish a Waiver Process from the Permit Requirements for the Use of Explosives in Recreational or Hobby Mining Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 93 amends the laws regulating explosives and flammable liquids to provide that the Commissioner of Public Safety may approve a waiver from the requirement that a person possessing, using, storing or transporting explosives obtain a permit from the commissioner if the person is intending to conduct recreational or hobby mining activities and satisfies other specified criteria, including a requirement that the person requesting the waiver had previously been issued a waiver from the permit requirements prior to March 4, 2025. The law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES