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LD 1158 An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 184 adds the following categories of appliances and products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2027 to the list of new appliances and products in law that a person may not sell or offer for sale in the State if they are prohibited from sale pursuant to the appliance and product efficiency rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection: commercial battery chargers; commercial dishwashers; commercial food steamers; commercial fryers; commercial ovens; computer server power supplies; and residential ventilating fans.

LD 1207 An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 106 amends the site location of development laws to provide that a proposed solar energy development may not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. This provision does not apply to vegetation removal activities necessary for shade management or road or utility line crossings within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook.

LD 1306 An Act to Continue the Exemption for Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Containers Prepackaged at Wholesale

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 151 amends the law governing disposable food service containers as follows.

1. It provides that the provision of that law that was set to take effect July 1, 2025, which will define “disposable food service container” to include service ware used to contain, transport or otherwise package raw, uncooked or butchered meat, poultry, fish, seafood or eggs, will instead take effect July 1, 2027.
2. It provides that the provision of that law that was set to be repealed July 1, 2025 and defines “disposable food service container” to not include service ware used to contain, transport or otherwise package raw, uncooked or butchered meat, poultry, fish, seafood or eggs will instead be repealed July 1, 2027.
3. It provides that the provision of that law that was set to be repealed July 1, 2025 and provides an exemption from that law for a covered establishment to sell at retail food or beverages in or on a polystyrene foam disposable food service container that the covered establishment purchases prepackaged at wholesale will instead be repealed July 1, 2027.