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7. It removes the provisions of law that repeal on July 15, 2025 the requirement for initiators of deposit and pick-up agents to report annually to the department certain information regarding deposit transactions and redemptions.
8. It amends that portion of the law regarding the relicensing of redemption centers to provide that any such relicensing is not subject to the population requirements for licensing.
9. It clarifies that, prior to determining whether to approve or reject a plan submitted by the cooperative for the establishment of the single commingling program, the department must hold a public meeting on the plan. This change to the law is retroactive to January 1, 2025.

Public Law 2025, chapter 241 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

**LD 1604 An Act to Protect Groundwater and Surface Waters from Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Landfill Leachate**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 172 requires a person licensed by the Department of Environmental Protection to discharge wastewater to groundwater or any waters of the State to maintain a record of and annually report to the department, in a manner determined by the department, regarding the origin, volume and final disposition of leachate collected from a solid waste landfill delivered to or otherwise accepted by the licensee for treatment or other management.

Public Law 2025, chapter 172 also requires a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate to integrate into the landfill's department-approved water quality monitoring plan the sampling and analysis of leachate for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances and to provide the results from that leachate testing to the department in accordance with the water quality monitoring plan and as part of the landfill's annual report. On an annual basis, the department is required to make results from this leachate testing conducted by solid waste landfills available on its publicly accessible website.

Public Law 2025, chapter 172 also requires that, upon written request to the department from the owner of a property abutting a solid waste landfill that collects and manages leachate, the department shall require the landfill to conduct a one-time sampling and analysis for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of a private water supply well used by the owner for drinking water purposes. If the analysis indicates possible perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination of the private water supply well from the solid waste landfill, the department shall require the solid waste landfill to conduct additional sampling and analysis of the private water supply well for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in a manner directed by the department.