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**LD 1782 Resolve, Regarding Host Community Compensation for the Juniper Ridge Landfill in the City of Old Town**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 66 directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to work with the contract operator of the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill and the City of Old Town to initiate a negotiation with those parties for further amendment of the Host Community Compensation and Facility Oversight Agreement dated December 8, 2005 and signed by the State of Maine, the City of Old Town and Casella Waste Systems, Inc. to ensure that the City of Old Town is fairly and adequately compensated for the burden of hosting the Juniper Ridge Landfill, taking into account changes in circumstances since the execution of that agreement; any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed capacity expansion at the landfill; any ongoing or future processes relating to a proposed extension of the operating services agreement for the operation of the landfill; and any other factors determined by the parties.

**LD 1786 An Act to Require the Department of Environmental Protection to Provide Certain Information Regarding Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Public and Private Drinking Water Well Owners**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 321 requires the Department of Environmental Protection to post on its publicly accessible website information regarding the current most stringent maximum contaminant levels adopted by a federal agency or the State for regulated PFAS contaminants, measured in parts per trillion. The law also requires that, if the department conducts or facilitates the testing of a private drinking water well for potential PFAS contamination, it must provide to the owner of the well, by mail and, if possible, by e-mail, at the time that it provides the owner with the results of that testing, information regarding maximum contaminant levels for regulated PFAS contaminants, a comparison of the testing results to those levels and information regarding resources available to owners of private drinking water wells affected by PFAS. The department is directed to provide similar information to other owners of private drinking water wells not tested by the department at the request of an owner or if the department has knowledge that the well may be contaminated by PFAS.

**LD 1793 An Act to Amend Eligibility Criteria Under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 322 amends eligibility criteria for grants under the Maine Solid Waste Diversion Grant Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2201-B to authorize disbursement of grants to public and regional entities to cover necessary costs incidental to or associated with the implementation of a proposed program, project, initiative or activity,

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including, but not limited to, the hiring of or contracting with consultants or specialists, the conducting of feasibility studies and the promotion of collaborative regional efforts relating to the collection and transportation of solid waste. It also expands grant eligibility to public or private entities for programs, projects, initiatives or activities relating to the collection and transportation of waste that is diverted from disposal.

**LD 1976 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 51 authorizes final adoption by the Department of Environmental Protection of Chapter 379: Compensation for Impacts to High-Value Agricultural Land from Solar Energy Development, a major substantive rule of the department that was submitted for legislative review outside the legislative rule acceptance period.

Resolve 2025, chapter 51 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 9, 2025.