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Public Law 2025, chapter 651 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2141 An Act Regarding Enforcement of the Annual Reporting Requirement of the Laws Governing Unclaimed Beverage Container Deposits

Public Law 2025, chapter 731 provides the Department of Environmental Protection with authority to enforce the requirement for annual data reporting regarding unclaimed deposits for beverage containers. Specifically, the law provides that an initiator of deposit that fails to submit an annual report regarding deposit transactions commits a violation of the beverage container redemption laws, is subject to applicable penalties under those laws and, as long as the violation exists, is prohibited from selling or distributing in the State any beverage container subject to the requirements of the beverage container redemption laws. A distributor or dealer may not sell or distribute in the State any containers of the initiator, and the department may remove from sale any such containers of the initiator.

LD 2171 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and Portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection

Resolve 2025, chapter 150 authorizes final adoption of portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, provisionally adopted major substantive rules of the Department of Environmental Protection that were submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375.

Resolve 2025, chapter 150 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2187 An Act to Update Certain Water Quality Standards and to Reclassify Certain Waters of the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 616, which implements the recommendations of the Board of Environmental Protection resulting from its review of the State's water quality classification system and related water quality standards, implements specific updates to certain water quality standards and water quality classifications under state law based on water quality data and recommendations made by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Environmental Protection and other persons during the board's review.