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**LD 2221 An Act to Amend the Composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board**

Public Law 2025, chapter 620 amends the composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board as follows.

1. It increases the number of outdoor recreationists on the board and adds specificity regarding the requisite experience of those members.
2. It adds to the board a representative of an organization managing recreational access to the North Maine Woods.
3. It adds five nonvoting members to the board: two representatives of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Bureau of Warden Service; one representative of the Department of Economic and Community Development; and two representatives of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

**LD 2236 An Act Regarding Public Records Maintained by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Public Law 2025, chapter 692 repeals a provision in law that allows an applicant for a hunting or fishing license to indicate that the applicant's e-mail address is confidential and that requires that information be held confidential by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also enacts a new section of law related to records held by the department and databases the department contributes to related to department licenses, permits, registrations and applications, which includes the following provisions.

1. It defines “data,” “commercial record,” “noncommercial record” and “personally identifiable information” within a noncommercial record and within a commercial record and provides that personally identifiable information made confidential must remain confidential until the records have been in existence for 100 years.
2. It authorizes the disclosure of confidential personally identifiable information for law enforcement purposes in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 805-A, for fish and wildlife management purposes, to other state and federal government entities and to the person who is the subject of the record or that person's agent.
3. It provides that data contained in a records database, whether individual or multiple records, maintained, administered or contributed to by the department that is considered confidential may not be publicly disseminated except as authorized by statute.
4. It authorizes the department to publicly disseminate nonpersonally identifiable data that is contained in a records database and may provide copies of individual records and whole or partial databases of records to individuals, businesses and other entities.

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5. It provides that the department may charge reasonable fees for both individual record requests and database requests at the expense of the person making the request. The cost of furnishing a copy of the record is not subject to the limitations of Title 1, section 408-A.

Public Law 2025, chapter 692 also establishes confidentiality provisions for all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accident reporting system data that mirror the Department of Public Safety's provisions for motor vehicle crash report data that is held in the Maine Crash Reporting Online Search and Ordering Service. These provisions allow any nonpersonally identifiable all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accident report data to be released to the public, and the cost to process these data requests and release the records is not subject to the limitations within Title 1, section 408-A. These provisions also create definitions for “data,” “nonpersonally identifiable accident report data” and “personally identifiable accident report data.”

Public Law 2025, chapter 692 also provides that all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accident reports or statements contained within those records have specific uses for law enforcement purposes and authorizes the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to disseminate individual records or information within these records databases in accordance with this law. All-terrain vehicle and snowmobile registration numbers may be released only under certain conditions and failure to comply with reporting obligations related to all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile accidents is a Class E crime.

**LD 2240 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 10: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife**

Public Law 2025, chapter 161 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 10: Significant Wildlife Habitat, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.