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Enacted**

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ACF	174	An Act To Implement Maine's Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	3/31/22	Enacted	PL	677	
ACF	219	An Act To Improve the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and Agricultural Development Grant	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/30/22	Enacted	PL	710	
ACF	471	An Act To Require Legislative Approval for Certain Leases of Public Lands	Reported Out	ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	3/16/22	Ought Not to Pass Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	493	An Act To Increase Capacity for Slaughtering and Meat Processing in Maine	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/8/22	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	574	An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act and To Recognize the Maine Food Sovereignty Act in Plantations and Unorganized Territories	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM	Carried Over on Floor	6/3/21	Enacted	PL	625	
ACF	586	An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry	Reported Out	LTW	Carried Over In Comm	3/9/22	Leave to Withdraw Pursuant to Joint Rule 310			
ACF	626	Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop Recommendations Regarding Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine's Waters	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/8/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	147	
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ACF	808	An Act To Repeal the Pesticide Container Fee and the Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	6/8/21	Died On Adjournment			See note
ACF	856	An Act To Balance Renewable Energy Development with Natural and Working Lands Conservation	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried Over In Comm	3/22/22	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1075	An Act To Protect Public Lands	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried Over In Comm	3/31/22	Enacted	<b>PL</b>	<b>654</b>	
ACF	1299	An Act To Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency is Declared	Reported Out	OTP-AM	Carried On Approps Table	5/26/21	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1565	An Act To Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ ONTP	Carried On Approps Table	6/9/21	Died On Adjournment			
ACF	1744	An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		3/22/22	Enacted	<b>PL</b>	<b>696</b>	
ACF	1756	Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in Penobscot County	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/16/22	Finally Passed	<b>RESLV</b>	<b>134</b>	
ACF	1805	Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 26: Producer Margins, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Milk Commission	Reported Out	OTP-AM		2/15/22	Died On Adjournment			See note
ACF	1828	An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/2/22	Enacted	<b>PL</b>	<b>523</b>	
ACF	1921	Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps	Reported Out	OTP		2/8/22	Finally Passed	<b>RESLV</b>	<b>133</b>	
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ACF	1942	An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		4/14/22	Enacted	PL	761	
ACF	1944	An Act To Provide the State Harness Racing Commission Greater Efficiency in Rules Enforcement	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/31/22	Emergency Enacted	PL	596	
ACF	1981	Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Authorize Additional Construction and Installations Related to a Telecommunications Tower on Bald Mountain in the Town of Rangeley	Reported Out	OTP-AM		3/8/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	137	
ACF	1983	Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Christian Camps and Conferences for a Parcel of Land Located in Somerset County	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/4/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	152	
ACF	1984	Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Renew a Lease of Certain Land in Aroostook State Park to the Federal Aviation Administration	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/5/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	153	
ACF	1998	An Act To Establish a Fund for Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions	Reported Out	OTP-AM/ OTP-AM		4/1/22	Enacted	PL	729	
ACF	2013	An Act Relating to Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination in the State	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/6/22	Died On Adjournment			See note
ACF	2019	An Act To Require the Registration of Adjuvants in the State and To Regulate the Distribution of Pesticides with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		4/5/22	Enacted	PL	673	
ACF	2021	An Act To Collect Pesticide Sales and Use Records for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public	Reported Out	ONTP/ OTP-AM		4/8/22	Accepted Majority (ONTP) Report			
ACF	2025	Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Aroostook Technologies, Inc. for a Parcel of Land in Township 11, Range 4 WELS	Reported Out	OTP-AM		4/5/22	Finally Passed	RESLV	154	

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**LD 174 An Act To Implement Maine’s Roadmap to End Hunger by 2030**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 677 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to act as the lead among departments and agencies of State Government to implement a strategic plan to end hunger in the State.

**LD 219 An Act To Improve the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and Agricultural Development Grant**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 710 separates the Agricultural Development Fund from the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund. It requires the transfer of \$467,240 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Agricultural Development Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account by June 30, 2023. It also requires the Finance Authority of Maine to transfer the balance of the realized interest in the Agricultural Marketing Loan Fund and any previously awarded agricultural development grant funds that have not been paid to grantees to the Agricultural Development Fund.

It also requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to use the Agricultural Development Fund to provide technical assistance grants for conducting market research, feasibility studies, engineering studies, construction planning, land use planning, facility design and configuration planning and for funding the purchase of on-farm equipment and other technology purchases that directly support the growth of agricultural enterprises.

Public Law 2021, chapter 710 provides that an agricultural marketing loan for a project the total cost of which exceeds \$200,000 may not exceed 90% of the project cost. It changes the interest rate for agricultural marketing loans from 5% per year to the federal prime rate on the date of loan commitment but not greater than 5%.

It also provides that the agricultural marketing loan funds may be used to fund the development of new or existing sustainable water resources; for the design and implementation of improvements to infrastructure, equipment and natural resources to enhance a commercial agricultural enterprise’s climate adaptation or mitigation capacity; and for refinancing existing loans used to finance eligible uses.



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**LD 574 An Act To Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act and To Recognize the Maine Food Sovereignty Act in Plantations and Unorganized Territories**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 625 makes the following changes to the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.

1. It changes the definition of “food or food products.”
2. It repeals the definition of “state food law” and replaces references to this term with references to the laws regulating food in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 7 and 22.
3. It provides that a plantation has the same powers and duties and is subject to the same restrictions as a municipality with respect to ordinances directing producer-to-consumer transactions under the Maine Food Sovereignty Act.
4. It provides that the county commissioners of each county may adopt ordinances regarding direct producer-to-consumer transactions within one or more unorganized territories within that county in accordance with the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. Ordinances adopted by the county commissioners govern direct producer-to-consumer transactions in any unorganized territory within the county whose residents have opted, in a manner prescribed by the county commissioners, to have the ordinance apply in that unorganized territory.

**LD 626 Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop Recommendations Regarding Nonwater-dependent Floating Structures on Maine’s Waters**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 147 directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish an interagency working group to develop recommendations, including suggested legislation, to define and regulate nonwater-dependent floating structures on coastal and inland waters. The department is required to consult with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and other state and federal agencies as needed and seek input from a statewide municipal association and a statewide harbor masters association that represents Maine harbor masters. The department is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters no later than January 1, 2024. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters is authorized to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the subject matter of the report.

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**LD 700 An Act To Promote Economic Development and Outdoor Recreation through Investment in State Parks**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 685 requires all revenue in excess of \$5,476,268 from user fees from state parks, historic sites and the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and other payments for certain services, after all other adjustments have been made, to accrue to a nonlapsing dedicated revenue account to be used for capital improvements at state parks and historic sites and provides that that accrual begins after 2025.

**LD 736 An Act To Enhance the Ecological Reserve System**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 516 provides that the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may remove the designation of a parcel of land as an ecological reserve only in conjunction with the adoption of a management plan for a particular parcel of land, and the process for adoption of that management plan must provide for public review and comment on the plan.

It provides that when a proposed management plan includes the removal of a parcel of land of 10 acres or more as an ecological reserve, the director is required to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters of the proposal prior to the bureau's updating the accompanying management plan for the parcel of land. It also specifies that the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over public lands matters may report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report.

It adds the gathering of materials for cultural and traditional use by a member of a federally recognized Wabanaki Indian nation, tribe or band in this State to the list of allowed uses within an ecological reserve.

It authorizes the director to implement predetermined wildfire tactics to protect the integrity of the landscape and requires the director to use minimal impact suppression tactics to the extent possible.

It increases the limitation on total land acreage designated as ecological reserves from 15% of the total land acreage under the jurisdiction of the bureau or 100,000 acres, whichever is less, to 115,000 acres. It also increases from 6% to 8% the operable timberland acres on public reserved lands and non-reserved public lands that may be designated as ecological reserves. It clarifies the definition of "operable timberland" by specifying that it does not include inoperable lands.

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Public Law 2021, chapter 516 also clarifies that the designation of land as an ecological reserve may not result in a decline in the sustainable harvest level on land under the jurisdiction of the bureau to less than the average annual harvest for the preceding 10 years.

**LD 1075 An Act To Protect Public Lands**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 654 clarifies that the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands is required to adopt rules that establish an objective evaluation process for determining if a proposed activity on designated land under the jurisdiction of the bureau would cause the land to be reduced or the uses of the land to be substantially altered. It also requires the bureau, in adopting the rules, to observe the requirements relating to designated lands in the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 and ensure proper exercise of the bureau's public trust responsibility.

**LD 1744 An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 696 requires that 80% of the fees collected from registrations to distribute a commercial feed in the State be deposited in the Animal Welfare Fund, with 20% deposited in the General Fund.

It amends the animal welfare laws regarding rabies prevention and shelters to provide that daily compensation for animal shelters holding animals pending court decisions is \$15 for dogs and cats, \$18 for female cats or dogs with unweaned litters and \$20 for equines. It also provides that \$20 is the upper limit of daily compensation for holding livestock animals, excluding equines, fowl and rabbits.

**LD 1756 Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Convey Certain Land in Penobscot County**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 134 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to convey certain land held in common and undivided interest in Township 4, Range 8 in Penobscot County.

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**LD 1828 An Act Requiring a Contract for the Administration of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Low-cost Spaying and Neutering Program**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 523 requires the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to contract for the administration of the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, but requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to administer the fund if a suitable 3rd-party administrator cannot be found.

It requires the commissioner to develop procedures to pay a person, regardless of income, 100% of the cost for the spaying or neutering of a feral cat. It also specifies that a copayment may not be required for the spaying or neutering of a feral cat.

Public Law 2021, chapter 523 requires the commissioner, in consultation with the Animal Welfare Advisory Council, to issue a request for proposals no later than August 1, 2022 to contract the administration of Companion Animal Sterilization Fund. It requires that the initial contract be for 36 months. It requires the department to conduct an evaluation of the initial 36-month contract and to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over animal welfare matters no later than January 1, 2026. The joint standing committee is required to submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

**LD 1921 Resolve, Authorizing the State To Convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe the State's Interest in a Parcel of Land in the Town of Meddybemps**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 133 authorizes the State to convey to the Passamaquoddy Tribe a 1.08-acre parcel of land located on the northern side of State Route 191 in Meddybemps, Washington County, which is a portion of a site known as the Eastern Surplus Company Superfund site.

It allows the Passamaquoddy Tribe to take ownership of the parcel of land without assuming liability for historical contamination that the tribe did not cause and permits continued access to the land by the State and the United States to address remaining and future contamination at this or nearby lands.

See also Bills Not Referred To Or Reported By A Committee, Enacted Law Summary, LD 2036.

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**LD 1929 An Act To Provide Assistance to Areas Severely Infested with Browntail Moths**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 727 requires the Bureau of Forestry within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to administer a program to assist a government entity or nonprofit organization, upon application by that government entity or nonprofit organization to the bureau, with the control of browntail moths.

**LD 1942 An Act To Improve the Laws Governing Hemp by Bringing Them into Compliance with Federal Law**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 761 brings the laws governing hemp into compliance with the federal Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and the United States Department of Agriculture's regulations in 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 990.

**LD 1944 An Act To Provide the State Harness Racing Commission Greater Efficiency in Rules Enforcement**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 596 provides that the State Harness Racing Commission may enter into consent agreements to resolve violations of the laws relating to harness racing and further provides that a consent agreement may be entered into only with the consent of the licensee, the State Harness Racing Commission and the Department of the Attorney General.

Public Law 2021, chapter 596 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 14, 2022.

**LD 1981 Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Authorize Additional Construction and Installations Related to a Telecommunications Tower on Bald Mountain in the Town of Rangeley**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 137 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to authorize the construction of an extension to a telecommunications tower on property located on Bald Mountain in the Town of Rangeley, construction of an additional custom shelter at the base of the tower with an associated generator and installation of communications equipment on the tower by an additional wireless communications company.

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**LD 1983 Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Christian Camps and Conferences for a Parcel of Land Located in Somerset County**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 152 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease to Christian Camps and Conferences certain land within the public reserved lands in Dennistown Plantation in Somerset County to be used to replace, remove, maintain, operate, repair, upgrade and use telephone cable buried in conduit for the purpose of providing telephone service.

**LD 1984 Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Renew a Lease of Certain Land in Aroostook State Park to the Federal Aviation Administration**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 153 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease 1/4 acre of land at Aroostook State Park in Presque Isle to the Federal Aviation Administration within the United States Department of Transportation to continue to provide an outer marker light and compass locator elements for the airplane landing guidance system for Presque Isle International Airport in Aroostook County.

**LD 1998 An Act To Establish a Fund for Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 729 establishes the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program to assist farmers in the State to overcome the adverse effects of drought conditions by providing grants. It specifies that a farmer may apply for a grant if the farmer needs to establish a source for irrigation water to alleviate the risk of crop losses due to drought.

It also directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to work with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission and other appropriate agencies to examine the permitting process for farmers seeking to secure permits for new sources of water for irrigation and to develop recommendations, including suggested legislation, to streamline the permitting process. The department is required to submit a report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters no later than January 1, 2023. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

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**LD 2019 An Act To Require the Registration of Adjuvants in the State and To Regulate the Distribution of Pesticides with Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 673 makes the following changes to the Maine Pesticide Control Act of 1975.

1. It adds “any substance or mixture of substances intended to be used as a spray adjuvant” to the definition of “pesticide” and defines “spray adjuvant.”
2. It defines “perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances” and prohibits a person from distributing a pesticide that has been contaminated by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.
3. It provides that, beginning January 1, 2030, a person may not distribute in the State a pesticide that contains intentionally added PFAS that may not be sold or distributed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1614, subsection 5, paragraph D.
4. It also prohibits a person from using any pesticide container inconsistent with rules for pesticide containers adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control.

**LD 2025 Resolve, To Authorize the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Enter into a Lease with Aroostook Technologies, Inc. for a Parcel of Land in Township 11, Range 4 WELS**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 154 authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to lease to Aroostook Technologies, Inc. certain land within the public reserved lands in Township 11, Range 4 WELS in Aroostook County to be used to install and maintain a radio repeater station consisting of solar panels and an antenna attached to an existing fire tower for the purpose of repeating and relaying a radio signal.