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Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 16 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 29, 2022.

LD 1829 An Act To Amend the Charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2021, chapter 15 amends the charter of the Ogunquit Sewer District. It updates statutory cross references within the charter and revises the charter for consistency with the Standard Sewer District Enabling Act. It also increases the district's debt limit and allows the district to furnish sewerage services to parts of adjoining municipalities served by a failing or failed subsurface wastewater disposal system or septic system.

LD 1847 An Act To Prohibit a Public Utility from Terminating or Disconnecting Service to a Public Safety Facility without Advance Notice and Approval

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 586 requires a public utility, before it terminates or disconnects a public safety facility's utility service for nonpayment of public utility rates, fees or charges, to provide at least 60 days' advance written notice to the facility of its intent to terminate or disconnect utility service and to obtain written authorization from the Public Utilities Commission and the Department of Public Safety to terminate or disconnect the utility service. It requires the commission to assess administrative penalties against public utilities that violate the law's requirements and establishes penalty amounts applicable only to these violations. It also requires the commission to adopt or amend rules to ensure that process or system changes undertaken by a public utility to comply with the law's requirements are cost effective, result in operation and maintenance costs that are prudent and reasonable and do not involve capital investment.

Public Law 2021, chapter 586 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 12, 2022.

LD 1894 An Act To Support Municipal Broadband Infrastructure through Incentives and Competition

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 616 establishes a registration process administered by the Public Utilities Commission for consumer-owned public utilities seeking to provide broadband or other Internet access services to the public. Prior to exercising any authority it may have pursuant to other law, a consumer-owned public utility must register with the commission and identify a contact person knowledgeable about the proposed or planned broadband and Internet access systems activities.