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LD 347 An Act To Facilitate Maine's Climate Goals by Encouraging Use of Electric Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 402 does the following.

1. It amends the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10125 to provide that expenditures from the fund must be consistent with the allowable uses of and any criteria or limitations placed upon the expenditure of those funds by the sources of those funds.
2. It amends eligibility criteria for electric vehicle rebates under the Electric Vehicle Fund established in Title 35-A, section 10126.
3. It directs the Public Utilities Commission to open an inquiry to review alternative rate structures to support electric vehicle charging stations for nonresidential applications, including, but not limited to, for light duty vehicles, medium duty vehicles, heavy duty vehicles and transit and other fleet vehicles. As part of that inquiry, the commission must require each transmission and distribution utility in the State to develop and submit by November 1, 2021 one or more proposed rate schedules to support the installation and sustainable operation of existing and new electric vehicle charging stations. It requires that, no earlier than April 1, 2022, the commission approve, approve with modifications or reject a rate schedule proposed by a transmission and distribution utility. On or before February 15, 2022, the commission is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology regarding its findings from that inquiry and any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, regarding the establishment of alternative rate structures to support electric vehicle charging stations for nonresidential applications. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the commission's report to the 130th Legislature.

LD 385 An Act To Resolve Conflicts in and Make Other Changes to the Laws Governing the Efficiency Maine Trust

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 209 reconciles a number of conflicts in the Efficiency Maine Trust Act created through the enactment of different legislation during the 129th Legislature.

It provides as goals for the Efficiency Maine Trust:

1. The weatherization by 2030 of 35,000 homes and businesses, with at least 10,000 of such projects completed in low-income households through the combined efforts of the trust and the Maine State Housing Authority;