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2. The promotion of the purchase of high-efficiency heat pump systems to achieve by 2030 the goal of at least 115,000 households in the State wholly heated by heat pumps and an additional 130,000 households in the State partially heated by heat pumps; and
3. The promotion of the purchase of battery electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid vehicles to achieve by 2030 the goal of at least 120,000 such vehicles registered in the State.

It broadens the existing authorization for the trust to establish training programs for installers of solar energy equipment to include energy equipment generally. It also authorizes the trust to offer training programs to code enforcement officers, inspectors or other professionals involved in designing, marketing, regulating or educating about energy equipment and to offer training programs to contractors or other professionals involved in designing, installing or constructing energy efficiency, weatherization or other building performance measures for homes and businesses.

LD 487 An Act Regarding Certain Employees of and To Provide for the Payment of Certain Filing Fees to the Public Advocate

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 195 changes the title of the Business Services Manager position to Senior Assistant to the Public Advocate to clarify that a person in the position may perform duties aside from business-related duties. It requires the payment of a filing fee to the Office of the Public Advocate by an applicant for approval of a reorganization by the Public Utilities Commission, not to exceed 3/100 of 1% of the total transaction value of the reorganization, to be expended by the Public Advocate in representing the interests of consumers in the reorganization proceeding or conducting public outreach to inform consumers about the proceeding. It requires that, in the case of a petition for approval by the Public Utilities Commission of the erection of a transmission line capable of operating at 69 kilovolts or more, the person filing the petition must pay to the Office of the Public Advocate a filing fee equal to 3/100 of 1% of the estimated cost to erect that transmission line, to be expended by the Public Advocate in representing the interests of consumers in the petition proceeding or conducting public outreach to inform consumers about the proceeding.

LD 500 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 16 authorizes final adoption by the Public Utilities Commission of portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a provisionally adopted