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### **LD 511 An Act Regarding Services Designed to Reduce the Number of So-called Robocalls and Automatically Dialed Telephone Calls**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 109 clarifies that a telephone utility must inform each subscriber as to the nature and cost of any service offered that is designed to reduce the number of calls received by a subscriber that are made using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice and describe how the subscriber may elect to enroll in or take advantage of the service.

### **LD 528 An Act To Advance Energy Storage in Maine**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 298:

1. Establishes a state goal for energy storage system development of 300 megawatts of installed capacity by December 31, 2025, and 400 megawatts of installed capacity by December 31, 2030, and requires the Governor's Energy Office, every two years beginning in 2031, to set the state goal for energy storage system development and report that goal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters;
2. Amends the laws governing the Efficiency Maine Trust to ensure that the trust's authority explicitly and affirmatively includes energy storage by adding direct references to energy storage in relevant sections of statute; directs the trust to explore and evaluate options to expand existing opportunities and develop new opportunities to support energy storage measures that cost-effectively reduce or shift demand or balance; directs the trust to explore alternative methods to demonstrate cost-effectiveness for energy storage projects or programs; requires, beginning January 1, 2022, the trust to conduct a pilot program to provide energy storage systems to critical care facilities and limits the pilot program to 15 megawatts of energy storage capacity; and requires the trust, in its annual report, to specify its activities undertaken under the energy storage pilot program;
3. Directs the Public Utilities Commission to investigate opportunities to modernize transmission and distribution utility rate designs through time-of-use or other time-differentiated rates; develop and implement a pilot program to test and evaluate time-of-use rates in conjunction with energy storage; and develop and implement a schedule for regular review and update of rate designs and ensure that the review includes consideration of time-differentiated rates;
4. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to evaluate the feasibility and possible benefits of a power-to-fuel pilot program that would result in the development of power-to-fuel projects utilizing renewable energy, to estimate ratepayer impacts of a pilot program, provide a comparison of how those ratepayer impacts compare to other types of energy storage

#### ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES