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LD 1048 An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 407 requires a public utility and a competitive electricity provider to provide an annual notice to current employees, affiliated interests and utility contractors of the rights established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 1316 regarding protections for persons providing testimony or information to legislative committees, the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate. The annual notice must be written in plain English, be in at least 12-point type and be sent separately from any other communication to the recipient.

LD 1080 An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities from Requiring Deposits Based Solely on a Residential Customer's Income

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 115 prohibits a public utility from requiring a deposit from an applicant for residential service based solely on the income of an applicant for utility service that has not been a customer of the utility within 30 calendar days of the application. The law also requires the Public Utilities Commission to initiate rulemaking to implement the provisions of the law within 30 days of the effective date of the law.

LD 1127 An Act to Establish Immunity for a Receiver Appointed by the Public Utilities Commission to Oversee the Operations of a Consumer-owned Water Utility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 59 specifies that a receiver appointed by the Public Utilities Commission that is acting in good faith while exercising the receiver's duties to oversee the operations of a consumer-owned water utility must be treated in the same manner as an employee acting on behalf of a governmental entity under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

LD 1130 An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 105 requires the Governor's Energy Office, when updating the state energy plan every two years, to reevaluate the state goal for energy storage system development. If the office increases the goal, the office must report the increase in the state energy plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters.