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LD 1212 Resolve, to Study Opportunities for the Efficiency Maine Trust to Support the Promotion and Use of Modern Wood Heating

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 54 requires the Efficiency Maine Trust, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Governor's Energy Office, to work with representatives of the modern wood heating system industry to study and make recommendations relating to programs and incentives encouraging the promotion and use of modern wood heating systems in the State. The Efficiency Maine Trust must submit a report related to the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by December 3, 2025 and the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1240 An Act to Align the Schedules for Climate Change Protection Plans and Grid-enhancing Technology Reviews with the Integrated Grid Planning Process

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 54 adjusts the time frame for the ongoing submission dates for certain reviews and reports required of transmission and distribution utilities and the Public Utilities Commission to align with the integrated grid planning process required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3147.

The law requires that, beginning May 1, 2027, and every five years thereafter, a transmission and distribution utility submit a 10-year plan that includes specific actions for addressing the expected effects of climate change on the utility's assets needed to transmit and distribute electricity to its customers.

Prior to the enactment of Public Law 2025, chapter 54, the Public Utilities Commission was required to conduct a review, or contract with a consultant to conduct a review, related to available grid-enhancing technology every five years beginning in 2025. The law adjusts the schedule of reviews by requiring a review in 2027, and then every five years thereafter. The review conducted in 2027 must update the review conducted in 2025.

LD 1258 An Act to Include Qualified Out-of-state Electric Vehicle Providers and Clarify Provisions Regarding Electric Bicycles Under the Electric Vehicle Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 317 amends the law establishing the Electric Vehicle Fund incentive program to include that to be eligible for an incentive an electric vehicle may be purchased or leased from an out-of-state authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer or an out-