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LD 1747 An Act to Repeal and Replace the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 8 repeals and replaces the Charter of the Yarmouth Water District, subject to voter approval.

LD 1777 An Act to Reduce Costs and Increase Customer Protections for the State's Net Energy Billing Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 430 makes the following changes to the State's net energy billing programs.

- 1. It requires the Governor's Energy Office to design and submit to the Public Utilities Commission a proposed distributed energy resource program or programs to succeed the net energy billing programs for front-of-the-meter distributed generation resources.
- 2. For both the kilowatt-hour credit and commercial and institutional net energy billing programs, it requires the commission after December 31, 2025, to prohibit a transmission and distribution utility from entering into a net energy billing agreement with a distributed generation resource that is interconnected or planned to be interconnected to the distribution grid on the utility grid side of a customer's meter.
- 3. It directs the commission to require transmission and distribution utilities to reconcile costs associated with net energy billing in a rate year beginning on January 1, 2026.
- 4. It establishes an end date for the tariff rate received by certain distributed generation resources participating in the commercial and institutional net energy billing program and establishes new tariff rates effective January 1, 2026 that apply to those resources.
- 5. It repeals a section of law requiring the commission to conduct competitive solicitations for the procurement of energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation resources and requires instead that the commission conduct competitive solicitations for the procurement of energy or renewable energy credits or both from distributed generation resources participating in net energy billing for which 75% or less of the bill credits associated with the resource are not allocated to a customer of or subscriber to the resource.
- 6. It requires certain distributed generation resources participating in the kilowatt-hour credit net energy billing program to pay a monthly fee determined by the commission that must be used to offset distribution costs associated with net energy billing arrangements that would otherwise be paid by ratepayers.