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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.

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7. It requires the commission to adopt rules establishing consumer protections related to the kilowatt-hour credit net energy billing program.

LD 1792 An Act to Ensure Fair and Equitable Recovery of Post-restructuring Stranded Costs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 391 requires the Public Utilities Commission, no later than October 1, 2025, to establish a rate design for each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility for the recovery of post-restructuring stranded costs that aggregates certain classes of customers of the investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and requires that post-restructuring stranded costs be recovered from these class groups based on specific charges. The law requires the commission, for post-restructuring stranded cost allocations and rate designs applicable on or after July 1, 2028, to establish such cost allocations and rate designs applicable for the following three-year period subject to annual and other necessary reconciliations and ensure the promotion of beneficial electrification for every customer class.

Public Law 2025, chapter 391 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2025.

LD 1868 An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 386 amends the state goals for consumption of electricity from renewable resources so that by January 1, 2040, 90% of retail sales electricity in the State will come from renewable resources and 10% of retail sales electricity in the State will come from clean resources. The law establishes clean resource portfolio requirements for competitive electricity providers starting in calendar year 2031. The law also gives additional authority to the Public Utilities Commission to coordinate with other states to procure, through long-term contracts or other mechanisms, transmission capacity, capacity resources, energy, renewable energy credits or clean energy credits.

LD 1913 An Act to Allow Matinicus Isle Plantation to Issue a Revenue Bond for Urgently Needed Repairs to the Plantation's Electric Power Generating Facility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Private and Special Law 2025, chapter 7 allows Matinicus Isle Plantation to issue revenue bonds and removes the requirement that schedules for the payment of the principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued by Matinicus Isle Plantation must be established in conformity with rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission.

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES