



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Make Changes to the So-called Dig Safe Law

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Berry of Bowdoinham

Committee: Energy, Utilities and Technology

Fiscal Note Required: No

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Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill makes liquefied propane gas distribution systems with underground facilities subject to the so-called dig safe law. It also increases administrative penalties for violations of the dig safe law from \$500 to \$1000 for an initial violation and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for subsequent violations occurring within 12 months of an earlier violation. The increased penalties will increase Other Special Revenue Funds revenue for the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The additional revenue is not anticipated to be significant. Any additional costs to the PUC as a result of including liquefied propane gas distribution systems in the dig safe law are anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.