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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 677, L.D. 1048, “An Act to Require Certain Notice Requirements for Whistleblower Protections”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1316, sub-§10, as repealed and replaced by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §124, is amended to read:

10. Notice of rights required. A public utility and a competitive electricity provider shall notify the public utility's and the competitive electricity provider's employees, affiliated interests and utility contractors of their rights under this section. A public utility and a competitive electricity provider shall send an annual notice of the rights under this section, which must be written in plain English, be in at least 12-point type and be sent separately from any other communication, to:

A. Persons at the time of the notice performing a service for wages or other remuneration under a contract of hire, expressed or implied, for the public utility or competitive electricity provider; and

B. The public utility's and the competitive electricity provider's affiliated interests and utility contractors.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires that a public utility and a competitive electricity provider 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

- 1 annual notice must be written in plain English, be in at least 12-point type and be sent
- 2 separately from any other communication to the recipient.