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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 302

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 302

Generally any utility must obtain a certificate of authority from the Public Service Commission (PSC) before engaging in certain construction, installation, or improvement projects. This requirement applies to all utilities, including water public utilities.

2021 Assembly Bill 302 creates a new limited exception to the requirement to obtain a certificate of authority, applicable to certain water public utility projects to install or replace meters to measure service to customers. The estimated average annual cost of the project must not be more than \$250,000 nor 25 percent of prior year operating revenue, whichever is less. Also, the project must be completed by a water utility, by a combined water and sewer public utility, or by an entity contracted by either of the foregoing.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 removes the requirement that the estimated average annual cost of the project not be more than \$250,000 or 25 percent of prior year operating revenue, whichever is less. Additionally, the substitute amendment modifies the administrative code to reflect the fact a certificate of authority is not required for water meter installation.

BILL HISTORY

On May 3, 2021, Representative VanderMeer introduced Assembly Bill 302 and offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on May 24, 2021. On June 3, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Energy and Utilities recommended adoption of the amendment, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 0.

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