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**Act No. 125 (S.301). Public service; telecommunications; siting; E-911**

**An act relating to miscellaneous telecommunications changes**

This act:

- extends date after which no new 30 V.S.A. § 248a applications may be submitted from July 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023;
- allows the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to grant waivers to allow construction of temporary telecommunications facilities during a declared state of emergency;
- requires the PUC report back to the Legislature any recommendations to update 248a criteria;
- allows towns to request an additional 30-day notice period for certificate of public good applications for telecommunications facilities during the COVID-19 state of emergency;
- clarifies that the E-911 Board's outage reporting rule applies to outages caused by a provider's network failure, not the failure of a subscriber's backup power equipment; and
- specifies that the E-911 Board shall initiate the rulemaking process for outage reporting rules when one or more states with a combined population of 20 million adopts an outage reporting rule with a wireless reporting threshold that is lower than the FCC's NORS threshold applicable to wireless providers. The Board's rule shall incorporate the lower threshold for wireless providers.

Effective Date: July 1, 2020