

Amendment to SB 307-FN

Amend RSA 9-E:3, II as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

II. To better enable communities to conserve energy consumed by outdoor lighting and carry out dark sky policies, the public utilities commission shall institute proceedings and may approve pilots or adopt rules or waivers as it deems necessary to reasonably enable the state, its agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities to own and operate outdoor street lights on utility poles under its jurisdiction under RSA 374:34-a or otherwise, including the use of smart adaptive street lighting with networked lighting controls. To the extent technically and economically feasible and consistent with the public good, the commission shall enable the use of revenue grade metering built into networked street lighting controls and may enable the collaborative or shared use of networked street lighting controls and supporting communication systems by utilities and the state, its agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities for providing additional utility and public services, such as advanced electric and water meter reading, public electric vehicle charging stations, and environmental sensors used for traffic and parking management and public safety.

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following and renumbering the original section 3 to read as 4:

3 New Section; Exemption. Amend RSA 72 by inserting after section 12-e the following new section:

72:12-f Exemption. Street lights, including networked street lighting controls, built in revenue grade metering, supporting communication system hardware, and other connected or networked equipment used to provide public governmental functions or services, such as environmental sensors and public electric vehicle charging stations, and that are paid for by the state, its agencies, subdivisions, and instrumentalities shall be exempt from taxation as real estate.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Requires an agency funding permanent outdoor luminaires to ensure that such luminaires have a certain color correlated temperature.

II. Requires the public utilities commission to adopt rules enabling the state and its subdivisions to use revenue grade metering built into networked street light controls to provide additional utility and public services.

III. Exempts certain street lights used to provide governmental functions and services from taxation as real estate.