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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY'S REVIEW OF CLAIMS ARISING FROM CONTRACTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY THE AUTHORITY, PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATOR QUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING COVERED TASKS ON A PIPELINE FACILITY, CALL BEFORE YOU DIG PROGRAM VIOLATIONS AND FINES AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY POLICIES ACT.

## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

There is a potential revenue gain to the General Fund resulting from the bill, which expands the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's (PURA) jurisdiction over persons involved in the transportation of gas. The bill provides PURA the authority to fine those involved in the transportation of gas amounts currently permitted by law (up to \$10,000 per violation). It also increases the maximum penalty for violations of natural gas pipeline safety from an existing \$200,000 to \$213,000 (or \$2.1 million for a series of violations). Any such revenue gain to the General Fund as a result of the bill will vary based on the number of violations enforced by PURA, and the associated fines levied.

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***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.