## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

## ACT 65 (HB 441) 2023 Regular Session Bryant

<u>Existing law</u> provides for the crime of aggravated assault upon a utility service employee with a firearm and provides for penalties.

Existing law provides for the following definitions:

- (1) "Utility service" means any electricity, gas, water, broadband, cable television, or telecommunications service.
- (2) "Utility service employee" means any uniformed, readily identified employee of any utility service.

<u>New law</u> amends the <u>existing law</u> definition of "utility service" to include heat, steam, and sewer services. Further amends the <u>existing law</u> definition of "utility service employee" to include any person employed under contract, or an employee of any utility service that provides electricity, gas, water, broadband, cable television, heat, steam, telecommunications services, or sewer services, whether privately, municipally, cooperatively, or investor-owned.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 14:37.5(B)(2) and (3))