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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- CABLE BILLING

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Azzinaro, Perez, Walsh, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-19 of the General Laws entitled "Community Antenna  
2 Television Systems" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-19-15. Option to purchase decoding devices of digital cable signals.**

4 Any cable television subscriber that rents or leases a device which decodes digital cable  
5 signals in order to receive service shall be given the option to purchase the necessary decoder  
6 device from the cable television operator at its fair market value.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require cable television companies to give their customers the option to  
2 purchase, at its fair market value, a device which decodes digital cable signals for their cable  
3 signal reception.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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