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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA
TELEVISION SYSTEMS

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Azzinaro, Fellela, Williams, Bennett, and Morales

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

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 Television
2 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 device
6 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
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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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 signal
3 reception.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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