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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES -- COSTS

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Tassoni, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: January 24, 2012

Referred To: Senate Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1.2 of the General Laws entitled "Excavation Near
- 2 Underground Utility Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 39-1.2-2.1. Costs associated with relocation of public utility infrastructure during
- 4 <u>public works construction projects.</u> Any and all costs incurred by any municipal corporation
- 5 as a result of the temporary or permanent relocation of any public utility infrastructure, including,
- 6 but not limited to, public utility poles, during the repair, maintenance, construction or
- 7 reconstruction or any municipal right-of-way shall be borne exclusively by the public utility.
- 8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require public utilities to incur all costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure such as public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way.

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