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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Carnevale, Lombardi, Walsh, and Almeida

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-4 of the General Laws entitled "Hearings and Investigations" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **39-4-25. Reporting of natural gas emergencies.** -- [All natural gas emergency cases,](#)  
4 [including, but not limited to, natural gas leaks, excessive carbon monoxide levels and explosions](#)  
5 [must be reported to a dispatch office located in Rhode Island staffed by professionally trained gas](#)  
6 [dispatchers.](#)

7           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require that all natural gas emergencies be reported to a central dispatch  
2 office staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers.

3           This act would take effect on July 1, 2013.

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