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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF  
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, and MacBeth

Date Introduced: February 04, 2015

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-3 of the General Laws entitled "Regulatory Powers of  
2 Administration" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-3-45. Limitation on rate increases for electricity. -- (a) Notwithstanding any**  
4 **provisions of the general laws to the contrary, any increase in rates proposed to be charged by an**  
5 **electric distribution company as defined in chapter 1 of this title, shall be no greater than five**  
6 **percent (5%) per year, unless the increase shall have been previously approved by affirmative**  
7 **action of the general assembly.**

8 **(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any electric distribution company**  
9 **having fewer than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) electricity customer accounts.**

10 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 provide that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution  
2 companies would be no greater than five percent (5%) per year, without prior approval of the  
3 general assembly.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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