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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO  
PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED AND SERIOUSLY ILL

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Pichardo, Miller, Crowley, and Jabour

Date Introduced: April 09, 2014

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Section 39-1.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-1.1 entitled  
2 "Termination of service to persons who are disabled, seriously ill or in arrears of payment" is  
3 hereby amended to read as follows:  
4           **39-1.1-4. Effect on existing rules.** -- ~~Nothing in this chapter is intended to modify any~~  
5 ~~existing or proposed rules and regulations dealing with utility termination during winter months~~  
6 ~~as defined by the commission.~~ No gas or electric company shall terminate gas or electric service  
7 in any residence where the combined household income is at or below the income eligibility  
8 guideline that applies to the "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program," or its successor,  
9 between the dates of November 1 and May 1. Nothing in this chapter is intended to modify any  
10 existing or proposed rules and regulations dealing with termination of telephone service.  
11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would prevent termination of gas or electric service in any residence where the
- 2 income is at or below eligibility guideline from November 1 to May 1.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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