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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR  
SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, Phillips, and J. Brien

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-2.2 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Utility Fair Share  
2 Roadway Repair Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-2.2-6. Roadwork closure notice.**

4 [Any public utility company that needs to completely close any portion of any state or](#)  
5 [municipal highway, in order to perform roadway repairs or other related work, shall provide to all](#)  
6 [residential and business property owners located within one thousand feet \(1,000 ft\) of the road](#)  
7 [closure, with at least forty-eight \(48\) hours' notice of the scheduled road closure.](#)

8 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 any public utility company that needs to close any state or municipal  
2 roadway to perform related work to provide notice of the scheduled road closure to all residential  
3 and business property owners located within one thousand feet (1,000 ft) of the closed highway, at  
4 least forty-eight (48) hours before the scheduled road closure.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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