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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF  
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, J. Lombardi, Fogarty, Slater, and Sanchez

Date Introduced: April 10, 2026

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           **39-3-37.4. Informational notice on gas bills -- Gas distribution company.**

4           (a) Every gas distribution company that shall charge for the distribution of natural gas to  
5 any house, building, tenement, or estate shall conspicuously display upon the bill or statement for  
6 any customer the following information:

7           (1) The total number of therms consumed;

8           (2) The total cost of distributing the gas to the customer;

9           (3) The customer charge;

10          (4) Conservation costs;

11          (5) All applicable credits;

12          (6) Charges that support low-income gas customers;

13          (7) Applicable taxes; and

14          (8) All other costs, charges, or fees added to the bill or statement.

15          (b) The gas distribution company shall issue a single bill for gas service to all customers in  
16 its service territory.

17          (c) For purposes of this section, "conspicuously display" means including a visual  
18 illustration showing each component of the utility bill and the cost associated with each component

1 including, but not limited to, supply, distribution, ratepayer funded programs and policy, taxes and  
2 all other costs. The division shall have the authority to approve or deny the adequacy of the format  
3 chosen by the company for compliance with this provision.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would provide that every gas distribution company that charges for the distribution  
2 of gas to any house or building would need to include certain information on any bill or statement  
3 provided to the consumer.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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