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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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

Introduced By: Senators Thompson, and Murray

Date Introduced: March 04, 2026

Referred To: Senate Commerce

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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