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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 -- REGULATORY POWERS OF
ADMINISTRATION

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Rogers, de la Cruz, Thompson, and
Murray

Date Introduced: March 20, 2026

Referred To: Senate Commerce

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 gas distribution company shall consult with the division in the development of
3 the bill format.

4 (d) Any utility bill that requires a revision to comply with the provisions of this section
5 may be implemented no later than three (3) years following the passage of this act; provided further,
6 a temporary version of the utility bill with the conspicuous display shall be implemented no later
7 than six (6) months following the passage of this act.

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

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EXPLANATION
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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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