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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --
SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada,
Raptakis, Euer, Bissaillon, and F. Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 6 of the General Laws entitled "COMMERCIAL LAW — GENERAL
2 REGULATORY PROVISIONS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 40.1

4 SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT

5 **6-40.1-1. Short title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Senior Savings Protection Act".

7 **6-40.1-2. No fees to senior citizens for provision of paper documents.**

8 It is unlawful for any person engaged in the sale of goods or services to charge any fee to
9 any person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, for a hard-copy paper bill, statement or
10 invoice.

11 **6-40.1-3. Penalty.**

12 Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have committed
13 a deceptive trade practice and is subject to the penalty set forth in § 6-13.1-14.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is sixty-five (65)
2 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision
3 would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine.

4 This act would take effect on January 1, 2025.

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