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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Johnston, Keable, Messier, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: January 31, 2012

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-4 of the General Laws entitled "Hearings and Investigations" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-4-25. Reporting of natural gas emergencies.** – [All natural gas emergency cases,](#)
4 [including, but not limited to, natural gas leaks, excessive carbon monoxide levels and explosions](#)
5 [must be reported to a dispatch office located in Rhode Island staffed by professionally trained gas](#)
6 [dispatchers.](#)

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require that all natural gas emergencies be reported to a central dispatch
2 office staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers.

3 This act would take effect on July 1, 2012.

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