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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Representative Raymond E. Gallison

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-1 entitled "Public
2 Utilities Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-1-3. Commission and division established -- Functions of commission --**
4 **Administrator.** -- (a) To implement the legislative policy set forth in section 39-1-1 and to serve
5 as the agencies of the state in effectuating the legislative purpose, there are hereby established a
6 public utilities commission and a division of public utilities and carriers. The commission shall
7 serve as a quasi-judicial tribunal with jurisdiction, powers, and duties to implement and enforce
8 the standards of conduct under section 39-1-27.6 and to hold investigations and hearings
9 involving the rates, tariffs, tolls, and charges, and the sufficiency and reasonableness of facilities
10 and accommodations of railroad, [ferry boats](#), gas, electric distribution, water, telephone,
11 telegraph, and pipeline public utilities, the location of railroad depots and stations, [ferry boats](#),
12 and the control of grade crossings, the revocation, suspension, or alteration of certificates issued
13 pursuant to section 39-19-4, appeals under section 39-1-30, petitions under section 39-1-31, and
14 proceedings under section 39-1-32.

15 (b) The administrator shall be a person who is not a commissioner and who shall
16 exercise the jurisdiction, supervision, powers, and duties not specifically assigned to the
17 commission, including the execution of all laws relating to public utilities and carriers and all
18 regulations and orders of the commission governing the conduct and charges of public utilities
19 and who shall perform such other duties and have such powers as are hereinafter set forth. The

1 administrator shall be a person who is appointed by the governor for an initial term of six (6)
2 years. The administrator shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the senate. The
3 director of administration, with the approval of the governor, shall allocate the administrator to
4 one of the grades established by the pay plan for unclassified employees. The public utilities
5 administrator also shall have such powers and duties as provided in section 46-15.3-20.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would make the public utilities commission the quasi-judicial tribunal with the
2 authority to hold hearings and investigations of ferry boats.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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