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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY  
SYSTEM PROTECTION

Introduced By: Representatives Carnevale, Ucci, Fellela, and Costantino

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Environment and Natural Resources

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 46-15.3-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 46-15.3 entitled "Public  
2 Drinking Water Supply System Protection" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **46-15.3-22. Billing and collection of fees, rates, and charges.** -- (a) Financial support of  
4 water supply and provision of timely and accurate information on costs to users are mandatory  
5 components of water supply system management.

6           (b) All water suppliers shall meter all water delivered and shall maintain and replace  
7 meters in accordance with their management plans. ~~Water suppliers shall formulate and carry out~~  
8 ~~a program for installation of radio frequency reading systems. These programs shall be initiated~~  
9 ~~not later than December 31, 2012.~~

10           (c) Water suppliers shall record metered usage and bill quarterly or ~~more~~ less frequently  
11 by December 31, 2013.

12           (d) [Deleted by P.L. 2009, ch. 288, section 8 and P.L. 2009, ch. 341, section 8].

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would repeal the provision of the general laws requiring water suppliers to  
2 formulate a program for the installation of radio frequency reading systems. This act would also  
3 provide that water suppliers bill quarterly or less frequently by December 31, 2013.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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