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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND  
CARRIERS

Introduced By: Representative Jeremiah T. O`Grady

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

(Public Utilities)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-2-1.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-2 entitled "Duties of  
2 Utilities and Carriers" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~**39-2-1.3. Payment for cellular telephone services -- Late charges Regulation of**~~  
4 ~~**wireless telephone services.**~~ - (a) No subscriber to a cellular telephone service shall be subject to  
5 an assessment of a late fee on a monthly billing unless the payment is at least thirty (30) days past  
6 the close of the billing period which is the subject of the statement. A cellular telephone operator  
7 shall not impose a late fee unless the bill contains a clear and conspicuous notice of when the late  
8 fee is to be imposed consistent with this section.

9 (b) The division shall prescribe such reasonable rules and regulations as it shall deem  
10 proper to assure that the customers of wireless telecommunications carriers have a regulatory  
11 forum for pursuing complaints and redress related to billing and sales practices and quality of  
12 service.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit the division to promulgate rules and regulations designed to  
2 provide consumers with a regulatory forum for pursuing complaints and redress against wireless  
3 telecommunications carriers related to billing and sales practices and quality of service.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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