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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-3 of the General Laws entitled "Regulatory Powers of
2 Administration" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-3-45. Service requirements offered by telephone companies.** – To the extent that a
4 telephone company is required to offer a local exchange service in any exchange or other
5 geographic area or to any customer upon request, such company may satisfy such requirement by
6 offering any service that includes, at a minimum, access to E911 and the ability to make and
7 receive voice telephone calls, through the use of any available technology, including, but not
8 limited to, wireless service or VoIP service, without thereby subjecting any such technology or
9 service to any greater regulation than would otherwise apply to it; provided, however, that the
10 price of such service together with any required fees and charges shall not exceed the price the
11 company charges for traditional telephone service, including any required fees and charges.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow telephone companies that are required to provide local exchange
- 2 service to provide such service using any available technology.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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