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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Keable, and Dickinson

Date Introduced: February 26, 2014

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-2 of the General Laws entitled "Duties of Utilities and Carriers"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **39-2-26. Services provided.** – Any public utility providing phone, cable television, or
4 Internet service to eighty-five percent (85%) of the eligible residents of any single city or town
5 shall make available said phone, cable television, or Internet services to the remaining fifteen
6 percent (15%) of the city or town.
7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require any public utility company providing services to eighty-five
2 percent (85%) of the residents of any city or town to also make available said services to the
3 remaining fifteen percent (15%).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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