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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 46-15.3-9 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 **46-15.3-9. Collection of charges.** -- (a) A record shall be maintained by every supplier
4 showing the amounts of water sold, and the amounts of water quality protection charges billed.
5 The records shall be subject to public review. The water quality protection charges shall be
6 deemed to be trust funds for the purposes of this chapter and shall be held in a ~~separate account.~~
7 restricted receipt account maintained by each supplier.

8 (1) For all suppliers, other than the city of Providence acting through the Providence
9 water supply board, or suppliers purchasing water from the city of Providence acting through the
10 Providence water supply board, thirty-six and one tenth percent (36.1%) of the amount billed
11 each month shall be ~~remitted to the treasurer of the water resources board on or before the~~
12 ~~twentieth (20th) day of the second month following the month of billing.~~ transferred into the
13 designated restricted receipt account maintained by each supplier by the tenth (10th) day of the
14 month following billing.

15 (2) For suppliers purchasing water from the city of Providence acting through the
16 Providence water supply board, for that portion of such supplier's retail billings representing
17 water furnished to the purchasers from the Providence water supply board, thirty-six and one
18 tenth percent (36.1%) of the amount billed each month shall be remitted to the Providence water

1 supply board, on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the second month following the month of
2 billing, and for that portion of such supplier's retail billings representing water furnished to the
3 purchasers from sources other than the Providence water supply board, thirty-six and one tenth
4 percent (36.1%) of the amount billed each month shall be ~~remitted to the treasurer of the water~~
5 ~~resources board on or before the twentieth (20th) day of the second month following the month of~~
6 ~~billing.~~ transferred into the designated restricted receipt account maintained by each supplier by
7 the tenth (10th) day of the month following billing.

8 (3) The amounts remitted by suppliers purchasing water from the city of Providence to
9 the Providence water supply board and ~~treasurer of the water resources board~~ those amounts
10 being transferred to restricted receipt accounts pursuant to ~~the previous sentence~~ this section shall
11 be based pro rata on metered water production originating from the Providence water supply
12 board and from all other sources in accordance with rules and regulations to be finally
13 promulgated by the water resources board on or before September 1, 1992.

14 (b) For all suppliers, including the city of Providence acting through the Providence
15 water supply board, fifty-seven percent (57.0%) of the amount billed each month shall be
16 remitted through the water resources board to the general treasurer of the state of Rhode Island on
17 or before the twentieth (20th) day of the second month following the month of billing and shall be
18 deposited as general revenues.

19 (c) All suppliers may disburse the six and nine tenths percent (6.9%) of the charges
20 collected and retained by the supplier as an administrative charge for any purpose relating to the
21 operation of the supplier. All suppliers shall use or pledge the thirty-six and one tenth percent
22 (36.1%) of the charges to pay principal or interest on bonds, notes, or other obligations issued for
23 the purposes of this chapter or lease payments in connection with any bonds, notes, or
24 obligations. It shall not be necessary for any supplier of public drinking water whose rates may be
25 regulated by the public utilities commission, pursuant to chapter 1 of title 39, to obtain approval
26 from the commission for billing of the water quality protection charge. The public utilities
27 commission shall not, in determining rates for any supplier hereunder, consider the funds billed
28 hereunder when determining revenue requirements for the supplier.

29 (d) In no event shall any supplier be responsible to collect or pay more than a single
30 water quality protection charge with respect to water sold by such supplier, whether the date of
31 sale was on, before, or after July 1, 1992.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would make a number of changes in the procedure for the remittance of water
- 2 charges.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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