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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND
CARRIERS - NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

Introduced By: Representatives Costa, Nardolillo, Trillo, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: February 03, 2016

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 **39-2-1.5. Notice of rate change.** – Every cable television, internet, or telephone service
4 provider doing business in the state shall provide every customer written notice (not as part of any
5 statement or invoice) of any rate change increase for the service, provided at least thirty (30) days
6 prior to the effective date of any such increase, at any time after the expiration of the initial
7 contract term, unless the customer shall have previously renewed for another contract term by
8 express written or oral communication.
9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require every cable television, internet, or telephone service provider to
2 notify any customer by written letter (not as part of any statement or invoice) of any rate increase
3 for the service provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such increase at any
4 time after the expiration of the initial contract term unless the customer shall have previously
5 renewed.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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