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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ELECTRIC GENERATION  
SERVICE

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Fellela, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: April 28, 2017

Referred To: House Corporations

(Lieutenant Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1 of the General Laws entitled "Public Utilities Commission" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **39-1-27.13. Alternative suppliers and purchase of receivables program.**

4           (a) The general assembly recognizes the importance of competitive choice in electric  
5 generation service.

6           (b) The commission shall implement a purchase of receivables program where the  
7 electric distribution company purchases the receivables of a nonregulated power producer at a  
8 discount rate which is then offset from the monthly payments the electric distribution company  
9 makes to the nonregulated power producer if the commission finds that the benefits of the  
10 program to ratepayers would exceed the costs to ratepayers.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the public utilities commission to implement a purchase of  
2   receivables program where the electric distribution company purchases the receivables of a  
3   nonregulated power producer at a discount rate.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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