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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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

Introduced By: Representatives Potter, Cassar, Carson, Morales, Baginski, Cortvriend,  
Tanzi, Henries, Batista, and Felix

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-2-26 of the General Laws entitled "Duties of Utilities and  
2 Carriers" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **39-2-26. Creation and maintenance of registry of life sustaining medical equipment.**

4           All public utilities shall for all connections to residential properties, maintain a registry of  
5 customers who utilize life-sustaining medical devices and equipment at their home and, in the case  
6 of power outages, prioritize the restoration of service to those homes in concentrated areas.

7           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 public utilities to maintain a registry of customers utilizing life-  
2   sustaining medical devices and to prioritize restoration of power to said customers during power  
3   outages.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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