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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Senators Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Bell, and Mack

Date Introduced: March 10, 2022

Referred To: Senate Commerce

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 **39-1-63. Burying of electric transmission power lines.**

4 (a) Whenever a residential customer of an electric transmission company loses electrical
5 power for a period of ninety-six (96) consecutive hours or more, the electric transmission company,
6 at their sole expense, shall formulate and execute a plan to bury the electric transmission lines
7 servicing that adversely affected residential customer, within two (2) years of the customer's ninety-
8 six (96) hours loss of electrical power.

9 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply if the experienced loss of electrical power
10 was caused by the action or inaction of the affected residential customer, or if the electrical power
11 to the residence was terminated by the customer or the electric transmission company.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require an electric utility company to bury power lines for all residential
2 customers who have experienced ninety-six (96) or more consecutive hours of power outage, unless
3 the outage was caused by the resident.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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