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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Introduced By: Representatives Caldwell, Cotter, Stewart, Batista, McGaw, Morales,
Spears, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House Corporations

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 **39-1-64. Cap on energy distribution fees.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provisions of the general laws to the contrary, any public utility
5 as defined in § 39-1-2 shall not increase the transmission and distribution fees paid by the consumer
6 on a billing statement for a period of two (2) years commencing July 1, 2025, unless the increase
7 is approved by affirmative action of the general assembly.

8 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a utility having fewer than seven
9 thousand five hundred (7,500) utility accounts.

10 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 mandate any utility provider from increasing the transmission and
- 2 distribution fees paid by a consumer for a period of two (2) years.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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