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**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026**

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MORATORIUM ON NET  
METERING, LONG-TERM CONTRACTS AND SUBSIDIES FOR HEAT PUMPS

Referred To: House Corporations

18           (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general laws to the contrary including, but

1 not limited to, chapter 26.4 of title 39, any right to renew or enter into any net metering contracts  
2 that are regulated by state law and no customer sited and/or grid-connected power generated energy  
3 contracts shall be permitted under any provision of the general laws.

4 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general laws to the contrary, including, but  
5 not limited to the provisions of chapter 26.1 of title 39, the State of Rhode Island is hereby  
6 prohibited from entering into any long-term contracts for the purchasing of solar or wind energy  
7 with any energy provider.

8 (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general laws to the contrary, including, but  
9 not limited to, the provisions of chapter 27 of title 39, and notwithstanding any program utilized by  
10 the office of energy resources for the State of Rhode Island, no state funds shall be used to subsidize  
11 the purchase or installation of heat pumps provided by any utility or governmental agency.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would place a moratorium on net metering contracts, subsidies for heat pumps and
- 2 long-term contracts for the purchasing of solar or wind energy.
- 3           This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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