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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION NEAR
UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES -- COSTS

Introduced By: Representatives Pacheco, and Newberry

Date Introduced: January 12, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1.2 of the General Laws entitled "Excavation Near
2 Underground Utility Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-1.2-2.1. Costs associated with relocation of public utility infrastructure during**
4 **public works construction projects. – [Any and all costs incurred by any municipal corporation](#)**
5 **as a result of the temporary or permanent relocation of any public utility infrastructure, including,**
6 **but not limited to, public utility poles, during the repair, maintenance, construction or**
7 **reconstruction or any municipal right-of-way shall be borne exclusively by the public utility.**

8 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 be responsible for any cost incurred by
2 municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility
3 infrastructure such as public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights of
4 way.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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