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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- CABLE BILLING

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Malik, Bennett, Azzinaro, and Melo

Date Introduced: January 22, 2016

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-19 of the General Laws entitled "Community Antenna
2 Television Systems" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-19-15. Option to purchase decoding devices of digital cable signals. --** [Any cable](#)
4 [television subscriber that rents or leases a device which decodes digital cable signals in order to](#)
5 [receive service shall be given the option to purchase the necessary decoder device from the cable](#)
6 [television operator at its fair market value.](#)

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 cable television companies to give their customers the option to
2 purchase, at its fair market value, a device which decodes digital cable signals for their cable
3 signal reception.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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