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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives M Rice, Walsh, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 6 of the General Laws entitled "COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL
2 REGULATORY PROVISIONS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 37.1

4 PROPANE PRICING DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

5 **6-37.1-1. Propane pricing disclosure requirements and prohibited charges.** – (a) All
6 propane dealers and/or suppliers shall publicly post their current propane prices, including all fees
7 for equipment rental, and other charges, on a company website for customer comparison or shall
8 communicate the current propane price per gallon through an e-mail, written notice, voice mail,
9 or fax, twenty-four (24) to forty-eight (48) hours before each delivery, unless said customer is
10 enrolled in a written price protection agreement.

11 (b) No propane dealer and/or supplier shall charge a customer a fee for the removal of
12 any leased propane tank or equipment.

13 (c) The current retail value of any propane remaining in a customer's tank at the time of
14 removal of the tank shall be refunded to the customer within fourteen (14) days.

15 **6-37.1-2. Enforcement of chapter.** – Upon the complaint of any person, the superior
16 court shall have jurisdiction to restrain and enjoin any act forbidden or declared illegal by any
17 provisions of this chapter; and it shall be the duty of the attorney general of this state to enforce
18 and restrain the violation of the sections of this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require propane dealers to disclose their prices to their customers before
2 delivery, and would also ban equipment removal fees and would require rebates for unused
3 propane in tanks.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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