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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA
TELEVISION SYSTEMS

Introduced By: Representative Anastasia P. Williams

Date Introduced: April 29, 2021

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 Television
2 Systems" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-19-13.1. Payment for services -- Long-term contracts.**

4 Prior to the expiration of a contract for services for a term of six (6) months or longer, a
5 cable television operator shall provide separate inserts in the monthly bill of a subscriber setting
6 forth and notifying the subscriber of the expiration date of the contract at least sixty (60) days and
7 at least thirty (30) days prior to said date. In the event that the subscriber and the cable television
8 operator shall not agree to the renewal of the contract or not negotiate the terms of a new contract,
9 the cable television operator is prohibited from automatically renewing the prior contract and shall
10 provide services to the subscriber on a month-to-month basis.

11 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 operators to provide sixty (60) day and thirty (30) day notices
2 to subscribers prior to the expiration of a contract six (6) months or longer and would prohibit
3 automatic renewal of same.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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