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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO  
PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED OR SERIOUSLY ILL

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Almeida, Diaz, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-1.1 of the General Laws entitled "Termination of Service to  
2 Persons Who Are Disabled and Seriously Ill" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following  
3 section:

4           **39-1.1-1.1. Sick and handicapped exemption from shut-off.** – Prior to a "termination"  
5 of service by a gas company for a seriously ill or handicapped person, there shall be a  
6 certification by a community action program (hereinafter referred to a "CAP"). If the CAP finds  
7 that the person is seriously ill and/or disabled, then no gas company shall shut off the service to  
8 this individual for nonpayment.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require that a determination shall be completed by a CAP to decide if a
- 2 person is seriously ill or disabled so as to be exempt from shut off from the gas company.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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