

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Second Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

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Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Fourth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 10, 2024, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 59 members present and 16 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 16: Representatives Alzate, Baginski, Cardillo, Carson, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Henries, Lima, McGaw, Perez, Potter, Quattrocchi, Roberts and Slater.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Patricia A. Serpa who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 9, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Terri Cortvriend is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024.  
Representative Michelle E. McGaw is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024.  
Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024.  
Representative Brandon C. Potter is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024.  
Representative Edward T. Cardillo, Jr. is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024.  
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 7081**

**BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Brien, Morales, Cardillo, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Protects and continues health insurance coverage for the dependent of an  
employee who wishes to change their health insurance coverage to Medicare or are currently on  
Medicare.) {LC3565/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7082**

**BY** McNamara, Donovan, Newberry, Ackerman, Potter, Morales, Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE  
CORPORATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR SHARE FOR DENTAL CARE ACT (Requires  
carriers offering dental benefit plans to annually submit information which includes the current and  
projected medical loss ratio for claims for their plans. The medical loss ratio would be eighty-five  
percent (85%).) {LC3743/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations  
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Brien)

**House Bill No. 7083**

**BY** Kislak, Bennett, Donovan, Giraldo, Stewart, Spears, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cotter, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN  
ASSISTANCE LICENSING COMPACT ACT (Adopts the model compact for the physician  
assistant's licensure compact in Rhode Island.) {LC3620/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7084**

**BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Brien, Morales, Cardillo, Fenton-Fung  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS-THE  
CHARLOTTE A. VACCA ACT (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at  
their retail establishment locations when construction/renovations are being done and permits insurers  
to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.) {LC3561/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7085****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND BIBLE DOCTRINE CHURCH {LC3922/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7086****BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz, Casimiro, Ackerman, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM RELIABILITY (Requires an electric distribution company to develop and act pursuant to a vegetation management plan approved by the DPUC to carry out vegetation management activities on and around utility infrastructure along public and private rights of way.) {LC3841/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7087****BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz, Casimiro, Ackerman, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024 (Exempts out-of-state businesses and their employees performing services, during declared state or federal disasters or emergencies, from state or local business requirements, as well as state or local taxes or fees.) {LC3933/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7088****BY** Brien, Corvese, Baginski, Serpa, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES (Provides that municipal insurance corporations be subject to laws regulating insurance companies and be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation.) {LC3935/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7089****BY** Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires that a business entity that is selling goods or services at retail offering a digital coupon to a consumer would also have to offer a paper coupon of identical value.) {LC3297/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7090****BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Brien, Morales, Cardillo, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Providers of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within 30 calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC3562/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7091**

**BY** Kislak, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, Giraldo, Stewart, Ajello, Potter, Fogarty, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Repeals the authority of the health insurance commissioner to enforce any act of Congress/decision of federal court invalidating or repealing the prohibition of annual lifetime limits on health insurance in this state.) {LC3617/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7092**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Carson, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Hull, Potter, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Mandates, as of 1/1/26, all recovery housing facilities register with department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals adhere to the National Alliance for Recovery Residences process.) {LC3615/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7093**

**BY** Craven, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS FOR HEALTHCARE LIABILITY REFORM (This resolution creates a 15 member special legislative commission to study and provide recommendations and comments for healthcare liability reform, and who would report back to the House by January 1, 2025, and expire on February 1, 2025.) {LC3959/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7094**

**BY** Diaz, Caldwell, Casimiro, Messier, Slater, Shallcross Smith  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND (This resolution would amend the commission name, membership, appointment process, purpose, funding allowance designation, timeline for membership, and meeting schedules.) {LC3616/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7095**

**BY** Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Spears, Ajello, Speakman, Carson, Cotter, Caldwell, Giraldo, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL ELECTRONICS RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT (Establishes a digital electronics right to repair, which would allow for digital electronic equipment and parts that are sold in this state on or after January 1, 2025, to be repaired at an independent repair provider.) {LC3637/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7096**

**BY** Kislak, Knight, Ajello, McEntee, Batista, Hull, Caldwell, Giraldo, Voas, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --  
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of  
delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent of guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an  
attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.) {LC3843/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7097**

**BY** DeSimone, Noret, Cardillo, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Morales, Diaz, Hull, Corvese, Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND  
SEPARATION (Provides for a residency requirement of at least six (6) months rather than one year  
for the Rhode Island family court to have jurisdiction over a divorce complaint.) {LC4017/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7098**

**BY** Craven, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Exempts full-time  
members of the capitol police from the seven (7) day waiting period and other requirements for  
purchasing concealable firearms or rifles and shotguns.) {LC3956/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7099**

**BY** Ajello, Craven, Tanzi, Cruz, Batista, Felix, Knight, McEntee, Bennett, Biah  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE  
COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Amends the comprehensive  
community-police relationship act of 2015 to require an annual study by an outside agency chosen by  
the department.) {LC3712/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7100**

**BY** Ajello, Handy, Craven, Tanzi, Cruz, Batista, Felix, Knight, McEntee, Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD  
SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Establishes the process to provide a legal  
mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using medications prescribed  
by a physician.) {LC3634/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7101**

**BY** Knight, Speakman, Kislak, Cortvriend, Caldwell, Noret, Corvese, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING  
DEVICES (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another  
person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.)  
{LC3372/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7102**

**BY** Casimiro, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Batista  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SECOND LOOK SENTENCING ACT (Establishes the second look act and would permit incarcerated individuals to petition the sentencing court to consider a motion to reduce a sentence after the defendant has served at least ten (10) years of the sentence.) {LC3363/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7103**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Morales, Kislak, Fogarty, Hull, Noret, Cardillo, Diaz, Casimiro, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices. Caps judgment interest at 3%.) {LC3349/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7104**

**BY** Bennett, McNamara, Carson, Hull, Edwards, Corvese, Potter, Baginski, Kazarian, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CORROSION PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS (Gives authority to the DLT to enforce violations of the laws relating to corrosion prevention and mitigation work requirements. Also adds civil monetary penalties for violations of those laws.) {LC3629/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7105**

**BY** Bennett, McNamara, Carson, Hull, Edwards, Corvese, Baginski, Kazarian, O'Brien, Ackerman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations of the state purchases chapter and also adds penalties for those violations.) {LC3630/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7106**

**BY** Craven, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Protects free speech/religious freedom/freedom of assembly rights in the workplace with a civil action to recover compensatory/punitive damages for employer discipline or discharge including attorneys' fees.) {LC3955/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7107**

**BY** DeSimone, Corvese, Morales, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Diaz, Hull, Voas, Kazarian, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Allows governmental employee union contracts to contain specific references to specific health insurance companies.) {LC4014/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7108****BY** Diaz, Casimiro, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL

(Provides time limitations on the collection or hauling of from large trash receptacles (dumpsters) refuse within one hundred feet (100') of a dwelling unit between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) pm and eight o'clock (8:00) am.) {LC3847/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7109****BY** Voas, Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Hull, DeSimone, Potter, Slater, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

(Adds the city of Central Falls as exempt from taxation for property acquired by an agency for redevelopment purposes.) {LC3904/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7110****BY** DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY

(Allows municipalities that issue tax bills via mail to develop programs to provide adequate notice through other digital means.) {LC4019/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7111****BY** Fellela, Cardillo, Perez, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION --

TOWN OF JOHNSTON (Authorizes the town of Johnston to grant a tax credit to any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years.) {LC3855/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7112****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Corvese, Costantino, Nardone, Place, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Allows the waiver of interest on overdue taxes for commercial properties.) {LC3742/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7113****BY** Bennett, McNamara, Carson, Hull, Edwards, Slater, Diaz, Corvese, Potter, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE

EMBLEMS (Designates as the state music, the genre of rhythm and blues which contains elements of pop, soul, funk, hip-hop, and electronic music.) {LC3424/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7114****BY** Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION

OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition and support of the Newport Festivals Foundation, Inc.) {LC3982/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7115****BY** McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Provides that public bodies not be required to hold open-forum sessions on any topic not on the meeting notice and limits comment on any topic not previously posted.) {LC3608/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7116****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino, Noret, Finkelman, Newberry, Lima, Cardillo, Casey, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Would amend certain signature requirements and deadlines regarding primaries for election of delegates to national conventions for presidential preference.) {LC3821/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7117****BY** Corvese, Noret, Brien, Azzinaro, Phillips, Finkelman, DeSimone, Voas, Solomon, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Changes the process of nominating candidates for the general election, by replacing the political party primary with a primary general election.) {LC3544/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7118****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Hull, Potter, Tanzi, Shekarchi, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES -- FOSTER PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Requires DCYF to prepare an annual report of all findings of suspected and/or verified violations of this chapter and share report on its website and to members of the general assembly.) {LC3366/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 7119****BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Brien, Morales, Cardillo, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-OF ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing four (4) year terms for members of the general assembly, elected members from even numbered districts would begin to be elected to four (4) year terms.) {LC3563/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7120****BY** DeSimone, Kazarian, Cardillo, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Diaz, Hull, Voas, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.) {LC4020/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 7121**

**BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, Brien, Cardillo, Fenton-Fung, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Limits the assessment of interest to 4 calendar years prior to the date on which notice of the delinquent payment is sent to the taxpayer.) {LC3564/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7122**

**BY** Diaz, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Cruz, Slater, Edwards, Potter, Messier, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for childcare assistance.) {LC3970/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7123**

**BY** Diaz, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Cruz, Slater, Edwards, Potter, Messier, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Eliminates the sunset on the provision of finding for child care for eligible child care educators and child care staff.) {LC3971/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7124**

**BY** Diaz, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Cruz, Slater, Edwards, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE ESSENTIAL ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Child Care Assistance Program that governs both family eligibility for the state's child care subsidy program and the rates paid to child care providers serving families receiving a subsidy.) {LC3934/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7125**

**BY** Knight, Speakman, Kislak, Cortvriend, Morales, Cruz, Potter, Boylan, Stewart, Voas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Eliminates the requirement of paying reinstatement fees to restore a person's right to drive.) {LC3357/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7126**

**BY** Baginski, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo, Lima, McNamara, Potter, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE (Authorizes the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$40,000,000 general obligation bonds.) {LC3917/1}  
01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7127**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Shanley, Shekarchi, Craven, Carson, Abney, Donovan, Serpa, Edwards, McEntee, Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes Rhode Island Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program to be administered by the general treasurer.) {LC3452/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7128**

(by request)

**BY** Casimiro, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC3341/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7129**

**BY** Edwards, Kennedy, Casimiro, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Speakman, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.) {LC3764/1}

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Deputy Speaker Hull invites the House members to attend the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at Ebenezer Baptist Church on January 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

**GUESTS**

Majority Whip Kazarian warmly welcomes her husband, Sam Daniel, to the House Chamber.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces there will be no session tomorrow, with regular Tuesday and Thursday sessions resuming next week. On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the House will convene at 5:00 p.m., followed by Governor McKee's State of the State Address at 7:00 p.m. in a joint session with the Senate in this Chamber.

Following today's session, Attorney Caroline Thibeault will provide Sexual Harassment Prevention Training for House members in the House Lounge. Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader Blazejewski encourage all members to attend the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Matt Dawson, Chairman Arthur J. Corvese, Representative Cherie Cruz, and Representative Terri Cortvriend a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi reminds all members that the House session on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, will convene at 5:00 p.m. Governor McKee will deliver his State of the State Address at 7:00 p.m. in a joint session with the Senate in this Chamber.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 7130**

**BY** Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Abney, Henries, Biah, Felix, Diaz, Kazarian, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ON JANUARY 15, 2024  
{LC4045/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Deputy Speaker Hull requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Speaker Hull, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 7131**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Lombardi J, Chippendale, Tanzi, Brien, Place, Cruz, Felix, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING DEPUTY SPEAKER RAYMOND A. HULL ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS SERVICE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. STATE HOLIDAY COMMISSION  
{LC3660/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Lombardi discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lombardi, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 7132**

**BY** Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Fogarty, Alzate, Solomon, Kennedy, Ajello, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF D. RONALD DANIEL {LC3661/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Whip Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Whip Kazarian discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Daniel family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Whip Kazarian, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7133**

**BY** Handy, Boylan, Knight, Tanzi, Fogarty, Kennedy, Cortvriend, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARGARET E. KANE {LC3278/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Handy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Handy discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Kane family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Handy, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7134**

**BY** Rea, Costantino, Newberry, Place, Fellela, Brien, Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Chippendale, Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KATHERINE E. YOUNG {LC3857/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Rea requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Rea discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Young family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Rea, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7135**

**BY** Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Ajello, Kislak, Edwards, Tanzi, Stewart, Dawson, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALAN SUMNER FLINK {LC4049/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Flink family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

### DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### House Bill No. 7136

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Enables the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.) {LC3402/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 7137

**BY** Rea, Costantino, Fellela, Lima, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Brien, Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLAR PANELS (Requires that all sales representatives selling or leasing solar panels are licensed by the department of business regulation and that a statement be provided to homeowners setting forth pertinent information pertaining to the solar panels.) {LC3463/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

#### House Bill No. 7138

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index or f5.5%, whichever is greater, unless there is approval of a higher rate by the general assembly.) {LC3371/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7139****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTROL OF HIGH PRESCRIPTION COSTS -- REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS (Regulates PBMs policies and practices relating to accurate costs and pricing reporting, restricts discriminatory practices and establishes consumer protections and enforcement of penalties for violations by the office of the attorney general.) {LC3364/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7140****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provide the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.) {LC3367/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7141****BY** Fogarty, Spears, Kazarian, Caldwell, Morales, Boylan, Messier, Hull, Handy, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COUNSELING COMPACT (Adopts a counseling compact for the interstate practice of licensed professional counselors by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses governed and administrated by commission.) {LC4084/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7142****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PATIENT BROKERING ACT (Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and would provide monetary penalties and enforcement by the office of the attorney general.) {LC3361/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7143****BY** Corvese, Batista, Brien, Azzinaro, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF INSURANCE CLAIMS (Prohibits a health insurer from denying a claim for any medical bill based on sole reasoning that the bill may arise from a motor vehicle accident or other third-party claim and prohibits a medical provider from refusing to submit medical for same reason.) {LC3548/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7144****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVID-19 PANDEMIC INSURANCE RECOVERY ACT (Allows businesses that had an insurance policy in place for business interruption as of March 9, 2020 or thereafter to recover from their insurance companies for a COVID-19 business impact.) {LC3368/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7145****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school committees to provide transportation for any student who resides two (2) or more miles from school.) {LC3373/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7146****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science.) {LC3375/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7147****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to develop and make available for use in all schools a mental health curriculum. School districts would be required to provide four (4) hours of mental health instruction to seventh grade students.) {LC3377/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7148****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provide that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.) {LC3406/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7149****BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNIFORM TELEHEALTH ACT (Allows an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in this state if the services are consistent with the practitioner's scope of practice and state and federal professional standards.) {LC4081/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7150**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Ackerman, Giraldo, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Morales, McNamara, Handy, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.) {LC3425/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7151**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Ackerman, Giraldo, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Morales, McNamara, Handy, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath on or after January 1, 2025.) {LC3421/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7152**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, held or offered for sale contain a label that completely and accurately lists all of their component ingredients.) {LC3385/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7153**

**BY** Morales, Donovan, Speakman, Bennett, Giraldo, Fogarty, Cruz, Vella-Wilkinson, Stewart, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription asthma inhaler to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.) {LC3438/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7154**

**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS (Establishes the procedures and requirements for the licensing of youth camps.) {LC3960/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7155**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.) {LC3382/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services



**House Resolution No. 7156**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Morales, McNamara, Handy, Serpa, Azzinaro, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO WRITE AN OLMSTEAD PLAN FOR RHODE ISLAND (This resolution creates a 28 member special legislative commission whose purpose is to write an Olmstead Plan for Rhode Island, and reports back to the General Assembly on or before January 3, 2025, and expires on July 1, 2025.) {LC3427/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7157**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT (Establishes a statewide broadband community outreach coordinator to assist state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for the federal Affordable Connectivity Program.) {LC3387/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7158**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Requires DOA provide inventory of all state agencies using artificial intelligence (AI); establishes a permanent commission to monitor the use of AI in state government and makes recommendations for state government policy and other decisions.) {LC3350/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7159**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Hull, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Noret, Ackerman, Morales, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (State websites to comply with WCAG 2.2 standards by July 1, 2026.) {LC4040/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7160**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PRICE GOUGING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PROHIBITED (Makes it a felony to price gouge prescriptions or pharmaceuticals in time of a shortage.) {LC3394/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7161**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND FIRST STEP ACT (Establishes Rhode Island First Step program requiring DOC to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early sentence termination or pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.) {LC3392/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7162****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Permits those other residents of a residential dwelling unit to extend the term of the rental agreement for a period not to exceed three (3) months after the death of the lessee.)

{LC3389/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7163****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Stewart, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.) {LC3396/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7164****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.) {LC3398/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7165****BY** Ajello, Craven, Tanzi, Cruz, Kislak, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Under certain circumstances, provides immunity from arrest and prosecution for prostitution, procurement of sexual conduct for a fee, loitering for prostitution and soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes.) {LC3631/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-25-2024, page 2.)****House Bill No. 7166****BY** Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Authorizes the family court to order educational classes on child development and family dynamics for divorcing parents with children.) {LC3996/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7167****BY** Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Allows for child support payments when a child is domiciled in the home of the custodial parent and principally dependent on parent until the child is 21, or 23 if child is enrolled in an educational program.) {LC4068/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7168**

**BY** Casimiro, Roberts, Noret, Craven, McEntee, Boylan, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE  
GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Creates "Harter's Law" to extend the civil statute of  
limitations for injuries resulting from first degree child abuse to thirty-five (35) years.) {LC3313/1}  
01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7169**

**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE  
GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides that statements by a health care provider regarding the  
unanticipated outcome of a patient's medical care and treatment shall be inadmissible as evidence of  
an admission of liability or as evidence of an admission.) {LC4034/1}  
01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7170**

**BY** Corvese, Knight, Kislak, Batista, Cruz, Donovan, Speakman, O'Brien, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND  
APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Prohibits any employer from denying any person employment  
based on a prior criminal conviction and prohibits state from disqualifying any person from any  
occupation for which a license is required based on a prior conviction.) {LC3549/1}  
01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7171**

**BY** Giraldo, Kazarian, Casimiro, Alzate, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Cruz, Boylan, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY  
DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Includes siblings, grandchildren, care  
recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's allowances from  
\$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1, 2025.) {LC3413/1}  
01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7172**

**BY** Sanchez, Cruz, Lombardi J, Felix, Morales, Speakman, Donovan, Biah, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM  
WAGES (Repeals the law that allowed employers to pay some of their minor employees and  
employees who are full time students and not attained the age of nineteen (19), less than minimum  
hourly wages, requiring them to be paid a minimum hourly wage.) {LC3446/1}  
01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7173**

**BY** Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart, Giraldo, Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Tanzi, Morales, Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Prevents employers from discriminating against an employee  
because the employee has exercised a right and worker's compensation benefits.) {LC3445/1}  
01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7174****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits landlords from inquiring about an applicant's prior incarceration and from discriminating against those who have been released from prison.) {LC3405/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7175****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC3399/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7176****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.) {LC3400/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7177****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael Cervullo, Jr., to join Jillian Cervullo and Tyler Shemick in marriage on or about June 8, 2024, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC3986/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7178****BY** Corvese, Brien, Kennedy, Azzinaro, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires that all agencies' final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31 of the year it is promulgated before it can become effective.) {LC3550/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7179****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.) {LC3401/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7180**

**BY** Spears, Speakman, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Tanzi, Fogarty, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to present to the general assembly a plan for the realignment of state hospitals into a department of hospitals no later than July 1, 2024.) {LC4046/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7181**

**BY** Serpa, Solomon, Phillips, Brien, Corvese, Edwards, Hull, Knight, Ackerman, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.) {LC3948/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 7182**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION (Petitions congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution to impose restraints on the federal government.) {LC3546/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 7183**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS (Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, allowing four (4) year terms for general assembly members and imposing term limits of three (3) full four (4) year terms on said members commencing with the 2026 election) {LC3403/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7184**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Hull, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Noret, Ackerman, Morales, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS-MILITARY SPOUSE LIAISON (Establishes the position of military spouse liaison, in the office of veteran's services, to conduct outreach and advocate on behalf of military spouses in the state.) {LC4041/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 7185**

**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Morales, Stewart, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the timeframe of the Revenue Estimating Conferences meeting to within the last ten (10) days of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.) {LC3380/1}

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:38 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of D. Ronald Daniel; on motion of Representative Handy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Margaret Kane; on motion of Representative Rea, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Katherine Young; on motion of Representative Blazejewski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alan Flink seconded by Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA A. SERPA**

Dear Lord: In honor of Martin Luther King Day, let us remember that his movement sparked a rising tide of freedom, not only in America but around the world. His often quoted “free at last, free at last” was addressed to African Americans and oppressed people everywhere struggling to have their voices heard. Amen.