

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# 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, February 14, 2024

Thirteenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Wednesday, February 14, 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 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 9: Representatives Alzate, Boylan, Craven, Knight, Lima, Potter, Quattrocchi, Spears, and Vella-Wilkinson.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Scott A. Slater 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 Thursday, February 8, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**

February 14, 2024

Announcement from Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi:

I appoint the following members to the Commission on Interstate Cooperation:

Representative Megan Cotter  
Representative Rebecca Kislak  
Representative David Place  
Representative Joseph Solomon Jr.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Jennifer S. Boylan is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.  
Representative Jason P. Knight is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.  
Representative Tina Spears is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.  
Representative Brandon C. Potter is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.  
Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.  
Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7111**  
**BY Fellela**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO**  
**TAXATION -- TOWN OF JOHNSTON**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull,

Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2024-H 7243**

**BY** Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Finkelman, Biah, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, and Kislak.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2024-H 7062**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Henries, Speakman, Cotter, Donovan, Carson, McGaw, Biah, Morales, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, McEntee, Corvese, Floor Manager Edwards, Representatives Diaz, Bennett, Fogarty, Kislak, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Majority Whip Kazarian, and Representative Slater.

Chairman Casey, Minority Leader Chippendale, and Representative Speakman discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Chippendale, seconded by Representative Roberts, Minority Whip Place, and Representative Nardone, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7062**

**AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7062, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES", as follows:

On page 11, line 24, after the word "disabilities" by inserting the language "or who are over the age of sixty-five (65) years".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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LC003794/2  
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Minority Leader Chippendale, Representative Speakman, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Minority Whip Place discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 10 members voting in the affirmative and 52 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez.

NAYS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Chippendale, seconded by Representative Roberts, Minority Whip Place, and Representative Nardone, offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2024 -- H 7062

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2024 -- H 7062, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES", as follows:

1. On page 12, line 26 after the language "ADU", by inserting the language: ", unless the public safety director, or equivalent municipal authority, deems off-street parking in that location to be a public safety hazard".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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LC003794/3  
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Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Sanchez, Morgan, and Speakman discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 8 members voting in the affirmative and 54 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

NAYS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Rea, Morgan, and Cotter continue the discussion on the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2024-S 2034**

**BY F. Lombardi**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS-BILL REYNOLDS MEDIA WORK ROOM**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Vice-Chairwoman Diaz moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Shanley, McEntee, Caldwell, Constantino, McNamara, Slater, and Floor Manager Edwards.

Vice-Chairwoman Diaz and Representative Morgan discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Giraldo welcomes to the House Chamber First Connections Program Director at Family Service of Rhode Island, Debra Quinton, Division Director of Family Support Services at Community Care Alliance, Dalene Magaw, Vice President of the program at Children's Friend, Valentina Laprade, and Policy Advocacy Consultant, Rachel Flum, who are here today for Rhode Island First Connections Awareness Day. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Kislak wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and her spouse, Dr. Joanna Brown, a Happy Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi wishes Joanna a Happy Birthday!

**GUESTS**

Representative Kislak welcomes Leah Creiglow and Ron Poirier from Ocean State Ranked Choice Voting to the House Chamber and thanks all who participated.

Representative Kislak extends a warm welcome in recognition of Children's Dental Health Month, Rhode Island Dental Association President Dr. Fred Hartman, Executive Director Aaron Guckian, Dental Director for the Rhode Island Department of Health, Dr. Samuel Zwetchkenbaum, Marie Jones Bridges from UnitedHealthcare RItE Smiles, and Patrick Sweeney for their dedication to promoting dental wellness.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Diaz wishes her grandson, Nehemiah Speaks, a Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday!  
Speaker Shekarchi wishes Nehemiah a Happy Birthday!

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Chairman Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

**GUESTS**

Chairwoman Fogarty welcomes to the House the President of the University of Rhode Island, Marc Parlange. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes him to the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet tomorrow, Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., in Room 101 of the State House.

**GUESTS**

Representative Donovan welcomes her intern, Sophia Patten, to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes Sophia to the House.

Representative Speakman welcomes her intern, Katherine Sprangler, to the House Chamber. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes Katherine to the House.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Morales announces that the Rhode Island Department of Transportation will hold public hearings this week, concluding on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that due to yesterday's snowstorm and the session cancellation, the House will extend the bill introduction deadline to Tuesday, February 27, 2024. However, the deadline to submit bills to the Legislative Council office is this Friday, February 16, 2024, at the close of the business day. The desk will remain open today to allow the members to submit legislation to Nicole McCarty in the Speaker's Office throughout next week.

There is no session tomorrow. There will be four committee meetings, all at 4:00 p.m. As a reminder, tomorrow's committee hearings are Finance in Room 35, Judiciary in the House Lounge, Health and Human Services in Room 101, and Innovation, Internet & Technology in Room 135.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes everyone a restful Recess Week and looks forward to seeing all members on Tuesday, February 27, at 4:00 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Happy Birthdays to Representatives Alex Finkelman (yesterday), Arthur Handy (tomorrow), Grace Diaz (on Wednesday the 21st), and Alex Marszalkowski (on Thursday the 22nd).

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 7598**

**BY** Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cruz, Potter, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING LAURA MASON ZEISLER, M.ED, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT {LC5023/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Diaz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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



**House Resolution No. 7599**

**BY** Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McGaw, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, Bennett, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LETITIA MORRISON CARTER {LC4933/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ajello and Chairman Solomon discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Carter family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7600**

**BY** Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McNamara, Slater, Diaz, Corvese, Tanzi, Fenton-Fung

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2024, TO BE "CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4793/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7601**

**BY** Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Diaz, Potter, Voas, Alzate, Cruz, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 15, 2024 TO BE "RHODE ISLAND FIRST CONNECTIONS AWARENESS DAY" {LC4599/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Giraldo and Handy discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7602**

**BY** Shekarchi, Baginski, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kazarian, Solomon, Brien, O'Brien, Shanley, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES M. CASALE {LC5168/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Baginski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Baginski discusses the resolution.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**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. 7603**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Ackerman, Edwards, Solomon, Voas, McNamara, Dawson, Craven, Place, Rea

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Repeals the "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act." Amends title 5 "Businesses and Professions" to include a new chapter 93, an amended "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act.") {LC4388/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7604**

**BY** Handy, Fogarty, Kislak, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Gives PUC jurisdiction rather than division of approval petition/mandates public hearing/allows intervention by interested parties/provides for appeal of decision.) {LC4354/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7605****BY** Handy, Phillips, Bennett, Hull, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Establishes a definition of consumer accessible fair market value for purposes of determining the value of any vehicle that is damaged or totaled as a result of damage.) {LC4336/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-12-2024, page 2.)****House Bill No. 7606****BY** Handy, Phillips, Serpa, Bennett, Hull, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Kislak, Giraldo, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.) {LC4349/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7607****BY** Nardone, Place, Shallcross Smith, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT (Amends the definition of "small employer" for purposes of the small employer health insurance availability act to mean a business employing less than one hundred (100) employees rather than fifty (50) employees.) {LC4934/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7608****BY** Nardone, Shallcross Smith, Quattrocchi, Rea, Place, Roberts, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM ACT (Authorizes any and all state licensing authorities to issue licenses to individuals moving into this state with a minimum of three (3) years of practice, in good standing in any other state jurisdiction.) {LC4832/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7609****BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Place, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Lombardi J, Solomon, Abney, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees, by anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.) {LC4927/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7610****BY** Cortvriend, Edwards, Chippendale, McGaw, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.) {LC4712/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7611****BY** McGaw, Phillips, Morales, Slater, Cortvriend, Hull, Carson, Abney, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES (Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.) {LC4801/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7612**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Dawson, McGaw, Finkelman, Handy, Azzinaro, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.) {LC4576/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7613****BY** Donovan, Ajello, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Speakman, Henries, Biah, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires RIDE to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students that will be posted publicly on RIDE's website.) {LC5096/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7614****BY** Morales, Caldwell, McEntee, Kislak, Giraldo, Voas, Casimiro, McNamara, Biah, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the student advisory council to meet at least quarterly, provides the chairperson with equal voting powers as members on the council, and provides that a student under eighteen (18) years is exempt from the senate advise and consent process.) {LC5021/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Resolution No. 7615****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND SYSTEM COSTS (Creates an 11-member joint commission to study the transportation needs of students and recommend what changes are necessary, and who would report back to the General Assembly by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.) {LC5072/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7616****BY** Speakman, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM (Establishes the renewable ready program and fund to promotes the responsible siting/development of renewable energy generating resources in locations where it would be an ancillary beneficial use to the redevelopment of previously contaminated property.) {LC4905/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7617**

**BY** Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Carson, Speakman, McEntee, Spears, Morales, McGaw, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING  
DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2024 (Establishes a program for the energy and water  
benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.)  
{LC5012/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7618**

**BY** Cotter, Chippendale, Cardillo, Solomon, Tanzi, Casimiro, Place, Felix, Speakman, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND  
FOREST PARITY ACT (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also  
provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality  
except where prohibited.) {LC4978/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-5-2024, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 7619**

**BY** Cortvriend, Casimiro, Speakman, McEntee, Nardone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING  
REDUCTION ACT (Updates the existing Toxic Packaging Act by delaying the ban on PFAS in  
processing agents, until July 1, 2027, and also expands the law by banning PVC and polystyrene in  
packaging.) {LC4641/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7620**

**BY** Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS  
(Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state  
construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.) {LC4356/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7621**

**BY** Fenton-Fung, Brien, Messier, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF  
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Permits licensed healthcare facilities to suspend visits of those person  
who are verbally or physically berating staff or providing non-prescribed or illegal medications to  
any patient. Suspensions would be lifted in cases of end of life scenarios.) {LC5172/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7622**

**BY** Place, Chippendale, Nardone, Rea, Roberts, Brien, Newberry, Fenton-Fung  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- COMMUNITY HEALTH  
CENTERS (Requires the DOH and the EOHHS to collaborate with community health centers to  
establish new programs designed to attract federal funds, with a focus on the utilization of Teaching  
Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs.) {LC4849/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7623**

**BY** Tanzi, Ajello, McGaw, Diaz, Cotter, Carson, Henries, Fogarty, Handy, Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2025.) {LC5180/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7624**

**BY** Tanzi, Ajello, McGaw, Diaz, Cotter, Carson, Henries, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Prohibits health insurance providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder services.) {LC5169/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7625**

**BY** Kislak, Shekarchi, McGaw, Solomon, Donovan, Boylan, Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Knight  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION (Eliminates prior authorization or step therapy requirement for prescriptions for any HIV prevention drug/prohibits the requirement of any copayment or the meeting of any deductible to obtain the prescription covered by the contract, plan, or policy.) {LC4981/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7626**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, McNamara, Cotter, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE AND CHINESE MEDICINE (Broadens the definition of a "qualified individual" in acupuncture and Chinese medicine to include any person trained and certified in auricular acudetox.) {LC5161/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7627**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Serpa, Solomon, Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING FEDERAL TITLE IV DOLLARS TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ENROLLMENT IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT RIC (Creates a 12-member commission to study the feasibility of utilizing Federal Title IV-E dollars to enroll students in the field of social work, and who would report back to the House and Governor by October 1, 2024, and expire on January 24, 2025.) {LC5109/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7628**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Shanley, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES

(Permits grand juries to issue reports and would provide for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.) {LC5088/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7629**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Morales, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS,

INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.) {LC5083/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7630**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND

ACCIDENT REPORTS (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.) {LC5084/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7631**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE

OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from five to ten years.) {LC5086/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7632**

**BY** Fenton-Fung, Brien, Messier, Chippendale, Kennedy, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS (Permits assaulted

healthcare employee to have option of having home address, place of employment, voter roll information and any information related to any labor organization, impounded from public records.) {LC5171/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7633**

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT,

FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides that two (2) or more individuals associated to accomplish an act or acts which constitute shoplifting, could be deemed "racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations.") {LC5039/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7634****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Changes the community service requirements of a sentence related to the violation of § 11-44-21.1 relating to defacing private residences, offices, businesses or commercial property.) {LC5037/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7635****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Changes the fine for any person convicted of a first violation of this chapter from \$85 to \$200, and increases the period of time that the violator may be ordered to pick up litter.) {LC5033/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7636****BY** Batista, Shanley, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT (Provides a remedy for any harm caused due to a deprivation or violation of rights by the State of Rhode Island or its political and/or administrative units or subdivisions, secured by the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island.) {LC5182/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7637****BY** Felix, Cruz, Craven, Batista, Alzate, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Kazarian, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SOLITARY CONFINEMENT REFORM ACT (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee ("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing (solitary confinement), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.) {LC4022/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7638****BY** Morales, Cruz, Lombardi J, Place, Chippendale, Ajello, Biah, Henries, McEntee, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- STATE COMMISSION ON PARDONS (Establishes a nine (9) member commission on pardons to provide recommendations to the governor as to who should receive executive pardons per the state constitution.) {LC4879/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7639****BY** Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, McNamara, Cotter, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS -- ANIMALS AS SENTIENT BEINGS ACT (Classifies animals as sentient beings, not property, capable of experiencing pain, stress, and fear.) {LC4971/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 7640****BY** Fenton-Fung, Brien, Messier, Chippendale, Kennedy, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Specifically adds healthcare employees to those persons eligible under the criminal injuries compensation statute if they are assaulted during the course of their employment.) {LC5173/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 7641****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Ensures investigation and initial hearings relating to complaints against physicians by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline would be "privileged" and not merely "confidential".) {LC4967/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 7642****BY** Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Boylan, Ajello, Caldwell, McEntee, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibit the family court from detaining any juvenile or committing any juvenile, under the age of 14 years, to the training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses.) {LC4792/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 7643****BY** Noret, Brien, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Shanley, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- HEALTHCARE SERVICE PROVIDER ABUSER REGISTRY -- HOLLY'S LAW (Requires the director of BHDDH to establish and maintain a registry of employees found to be in violation of and disciplined for any felony offense, misdemeanor crime of dishonesty or offense involving the use of illegal substances.) {LC5163/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 7644****BY** Solomon, Finkelman, Voas, McNamara, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Allows college athletes and prospects to enter into contracts receive compensation for use of their name, image and likeness rights and would prohibit colleges and athletic associations from interfering with such compensation rights.) {LC4995/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 7645****BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Cotter, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF TOWN ROADS (Allows for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to a walking/hiking/biking trail as well as for access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.) {LC4638/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7646****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT

(Amends definition of "authorized representative" in the confidentiality of health-care communications/information act provides that an authorized representative may include any heir-at-law when the patient is deceased/the personal representative is absent) {LC4818/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7647****BY** Kislak, Cruz, Tanzi, Felix, Giraldo, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Slater, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Requires landlords to list all mandatory fees when advertising any residential property for rent as well as on the first page of any lease. Prohibits a landlord from charging a convenience fee when the tenant pays rent.) {LC4672/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7648****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Denies tenants relief afforded under this section when a unit or premises is damaged by fire or other casualty if the fire or other casualty was caused by the negligence or deliberate act of the tenant.)

{LC4834/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7649****BY** Finkelman, Dawson, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Increases mandatory liability coverage for retail alcoholic beverage license holders from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000/Prevents injured consumers of alcohol recovering damages/Increases mandatory min jail sentence for 2nd time violation of DUI of alcohol/drugs.) {LC3334/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7650****BY** Morales, Slater, DeSimone, McGaw, Henries, Handy, Fogarty, Bennett, Stewart, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES -- EXTREME TEMPERATURE EMPLOYEE PROTECTION

(Directs employers to take certain actions to protect their employees who are exposed to extreme hot and cold temperatures and failure to implement or perform any of those actions would be an unlawful employment practice.) {LC4449/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7651**

(City of Providence)

**BY** Diaz, Batista, Slater, Hull, Biah, DeSimone, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Provides that only residential properties and new or rehabilitated residential affordable housing units would be subject to the tax under § 44-5-13.1 relating to taxation of low-income housing.) {LC4951/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7652**

(City of Providence)

**BY** Slater, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.) {LC5077/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7653**

**BY** Noret, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- DAM PERMITS (Renames 46-19.1, allows existing docks on ponds with 1400 normal storage feet of water per DEM, allows property owner to commence work on property without pond owner authorization.) {LC5164/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7654**

**BY** Shanley, Kennedy, Bennett, Edwards, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Permits the department of environmental management and local municipalities to drain, remove, and replace an overflowing septic tank or system.) {LC4597/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7655**

**BY** Speakman, Henries, Morales, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT (Grants a right of first offer to qualified nonprofits for the purchase of certain multi-family residential properties at market prices, within a reasonable period of time to promote the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing.) {LC4501/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7656**

**BY** Speakman, Carson, Morales, Cortvriend, Knight, Tanzi, McGaw, Cotter, Spears, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (Removes the department of business regulation as the licensing authority for mobile home parks and place the authority with the secretary of housing.) {LC4785/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7657**

**BY** Costantino, Rea

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.) {LC5056/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7658****BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Route 114 A, East Providence between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts state line.) {LC5042/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7659****BY** Morgan P, Nardone, Brien, Messier, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Replaces the tax sale auction process with a real estate broker listing of the land for fair market value and any surplus proceeds realized upon sale shall be paid to the owner of the real estate at the time of the sale.) {LC5298/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7660****BY** Costantino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real and tangible personal property classified as industrial and would extend the exemption period from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years.) {LC5059/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7661****BY** Fenton-Fung, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Permits Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates to be issued for passenger or commercial vehicles upon the satisfaction of the required criteria relative to the number of plates ordered.) {LC5154/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7662**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.) {LC4664/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7663**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Cortvriend, Fogarty, Handy, McGaw, Finkelman, Dawson, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.) {LC4671/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7664**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Speakman, Donovan, Alzate, Tanzi, Morales, McGaw, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Ajello, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Provides a process for local canvassing clerks to notify the state board of elections regarding patterns of forgery.) {LC4662/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7665**

**BY** Speakman, Carson, Tanzi, Cotter, Morales, Fogarty, Ajello, Handy, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATION, AND TENURE OF OFFICERS (Requires letters of appointment of public officers and employees be sent to the secretary of state's office.) {LC4890/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7666**

**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides minor technical changes, including an update to the membership of the state planning council to include the secretary of housing or designee, and provides clarifying language relating to the role of the technical committee.) {LC4600/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7667**

**BY** Place, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Provides that a court shall decide cases without deference to administrative agency interpretation of rules.) {LC4116/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7668**

(Dept. of Corrections)

**BY** Diaz, Slater, Morales, Biah, DeSimone, McGaw, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS --

PRISONER MADE GOODS (Allows correctional industries to conduct business for goods or services with any 501(c)(3) and would require customers of correctional industries to pay fifty percent (50%) of an order upon the placement of the order.) {LC5044/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7669**

**BY** Cardillo, Costantino, Noret, Perez, Azzinaro, Solomon, Corvese, Phillips, Rea

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

(Increases the department's standard, burial allowance payment from nine hundred dollars (\$900) to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).) {LC4935/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7670**

**BY** Messier, Giraldo, Diaz, Fellela, Baginski, Biah, Slater, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE COLLEGE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP (Changes the name of The College Crusade Scholarship to the Onward We Learn Scholarship and provide that those scholarships would not be considered federal or financial aid with regard to the Promise Scholarship or Hope Scholarship Pilot Program.) {LC5046/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7671**

**BY** Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Lombardi J, Casimiro, Potter, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN RHODE ISLAND ACT (Directs the allocation of \$3,000,000 from the 2025 state budget to provide cash benefits to participants in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.) {LC4689/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7672**

**BY** McEntee, Noret, Dawson, Finkelman, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Effective July 1, 2024, entitles environmental police officers to the benefits provided by chapter 45-21.2 entitled "Optional retirement for members of police force and firefighters.") {LC5193/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7673**

**BY** Newberry, Rea, Place, Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FIRST TIME HOME BUYER SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the first time home buyer savings program act. Allows modifications to federal adjusted gross income for \$50,000 in contributions and \$150,000 of interest and dividends included in federal adjusted gross income.) {LC4852/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7674**

**BY** Handy, Bennett, Hull, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Cotter, Kislak, Giraldo, Chippendale, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts new or used bicycles from sale and use tax.) {LC4348/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7675**

**BY** Rea, Place, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Chippendale, Messier, Fellela, Newberry, Hull, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Phases out the local meals and beverage tax by January 1, 2028.) {LC4848/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7676**

**BY** Sanchez, Stewart, Lombardi J, Nardone, Tanzi, Solomon, Cruz, Casimiro, Giraldo, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ANNUAL FUNDING FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY ACT (Provides a mechanism for funding the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority through the use of an interest-free loan to advance certain federal funds.) {LC4620/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7677**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Place, Cotter, Brien, Casimiro, Noret, Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS (Requires that all inspections, cleaning and maintenance and repairs of sidewalks along state highway and municipal roads, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.) {LC4871/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7678**

**BY** Morales, Cortvriend, Kislak, Carson, Cotter, Tanzi, Speakman, McGaw, Sanchez, Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES (Imposes a seventy-five cent (0.75) surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies as well as an account to benefit RIPTA from the payment of sales taxes collected from rideshares.) {LC4954/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7679**

**BY** Fellela, Messier, Ackerman, Cardillo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND MOTOR VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's motor vehicle registration, that person would receive a partial refund of the fee that had been paid.) {LC4896/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7680**

**BY** Rea, Quattrocchi, Costantino, Nardone, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Place, Chippendale, Brien, Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Phases in an annual increase of the net taxable estate exemption by ten percent (10%) per year until the state exemption equals the federal exemption.) {LC4847/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7681**

**BY** Place, Nardone, Chippendale, Rea, Brien, Newberry  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX-- AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDIT ACT (Creates business tax credit for, eliminates sale tax on, eliminates income tax on the sale of, and creates a 10 year tax valuation freeze on newly renovated affordable housing.) {LC4274/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7682****BY** Roberts, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- PART 44-30-81 PROCEDURE AND ADMINISTRATION (Provides, for the tax year 2023 and thereafter, that any tax overpayment would be refunded with interest calculated at twelve percent (12%) compounded daily if not received by the thirtieth day of June in the subsequent year.) {LC3586/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7683****BY** Newberry, Rea, Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Imposes a conveyance tax on purchasers, of single-family residential properties, who are for-profit entities with over \$15,000,000 in assets, at a rate of \$6.90/\$500, to be collected for housing production fund established in § 42-128-2.1.) {LC4851/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7684****BY** McGaw, Morales, Sanchez, Handy, Ajello, Kislak, Batista, Diaz, Felix, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. It also defines urban and small farmers and urban farmland.) {LC4972/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7685****BY** Cortvriend, McEntee, Carson, Kislak, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- OIL SPILL PREVENTION, ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSE FUND (Provides funds to support Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council to reduce climate emissions.) {LC4979/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7686****BY** Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, Cruz, Potter, Kazarian, Sanchez, Morales, Slater, Diaz, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends works program to provide eligibility for benefits to pregnant persons from onset of pregnancy including lawful permanent residents, increases monthly cash benefits, disallows termination of benefits for failure to work, limits monetary sanctions.) {LC4974/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7687****BY** Cotter, Donovan, McNamara, Morales, Tanzi, Chippendale, Casimiro, Felix, Speakman, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS (Allows an individual school district that can utilize its own buses or vendors at a lower cost than the statewide system, to obtain reimbursement for these costs from state funds.) {LC4355/1}  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 7688**

**BY** McEntee, Kennedy, Cotter, Azzinaro, Tanzi, Casimiro, Fogarty, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Redirects the distribution of the hotel tax money generated in the South County regional tourism district.) {LC4806/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7689**

**BY** Solomon, Stewart

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO OVERSEE AN AUDIT OF MEDICAID PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS {LC5062/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7690**

**BY** McEntee, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Solomon, Casey, Hull, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (RI VFW) FOR THE RI VETERANS SERVICES OFFICERS (VSO) PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Veterans Of Foreign Wars (RI VFW) for the RI Veterans Services Officers (VSO) Program.) {LC5080/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7691**

**BY** Costantino, Hull, Lombardi J, Phillips, Serpa, Cardillo, Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF RI (SUMHLC) (This resolution would authorize an appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.) {LC5159/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7692**

**BY** Messier, Giraldo, Diaz, Fellela, Baginski, Biah, Slater, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$6,000,000 TO ONWARD WE LEARN IN RI {LC5045/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7693**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Hull, Diaz, Ackerman, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES HOTLINE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island to provide operational support for the 2-1-1 system.) {LC5094/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7694**

**BY** Speakman, Kislak, Donovan, McGaw, Cotter, Henries, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024 (Creates the Rhode Island Individual Market Affordability Act of 2024 to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and moderate-income consumers enrolled in the health insurance exchanges.) {LC4982/1}

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7695**

**BY** Speakman, Giraldo, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibit rate charges in excess of rates applied if tenant of residential complexes with electrical master-meters receives electricity directly from a public utility.) {LC5019/1}

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7696**

**BY** Speakman, Donovan, McGaw, Henries, Fogarty, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Stewart, Giraldo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Prohibits any agreement whereby an advanced practice registered nurse is restricted in the right to practice in a certain geographic area, assist or provide treatment or establish a professional relationship with any other employer.) {LC5091/1}

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7697**

**BY** Spears, Cotter, Kislak, Craven, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Kazarian, Azzinaro, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (Codifies the federal legislation pertaining to the federal Indian child welfare act into state law.) {LC4558/1}

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7698**

**BY** Speakman, Carson, Cotter, McGaw, Giraldo, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Defines deed restricted unit. This act would further limit the increase in annual condominium fees for a deed restricted unit to five percent (5%) of the proceeding year's monthly common expenses.) {LC4984/1}

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7699**

**BY** Speakman, Carson, Cotter, McGaw, Giraldo, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT (Restructures RI Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increase its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocate the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.) {LC4889/1}

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7700**

**BY** Speakman, Donovan, Morales, Carson, Cotter, Spears, Cortvriend, Potter, Fenton-Fung  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- ADVERTISING OF RHODE ISLAND PRODUCTS -- LOCAL FOOD (Defines what local means as it pertains to certain food types being sold and advertised in Rhode Island.) {LC4677/1}  
02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 7701**

**BY** Speakman, Knight, Edwards, Cortvriend, Giraldo, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Consolidates and transfers the duties of the state building inspector to the state building code commissioner and establish a state building code education and training academy.) {LC4788/1}  
02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7702**

**BY** Speakman, Donovan, McGaw, Henries, Fogarty, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Stewart, Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires all hospitals to screen uninsured patients for eligibility for public health programs and financial assistance under Medicare and Medicaid.) {LC5103/1}  
02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

Chairman Corvese, for the Committee on Labor, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7058**

**BY** Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Solomon, Phillips, Lombardi J, Hull, Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.) {LC3329/1}  
02/23/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/29/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT &**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**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}

02/23/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/29/2024)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
TRANSFER OF BILLS****COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance:

**House Bill No. 7611**

**BY** McGaw, Phillips, Morales, Slater, Cortvriend, Hull, Carson, Abney, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES (Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.) {LC4801/1}

02/25/2024 Committee transferred to House Finance

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health and Human Services:

**House Bill No. 7694**

**BY** Speakman, Kislak, Donovan, McGaw, Cotter, Henries, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024 (Creates the Rhode Island Individual Market Affordability Act of 2024 to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and moderate-income consumers enrolled in the health insurance exchanges.) {LC4982/1}

02/26/2024 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:

**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}

02/26/2024 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:

**House Bill No. 7667**

**BY** Place, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Provides that a court shall decide cases without deference to administrative agency interpretation of rules.) {LC4116/1}

02/27/2024 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:10 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Baginski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of James Casale; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Letitia Morrison Carter seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT A. SLATER**

Dear God: Black History Month is a time of reflection and education. It is a celebration of the many accomplishments of African Americans. It is also a reminder of the war fought for the abolition of slavery and the long struggle for civil rights. Let us pray that all Americans recognize and honor their many contributions to our shared history. Amen.

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 2034**

**BY** Lombardi F, Ruggiero, Ciccone, Britto, Acosta, Zurier, LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Picard  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT  
COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER  
STATE CONSTRUCTIONS-BILL REYNOLDS MEDIA WORK ROOM (Designates the media  
room at the Amica Mutual Pavilion as the "Bill Reynolds Media Work Room.") {LC4033/1}

02/15/2024 Transmitted to Governor

## APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024:

1. **2024-H 7245**  
**BY** Ackerman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

2. **2024-H 7323**  
**BY** Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. **2024-H 7061**  
**BY** Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

4. **2024-S 2130**  
**BY** Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LINE BAPTIST CHURCH OF FOSTER, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

5. **2024-S 2243**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CHRISTIAN ACTION CENTER, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.



**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024:**

**1. 2024-H 7058**

**BY** Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

**2. 2024-H 7112**

**BY** Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 23, 2024**