

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Fourteenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and is called to order at 4:14 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 3: Representatives Serpa, Shallcross Smith and Spears.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi requests a moment of silence in honor of the late Rhode Island State Senator Frank Lombardo.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Grace Diaz who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**

**2024**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Bennett  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-7454  
Entitled: Relating to Commercial Law-Trade in Fur Products  
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

House District: 2d

Date: February 23, 2024

Acknowledgement: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file*

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The Honorable Speaker invites Dayanara Read to perform the National Anthem on her violin.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, February 14, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that bills ordered before the recess are being delivered to the House floor today. The Desk will remain open, and all bills must be submitted before the Speaker gavels the House into session on Thursday. If bills are not submitted by the opening gavel on Thursday, they must be introduced under Rule 7(d). This means that beginning on Thursday, notice must be given under House Rule 7(d) to introduce bills on the next legislative day.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

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

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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Phillips, Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives McNamara, Voas, and Marszalkowski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 70:** The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski,

McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2024-H 7323**

**BY** Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Cortvriend, Floor Manager Edwards, and Representative Bennett.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2024-H 7061**

**BY** Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Cortvriend, and Fogarty.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Casey, Minority Leader Chippendale, and Representative Phillips.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Chairwoman McEntee welcomes Dale Venturini to the House Chamber and extends heartfelt congratulations on her retirement from the Rhode Island Hospitality Association. She also acknowledges Dale's husband, Anthony DeFusco, and brothers, William and Kevin Venturini. She appreciates the presence of the Hospitality Association staff, including their lobbyist, Bill Walsh, Heather Singleton, Cindy Stepanian, Katie Kleyla, Ryan Moot, Traci Dufresne, Victoria Greco, Caroline Bhatia, and Jaden Dimeo.

**ADDRESS**

Chairwoman Diaz addresses the members in recognition of the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dominican Independence Day.

**GUESTS**

Chairwoman Diaz, in celebrating and honoring Dominican Independence Day, welcomes to the House Chamber Classical High School Student Dayanara Read, accompanied by her mother, Nora Gruyon, as well as Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos and Rhode Island State Senator Ana Quezada.

Representative Perez warmly welcomes Providence City Councilwoman Ana Vargas, Javier Santos, and Melvin Vargas to the House Chamber in recognition of Dominican Independence Day.

Representative Batista welcomes the distinguished members of the Dominican Independence Heritage and Award Committee, Pedro Pablo De La Rosa, Miosotis Alsina, and Digna Alcantara joining them Pawtucket City Councilwoman Neicy Coderre in recognition of Dominican Independence Day.

Representative Felix welcomes to the House Chamber the esteemed members of the Dominican Independence Heritage and Award Committee, President Everin Perez, board member Arelis Medina, former President Isidro De Leon, and Central Falls City Councilman Franklin Solano in recognition of Dominican Independence Day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On behalf of the House of Representatives, Speaker Shekarchi extends his deepest condolences to Colleen McGill and her family on the passing of her mother, Mary Jane Mellon.

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 Alzate announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today, at the rise, in Room 135 of the State House.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Thursday, February 29, 2024, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Slater wishes his constituents a Happy Dominican Independence Day!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be this Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. The desk will remain open today. All bills must be submitted before the Speaker gavels the House into session on Thursday, bills that have not been placed in the box will have to be introduced under Rule 7(d).

Also, due to the large number of bills that were introduced today and will be introduced before Thursday's session, members are asked to be patient while searching for bills posted online. The bills will be posted gradually over the next several days and early next week.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representatives Lauren Carson and Brianna Henries a Happy Birthday!

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 7703**

**BY** Sanchez, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Tanzi, Felix, Handy, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 27, 2024, TO BE  
"NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENROLLED AGENTS (NAEA) DAY" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND {LC5441/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Sanchez discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7704**

**BY** Ajello, Ackerman, Tanzi, Sanchez, Felix, Potter, Cruz, Boylan, Blazejewski, Shekarchi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY CONDEMNING ISLAMOPHOBIA  
{LC4932/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ajello discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7705**

**BY** O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Baginski, Messier, Brien, Kazarian, Solomon,  
Casey  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 25TH THROUGH MARCH  
2ND, 2024, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4944/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative O'Brien discusses the resolution.



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

**House Resolution No. 7706**

**BY** Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Noret, Solomon, Kazarian, Corvese, Kennedy, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 1, 2024, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4466/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7707**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Marszalkowski, Chippendale, Costantino, McEntee, Noret, Cardillo, DeSimone, Casey

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CAROL F. DOHERTY, RN {LC5467/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Marszalkowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representative Marszalkowski and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Doherty family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7708**

**BY** Diaz, Batista, Felix, Perez, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Edwards, Morales, Biah

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024 {LC4602/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz and Representative Batista discuss 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. 7709**

**BY** Shekarchi, McEntee, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Costantino, Finkelman, Dawson, Chippendale, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING AND RECOGNIZING DALE J. VENTURINI ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE RI HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION (RIHA) {LC4318/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7710**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5469/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 7711**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5470/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, 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. 7712**

(Rhode Island Airport Corporation)

**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ackerman, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

(Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.) {LC5336/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7713**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY** Boylan, Tanzi, Carson, Kislak, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Stewart, Fogarty, Finkelman, Handy

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

BICYCLES (Defines 3 classes of electric bicycles, authorizes the DEM to determine allowable uses of electric bicycles at properties under the department's jurisdiction, allows Class 1 electric bicycles to legally access state bicycle trails or paths.) {LC5576/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7714**

**BY** Casey, Fenton-Fung, Carson, Donovan, Phillips

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

BICYCLES (Requires helmets be worn by all riders, regardless of age, while operating or riding any electric bicycle or electric motorized bicycle.) {LC5186/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7715**

**BY** Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Morales, Ajello, Kislak, Giraldo, Alzate, Felix, Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for customers with serious illness

certifications and would amend various provisions related to the termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.) {LC5264/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7716****BY** Tanzi, Ajello, Kislak, McGaw, Morales, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Requires that healthcare entities and network plans, eff. 1/1/25, include provision in every contract with a provider of mental health/substance use disorders that rates paid pursuant to the contract would be subject to a rate increase at least annually.) {LC4991/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7717****BY** Ackerman, Edwards, Kennedy, Donovan, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Requires healthcare plans in RI to notify providers of any proposed amendments to an agreement 60 days before the effective date and requires 60 days notice of any amendment to a manual, policy or procedure that is referred to in a provider agreement.) {LC5283/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7718****BY** Fellela, Perez, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Permits the use of telematics by motor vehicle insurance companies to record the driving habits of insured motorists for the purpose of pricing, underwriting and customer service.) {LC5307/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7719****BY** Baginski, Edwards, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Replaces the term "the drug naloxone" with the term "opioid antagonist" in chapters regulating life insurance policies and group life insurance policies.) {LC5057/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7720****BY** Kislak, Stewart, Speakman, Ajello, McGaw, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Ensures that independent pharmacies are protected from pharmacy benefit discrimination toward non-affiliated pharmacies and helps protect consumers' ability to choose local, independent pharmacies.) {LC5312/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7721****BY** Kislak, Cotter, Shanley, Giraldo, Speakman, Carson, Cruz, Slater, Morales, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program of services.) {LC5150/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7722**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Caldwell, Biah, Donovan, Shanley, Morales, Cruz, Ajello, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Promotes the integration of diversity, equity and inclusion principles into school curriculum and also in hiring practices for education staff.) {LC4877/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7723**

**BY** Roberts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- INNOVATION SCHOOLS (Allows for the establishment of innovation schools for the purpose of improving school performance and student achievement through increased autonomy and flexibility.) {LC5323/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7724**

**BY** Henries, Felix, Morales, Stewart, Sanchez, Giraldo, Alzate, Lombardi J, Biah, Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.) {LC5403/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7725**

**BY** O'Brien, Biah, Corvese, McNamara, Ackerman, Hull, Slater, Donovan, Kazarian, DeSimone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) years.) {LC5427/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7726**

**BY** Morales, Caldwell, McNamara, Biah, Kislak, Batista, Casimiro, Sanchez, DeSimone, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires specific actions and procedures that a public school district or the department of elementary and secondary education shall follow as a part of their proposal to phase out, merge or close a public school.) {LC5020/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7727**

**BY** Morgan P, Quattrocchi, Rea

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Categorizes women by their biological identity at birth rather than their gender identity for purpose of organized sports.) {LC5369/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7728**

**BY** Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Carson, Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Edwards, Chippendale, Speakman, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE FIRE SAFETY ACT (Mandates an entity that owns five hundred acres or more of land to have a forest plan with fire mitigation.) {LC5051/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7729**

**BY** Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Edwards, Newberry, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURE FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Provides a definition for "agricultural land" and removes the definition of "farmer" within the chapter on agricultural functions of the department of environmental management.) {LC5201/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7730**

**BY** Chippendale, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.) {LC5328/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Resolution No. 7731**

**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Azzinaro, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS (Creates a 17 member commission to study the issues confronting the State due to climate change, and who would report back to the House by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.) {LC5263/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7732**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Solomon, Edwards, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Includes among the responsibilities of the office of state medical examiners, to provide a multidisciplinary team review of suicide deaths with a goal of reducing its prevalence by examining trends in demographic, geographic and community risk factors.) {LC4861/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7733**

**BY** Slater, Diaz, Bennett, Edwards, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD ACT (Creates the nursing home workforce standards board act to establish and enforce industry-wide quality of care standards in nursing homes.) {LC5018/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7734**

**BY** Kislak, Fogarty, Ajello, Boylan, Speakman, Corvese, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION (Amends the notice requirement to patients to follow the mandated FDA national reporting standards following a mammogram.) {LC5337/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7735**

**BY** Caldwell, McEntee, DeSimone, Casimiro, Craven, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for at a minimum up to ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance use disorders for American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.1 and 3.3.) {LC4717/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7736**

**BY** Boylan, Edwards, McGaw, Speakman, Ackerman, Cotter, Donovan, Potter, Kislak, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.) {LC5289/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7737**

**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, McGaw, Cortvriend, Boylan, McEntee, Kazarian, Kislak, Cotter, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits an insurance company from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for any diagnostic or supplemental breast examinations.) {LC4428/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7738**

**BY** Baginski, Bennett, Corvese, Finkelman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS (Relocates the chapter relating to licensing of massage therapists from the health and safety title to the businesses and professions title with multiple amendments.) {LC5293/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7739**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Amends the filing fees and time frame for certain claims of appeal to superior court.) {LC5475/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7740**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Craven, Dawson, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Provides updates and clarifications to the current penalties for driving after denial, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license.) {LC5123/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7741**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Shanley, Donovan, Voas, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Criminalizes the filing of a false lien, instrument, or encumbrance against a federal, state, or municipal judge or magistrate or his or her immediate family, and permits the court to take action to mitigate the negative consequences of such a filing.) {LC5119/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7742**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Donovan, Caldwell, Shanley, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Amends procedures and fees relative to claims of appeal in small claims actions.) {LC5476/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7743**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Noret, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Corvese, Hull, Caldwell, Bennett, Cardillo, Phillips  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- TRIAL (Allows a criminal defendant before the superior court to waive their right to a jury trial with the consent of the attorney general.) {LC4701/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7744**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, Carson, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, be punishable as a felony.) {LC5572/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 7745**

(Dept. of Public Safety)

**BY** Costantino, Phillips, Lima, Cardillo, Edwards

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

GAMING (Amends the law relating to casino crimes to be consistent with the advent of iGaming and the relevant age restrictions to participate in iGaming.) {LC4327/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7746**

(Dept. of Housing)

**BY** Cruz, Morales, Boylan, Potter, Stewart, Kislak, Felix, Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.) {LC4911/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7747**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Caldwell, Felix, Morales, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Baginski, Fogarty, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara

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

COMPENSATION (Allows victims of violent crime receiving awards under the state's crime victim compensation program to use up to \$1,000 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety.) {LC4580/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7748**

(City of Providence)

**BY** Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

STATE AND MUNICIPAL COURT COMPACT (Authorizes the use of automated traffic violation monitoring systems for all traffic signal laws, including the "Don't Block the Box Statute" and allows for jurisdiction of the Don't Block the Box statute violations to be within a municipal court.)

{LC4425/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7749**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE

PLATE READERS (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, the act identifies what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.) {LC5390/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7750****BY** Cortvriend, Fogarty, McNamara, Handy, Edwards, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.) {LC5290/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7751****BY** Dawson, Shanley, Noret, O'Brien, Casey, Knight, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Punishes as felony act of unlawfully discharging a firearm or incendiary or explosive substance or device with the intent to hit or fire into any unoccupied dwelling, building, other structure or ship, automobile or other conveyance.) {LC5309/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7752****BY** Lima, Vella-Wilkinson, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Chippendale, Phillips, Place, Hull, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun.) {LC5564/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7753****BY** Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts the tangible personal property of Northwest Community Health Care d/b/a WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care from taxation.) {LC5428/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7754****BY** Fellela, Perez, Cardillo, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEWER FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$40,000,000 to finance construction and other improvements throughout the town.) {LC5269/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7755****BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Little Compton Game Club.) {LC5404/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7756**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.) {LC5176/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7757**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS (Amends the composition of the scenic roadways board reducing the number of members from eleven (11) to nine (9).) {LC4416/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7758**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Edwards, Shanley, Casey, Speakman, Knight, Solomon, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.) {LC5127/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7759**

**BY** Kazarian, Dawson, Boylan, Knight, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Directs the department of transportation to prepare a monthly snapshot report on the progress of repairs and other actions pertaining to the Washington Bridge.) {LC5544/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7760**

**BY** Henries, Morales, Stewart, Tanzi, Alzate, Sanchez, Cotter, Felix, Giraldo, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts all Narragansett Indian Tribe homeowners from real estate taxes and real estate tax liens, imposed by the state or any municipality. Also declares the Tribe as the sole sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribe in Rhode Island.) {LC5405/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7761**

**BY** Henries, Tanzi, Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Alzate, Felix, Lombardi J, Cotter, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- NARRAGANSETT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY ACT (Exempts all Narragansett Indian Tribe members owning real estate, whether privately, commercially, in nonprofit corporations or in land trusts, from all real estate taxes imposed by the state or any municipality.) {LC5408/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7762****BY** Henries, Morales, Stewart, Sanchez, Felix, Giraldo, Alzate, Lombardi J, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --

NARRAGANSETT INDIAN LAND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (Repeals sections of the Narragansett Indian Land Management Corporation Act and acknowledges the Narragansett Indian Tribe as the sole aboriginal people sovereign to the territory of what is now known as Rhode Island.) {LC5409/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7763****BY** Newberry, Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea, Place, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

(Provides for free APRA records, DOA manages all APRA Records, and uses an online database for records.) {LC4957/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7764****BY** Felix, Henries, Morales, Batista, Hull, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Kislak, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN

MEETINGS (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.) {LC5432/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7765****BY** Nardone, Quattrocchi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- THE INFORMED VOTER ACT

(Establishes and funds an affordable housing program at reduced rents to be administered by the state department of housing) {LC5142/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7766****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Redefines

"Political Party" and defines and distinguishes between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of votes a party's candidate received in the previous election.) {LC5167/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7767****BY** Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Lombardi J, Tanzi, Fellela, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND

CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Authorizes driver education schools to offer the driver training curriculum in a classroom setting or an instructor-led virtual format.) {LC5580/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 7768****BY** Sanchez, Morales, Henries, Cruz, Potter**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 54 OF THE 2023-2024 CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROVE THAT THE RIGHTS PROTECTED AND EXTENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE THE RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS ONLY {LC5254/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 7769****BY** Biah, Hull, Baginski, DeSimone, Abney, Alzate, Henries, Slater, Diaz, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE RI AFRICAN DIASPORA COMMUNITY (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the RI African Diaspora Community.) {LC5468/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7770****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$8,000,000 TO SUPPORT CULTURAL ECONOMY INITIATIVES (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$8,000,000 to support cultural bond initiatives in Article 5 of the Governor's 2024-2025 proposed fiscal budget.) {LC5285/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7771****BY** Morales, Alzate, Stewart, Giraldo, Diaz, Lombardi J, Tanzi, Potter, Kislak, Handy**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER FOR THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education.) {LC5125/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7772****BY** Rea, Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Roberts, Nardone, Hull, Fellela, Phillips, Newberry**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.) {LC5326/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7773****BY** Noret, Hull, Casimiro, Edwards, Casey, Kazarian, Corvese, Speakman, Azzinaro, Brien**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,380,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE FOR THE OPERATION OF A STATE POLICE RECRUIT TRAINING ACADEMY (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,380,000 to the Rhode Island State Police for the operation of a State Police recruit training academy.) {LC5286/1}

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7774**

**BY** Alzate, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Casimiro, Donovan, Diaz, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$78,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RIPTA) (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$78,000,000 to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.) {LC5234/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7775**

**BY** Chippendale, Casimiro, Finkelman, Place, Roberts, Rea, Nardone, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Brien  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ITS THREE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$180,000 to the RI State Conservation Committee and its three Conservation Districts.) {LC5292/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7776**

**BY** Kislak, Speakman, Ajello, Cotter, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Tanzi, Felix, Voas  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 FOR THE HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000,000 to support the Down Payment Assistance program.) {LC5339/1}  
02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7777**

**BY** Kennedy, Edwards, Slater, McNamara, Dawson, Chippendale, Messier, Fenton-Fung, McEntee, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION (Establishes trade commission to advance economic interests of Rhode Island and Ireland.) {LC5210/1}  
02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7778**

**BY** Quattrocchi, Nardone, Chippendale, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.) {LC4800/1}  
02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 7779**

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Directs the commissioner of postsecondary education to prepare a strategic plan for public higher education which is aligned with the goals of the board of education's strategic plan.) {LC5348/1}  
02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7780****BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (Removes private schools from the provisions of the general laws relating to educational services to very young children.) {LC5287/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7781****BY** Morgan P, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.) {LC5366/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7782****BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Tanzi, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT (Created the Rhode Island clean heat standards act to implement a system of tradeable clean heat credits earned from the delivery of clean heat measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.) {LC5256/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7783****BY** Kislak, Bennett, Speakman, Ajello, Boylan, Carson, Cortvriend, Cruz, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Precludes the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticide products which contain brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, or difethialone, except in certain circumstances.) {LC5230/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7784****BY** Morgan P, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR POLLUTION (Prohibits the department of environmental management from adopting motor vehicle emissions standards based on California's promulgated standards. It also requires any rules or regulations related to said standards be repealed.) {LC5458/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7785****BY** Noret, Casey, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DIGITAL ASSET KEYS--PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION OF PRIVATE KEYS (Prohibits the compelled production of a private key as it relates to a digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right.) {LC5426/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, &amp; Technology

**House Bill No. 7786****BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AUTOMATED DECISION TOOLS (Requires companies that develop or deploy high-risk AI systems to conduct impact assessments and adopt risk management programs, would apply to both developers and deployers of AI systems with different obligations based on their role in AI ecosystem.) {LC5022/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, &amp; Technology

**House Bill No. 7787****BY** Shanley, Batista, Donovan, Edwards, Solomon, Voas, Dawson, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Data Transparency and Privacy Protect Act for data privacy protections for the personal data of the citizens of Rhode Island.) {LC5266/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, &amp; Technology

**House Bill No. 7788****BY** Shanley, Batista, Voas, Dawson, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Creates new definition for the term "employee", for purposes of wages, workers' compensation, temporary disability and unemployment insurance benefits, which deems a worker to be an employee, as opposed to an independent contractor.) {LC5317/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7789****BY** Sanchez, Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Tanzi, Ajello, McEntee, Perez, Morales, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES -- HEALTHCARE WORKER OVERTIME PAY (Requires all health care workers who are employed on any Sunday or holiday, to be compensated at the rate of time and one-half.)

{LC4869/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7790****BY** Giraldo, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires employer to furnish items and conditions of employment and a pay stub explaining how wages were calculated/reasons for deductions/allows the employee to file a court action against employer for violation.) {LC5356/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7791****BY** Giraldo, Morales, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.) {LC5351/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor



**House Bill No. 7792****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Increases the minimum required awarded to minority business enterprises from 15% to 20% and of that, require a minimum of 10% be awarded to minority owned businesses and a minimum of 10% be awarded to women owned businesses.) {LC5352/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7793****BY** Giraldo, Morales, Stewart, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of unpaid parental or family leave available to an employee, from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-six (26) weeks, in any two (2) calendar years.) {LC5354/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7794****BY** Bennett, McNamara, Baginski, Perez, Noret, Donovan, Carson, Craven, Slater, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (Reduces disruptive labor disputes with municipal police and firefighter unions during the transition to a new collective bargaining agreement by extending the existing collective bargaining agreement until new agreement is reached by arbitration.) {LC4408/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7795****BY** Casimiro, Alzate, Noret, Baginski, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits contractors and subcontractors from paying employees the cash equivalent of any applicable healthcare benefit in lieu of actually purchasing the healthcare benefit. Violations would be subject to civil fines.) {LC4898/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7796****BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY (Prohibits the use of project labor agreements in new school construction projects.) {LC5231/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7797****BY** Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASK MANDATES PROHIBITION (Prohibits a private employer from mandating a COVID-19 vaccination upon any full-time, part-time, or contract employee without providing individual exemptions that allow an employee to opt out of such mandate.) {LC4850/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7798****BY** Dawson, Shanley, Noret, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- STALKING (Makes it a misdemeanor to harass another person by following them and using an electronic device to record their movements in any public or private place.) {LC5311/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7799****BY** Solomon, Bennett, Boylan, Speakman, Casimiro, Baginski, Cardillo, Casey, Shanley, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM (Allows a licensed health care provider, who is assaulted in the workplace, to use the address of the department of health as the person's substitute address for all purposes, including on the police report.) {LC3306/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7800**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS (Waives the payment of filing fees and service of process costs when the victim of a crime is still owed restitution at the expiration of a criminal case.) {LC5116/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7801****BY** Felix, Place, Henries, Morales, Batista, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Potter, Cruz, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.) {LC5437/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7802****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 - 17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost) {LC5350/1}

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:06 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Marszalkowski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Carol F. Doherty; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mary Jane Mellon; on motion of Representative Baginski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Caroline Berarducci; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Santa De Leon; on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Elizabeth Sue Camp seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ**

Dear Lord: Today is a special day honoring the people of the Dominican Republic—the first country in the Caribbean to have a Democratic government. Our long history of friendship and strong economic ties have blessed us as Americans. Please help us always to appreciate and honor the people of the Dominican Republic. Amen

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 2130**

**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LINE BAPTIST CHURCH OF FOSTER, RHODE ISLAND {LC4044/1}

02/27/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2243**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CHRISTIAN ACTION CENTER, INC. {LC3897/1}

02/27/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**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**