

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Twentieth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 69: 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, 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, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Corvese, Felix, Marszalkowski, Morgan, Perez and Quattrocchi.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative John J. Lombardi 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, March 14, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Ramon A. Perez is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.  
Representative Arthur J. Corvese is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.  
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7278**

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Handy, Tanzi, McNamara, Potter, Floor Manager Edwards, Representatives Fenton-Fung, Lima, Cardillo, and Cortvriend.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2024-H 8001****BY Spears**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Spears, Cortvriend, McEntee, Tanzi, Fogarty, Azzinaro, Baginski, Craven and Potter.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: 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, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2024-H 7148****BY J. Lombardi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Kislak, Voas, Stewart, Cruz, Diaz, Bennett, Floor Manager Edwards, Representatives Casey, Tanzi Majority Leader Blazejewski, Biah, Spears, Craven, O'Brien, Ajello and McEntee.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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 Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2024-H 7512**  
**BY McNamara**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL**  
**TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES**

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Biah, Speakman, Noret, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Phillips, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Kislak, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, and Representative Voas.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2024-H 7239****BY** Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend, Knight, Ajello, Spears, Carson, Cotter, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Diaz, Bennett, Kislak, Tanzi, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Majority Whip Kazarian and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: 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, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ADDRESS**

In honor of St. Joseph's Day, Chairman Azzinaro addresses the House members on Italian traditions and the culture of Italy. He provides an opportunity for reflection on the rich heritage and contributions of the Italian community.

(For the St. Joseph's Day remarks see Appendix, this Journal.)

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 4:30 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Hull.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Azzinaro cordially invites all members to celebrate St. Joseph's Day with delicious zeppoles and Italian pizza strips in room 203 at the Rise.

Representative McGaw invites all members to attend the University of Rhode Island Day celebration at the State House to showcase the University's statewide impact and role as Rhode Island's flagship university.

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Tanzi announces that the House Finance Subcommittee on Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held this Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 8080**

**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tanzi, Chippendale, Fellela, Ajello, Handy, Edwards, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 18, 2024, TO BE "TRANSIT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5765/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8081**

**BY** McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Ajello, Cortvriend, Serpa, Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 26TH ANNUAL "WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK" ON MARCH 3-9, 2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5450/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8082**

**BY** Hull, O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Handy, Biah, Lombardi J, Alzate, Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN THE 2023-2024 SEASON {LC5755/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8083**

**BY** Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, Lombardi J, Costantino, Azzinaro, Cardillo, DeSimone  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY {LC5451/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution.

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

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

- Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Education-Rhode Island Promise Scholarship
- An Act relating to Registration of Motor Vehicle Honor Flight License Plate
- Representative Caldwell-An Act relating to Education–Health and Safety of Pupils
- Representative Chippendale-An Act relating to Waters and Navigation–Freshwater Lake Management
- Representative O’Brien-An Act relating to Animals and Animal Husbandry
- Representative Slater-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government

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 Deputy Speaker Hull announces that the desk will be held open.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 2550**

**BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus.)

{LC5499/1}

03/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/21/2024)



**Senate Bill No. 2202 as amended**

**BY** Lauria, Pearson, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, DiMario, Miller, Felag, DiPalma, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.) {LC4006/1}

03/20/2024 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 2588**

**BY** DiPalma

**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.) {LC5487/1}

03/20/2024 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Bill No. 8084**

**BY** Fellela, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Modifies the summons for eviction for reasons other than nonpayment of rent with the district court, to add a certificate of service section, and provides the option to post the summons/complaint conspicuously on door of the defendant/tenant's dwelling.) {LC5699/1}

03/20/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8085**

**BY** Kazarian, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island (Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island), a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5736/1}

03/20/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8086**

(by request)

**BY** Carson, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWPORT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$98,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LAND ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION, LANDFILL REMEDIATION, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS, BRIDGES, SEWERS, DRAINAGE, CITY BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION, BEACH AND HARBOR FACILITIES (Authorizes Newport to issue not more than \$98,500,000 general obligation bonds and notes to finance all costs relating to the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, replacement and improvement of infrastructure and municipal facilities) {LC5772/1}

03/20/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:38 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Potter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of David L. Jordan seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHN J. LOMBARDI**

Dear Lord: Today, we start our session by honoring Saint Joseph—the patron Saint of working men and women everywhere. Coming from humble beginnings, he dedicated his life to serving others. Let his humility be our guide as we work to serve the needs of all who call Rhode Island home. Amen.

**APPENDIX****REPRESENTATIVE AZZINARRO'S ST. JOSEPH'S DAY REMARKS**

During the Middle Ages in Sicily, there was severe and devastating drought that was causing famine throughout the island. Able to only grow fava beans in the desert-like conditions, the people of Sicily were desperate for water, and they prayed to Saint Joseph, vowing to honor him on the day that rain began to fall.

From that day forward, Catholics, but particularly Italians, have celebrated St. Joseph's Day and the traditions we cherish that have emerged to celebrate this man.

But who was this man? Who was Saint Joseph?

St. Joseph was a simple and common man who found himself in a very uncommon situation, a situation that he embraced with love, nurturing support and a dedication to family.

Considered the patron saint of Italians and Italian-Americans, St. Joseph – whose day of celebration, today, March 19, also happens this year to be the first day of spring and new beginnings – is also considered the patron saint of immigrants and families, of working people and of social justice.

At a time when division, fear of the unknown and injustice seem so widespread and unrelenting in our society, it is fitting that we honor St. Joseph today in this chamber, where we endeavor to serve our fellow residents and to defend and support our large and diverse Rhode Island family.

Let us all strive to live a life helping others like St. Joseph did as we honor him and our state's proud Italian heritage. May we all, like Joseph, be compassionate and faithful servants to the common good for all.

Now, let's enjoy some zeppole!

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7328**  
**BY Ajello**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 2. 2024-H 7469**  
**BY Carson**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 3. 2024-H 7470**  
**BY Cardillo**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 4. 2024-H 7471**  
**BY Tanzi**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 5. 2024-H 7583**  
**BY Azzinaro**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

**6. 2024-S 2550**

**BY Gu**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**Updated: Tuesday, March 19, 2024**