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Thursday, January 28, 2021

Fourth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, January 28, 2021, and is called to order at 4:08 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Blazejewski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Baginski, Casimiro, Fellela, Marszalkowski, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 26, 2021, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Baginski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 28, 2021.
Representative Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 28, 2021.
Representative Fellela is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 28, 2021.
Representative Marszalkowski is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 28, 2021.
Representative Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 28, 2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from Representative Alex Marszalkowski:

I regret to inform the House that I am unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 28, 2021, due to quarantine.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5217**

BY Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Noret, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.) {LC338/1}

01/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Morgan)

House Bill No. 5218

BY Morales, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello, Ajello, Lombardi, Henries, Potter, Batista, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES {LC917/1}

01/28/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Ajello, Lombardi, Henries, Potter, Batista, Williams)

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021:**1. 2021-H 5002 SUB A**

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022

Committee on Rules recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Majority Leader Blazejewski, Shanley, Noret, Caldwell, Phillips, Hawkins, Amore, Speakman, Carson, Donavan, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Costantino, Serpa, Cortvriend, Kennedy, Knight, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Slater, Ackerman, McNamara, Hull, Solomon, S. Lima, Potter, Kazarian, Barros, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Diaz, McLaughlin, Casey, McEntee, O'Brien, Craven, Cardillo, Ruggiero, Williams, Abney, Felix, C. Lima, and Edwards.

Chairman Corvese discusses the Act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Corvese, seconded by Representatives Majority Leader Blazejewski, Shanley, McNamara, Ackerman, Philipps, McLaughlin, Kazarian, Tanzi, Fogarty, Casey, Knight, Diaz, O'Brien, Cortvriend, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Azzinaro, Hull, Abney, Slater, Edwards, Bennet, Costantino, Ruggiero, Noret, Morales, Cardillo McGaw, Barros, S. Lima Lombardi, Amore, Speakman, Giraldo, Alzate, Hawkins, and Biah offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2021 -- H 5002 SUBSTITUTE A/2

HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5002 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022", as follows:

1. On page 27, line 27, after the language "House", by inserting the following language: "; provided however, if the Speaker is the subject of the resolution to expel, the resolution shall be sponsored by the Speaker pro tempore."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Corvese

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LC000613/21
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Representatives Filippi, Corvese, Knight, and Newberry discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 58 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

The Amendment prevails.

VOTING IN SECTIONS

Minority Leader Filippi requests to vote (section 48) in section pursuant to rule 28.

The Honorable Speaker rules it is divisible and with the agreement of Majority Leader Blazewski, it will be one vote. There is no objection.

Representative Morgan and Corvese discuss **the bill as amended.**

By unanimous consent, Representative Filippi, seconded by Representative Newberry offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT TO

2021 -- H 5002 SUBSTITUTE A/2

HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5002 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022", as follows:

1. On page 27, line 26, by adding the language ", censure, reprimand or in any way discipline", after the language "expel".
2. On page 27, line 26, by deleting the language "the".
3. On page 27, line 27, by deleting the language "Speaker of the House", and by inserting in place thereof the language "any member and signed by a majority of the members of the House of Representatives in order to proceed".
4. On page 27, line 34, by adding the language ", censure, reprimand or other discipline", after the word "expulsion".
5. On page 28, line 8 through and including line 17, by deleting all language therein.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Filippi

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LC000613/83
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Minority Leader Filippi and Whip Kazarian, discuss the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order.

Majority Leader Blazejewski rises on a point of order.

Speaker Shekarchi rules Leader Filippi out of order.

Whip Kazarian and Representatives Place, Blazejewski, Corvese, McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, and Morales continue discussing the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 12 members voting in the affirmative and 54 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 12: Representatives Ajello, Biah, Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

NAYS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Newberry, seconded by Chippendale Place, Filippi, Price, and Quattrocchi.

Representatives Newberry offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO**

2021 -- H 5002 SUBSTITUTE A/2

HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- H 5002 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "HOUSE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2021 AND 2022", as follows:

1. On page 27, line 10, after the language "proxy.", by inserting the following language:

"In the event that any bill for which a proxy and written instructions are received by the member's majority leader or minority leader and is amended by floor amendment in a material or substantive way (not for ministerial or technical corrections), the member's proxy shall not be voted in any manner and shall be deemed null and void."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Newberry

LC000613/15

Representatives Newberry, Corvese, Knight, and Kazarian discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 9 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

WITHDRAWAL OF AMENDMENTS

Representative Place moves to withdraw his amendment.

There is no objection.

Minority Leader Filippi moves to withdraw his amendment.

There is no objection.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Lombardi rises on a point of order.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi addresses the point of order.

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order pertaining to rule 29.

Representative Kislak, McNamara, Tanzi, Ruggiero, and Corvese discuss the act as amended and divisible.

The motion to move the bill as a whole excluding section 48 on a roll call vote 61 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

The motion to move section 48 passes on a roll call vote 49 members voting in the affirmative and 19 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 19: Representatives Ajello, Cassar, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Henries, Kislak, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Filippi, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Knight wishes his daughter Talia Knight a happy 18th birthday.

Azzinaro wishes his daughter Tami a happy birthday.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5219

BY Lima, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Tanzi, Kazarian, Amore, Knight, Edwards, Slater
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLARD "BILL" RAPPLEYE {LC532/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative C. Lima seconded by many others by unanimous

House Resolution No. 5220

BY Place, Chippendale, Hull, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24TH THROUGH JANUARY 30TH, 2021, AS NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1150/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 5221

BY Diaz, Perez, Williams, Slater, Tobon, Costantino, Batista, Hull, Blazejewski, Filippi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BIENVENIDO R. GARCIA {LC1106/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 5222

BY Blazejewski, Kazarian, Hull, Henries, Amore, Filippi, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN BRITTO {LC1132/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, 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 many others by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces to watch for committee assignments will be emailed to them. Several committee hearings will be posted in the next few weeks. He also states session for next week will be on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, and Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 4:00 pm.

Majority leader Blazejewski would like to remind everyone to keep watching their emails while DocuSign is being finalized in the next few days.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Azzinaro a very happy birthday on Friday.

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES TRANSFER OF BILLS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health & Human Services:

House Resolution No. 5070

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (BHDDH) TO FULLY ADDRESS ALL PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008 (REQUESTING THE RI DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS TO ADDRESS ALL PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008) {LC206/1}

01/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5074**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.) {LC164/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5075**BY** McNamara, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Requires at least one oral and maxillofacial surgeon on the Rhode Island board of examiners in dentistry.) {LC162/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5077**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS -- THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2021 (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients' Right To Try Act of 2021," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.) {LC160/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5080

(by request)

BY Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LIFE-SAVING ALLERGY MEDICATION--STOCK SYRINGE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS--EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATION (Requires owners or operators of enclosed public space holding 300 or more people to have available epinephrine auto injectors and personnel trained to administer them.) {LC476/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5083**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Ruggiero, Kazarian, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS (Provides that feminine hygiene products be provided in all public schools and prisons.) {LC654/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5156**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE BREAST CANCER ACT (Amends the current law so that digital breast tomosynthesis (dbt) screenings are available wherever mammograms are conducted and to provide insurance coverage for such screenings.) {LC467/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5164**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use a topical sunscreen product. Children enrolled in grades K-5 would need a note from a parent or guardian in order to possess sunscreen on school property.) {LC96/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5165**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Authorizes emergency medical service providers to transport and provide first aid to police dogs injured in the line of duty.) {LC97/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 3**BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Felag, Coyne, Lawson, Cano, Acosta, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member.) {LC417/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 5 SUB A**BY** Miller, Pearson, Lawson, Kallman, Lombardo, Mack, DiPalma, Quezada, Euer, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.) {LC360/A/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5017**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Adds a definition to the term "manufacture" in the medical marijuana chapter.) {LC229/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 5019**BY** Lombardi, Potter, Morales**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN IMPROVED MEDICARE-FOR-ALL-TYPE SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 19 member commission to study and assess implementing an improved Medicare-for-all-type single payer program in RI, and who would report back to the Senate and House 1 year from the date of passage, and expire 2 years from the date of passage.) {LC16/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5041**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS (Requires drug manufactures to establish fund and manage state approved drug take back programs, free of charge to the consumer and pharmacy.) {LC644/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5065**BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Repeals requirement a person licensed as barber be a citizen of United States and be of good moral character. Also repeals requirement that a person so licensed pay a license fee for the business.) {LC576/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5066**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (Increases the membership of the governor's council on behavioral health from thirty-one (31) to thirty-two (32) members by adding the president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island or a designee.) {LC190/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5072**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCESSIBLE RESIDENCE MODIFICATIONS (Allows health insurance plans to provide coverage for accessible residence modifications determined to be medically necessary.) {LC184/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5081**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING THE RHODE ISLAND RARE DISEASE MEDICATION ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND REINSURANCE ACT (Provides for establishment of the rare disease medication reinsurance program to be funded by insurer contributions that would be administered by the secretary of health and human services based on recommendations from a 15 member advisory council.) {LC159/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5151**BY** Morales, McGaw, Alzate, Ackerman, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Limits insured persons insulin costs to \$25 per month.) {LC246/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5152**BY Bennett****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Defines what constitutes a multi-use food and beverage storage container and provides for sanitary use of said containers.) {LC85/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5153**BY Bennett****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.) {LC89/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5154**BY Bennett****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (Changes title of chapter 37.2 of title 5 and throughout, replacing the words "Oriental medicine" with "Chinese medicine". Allows individuals who are otherwise certified, to practice acupuncture & Chinese medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.) {LC95/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5155**BY Bennett****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.) {LC90/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5160**BY Bennett****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist.) {LC120/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5162**BY Bennett****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.) {LC112/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5163**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (Expands the health services council from twelve (12) to twenty-four (24) members and amends the hospital conversion act relative to disclosure.) {LC99/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5166**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND BEST RX PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR THE UNINSURED (Requires that enrollees in the Rhode Island best RX Prescription drug discount program for the uninsured are not charged a copay for their prescriptions.) {LC137/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5189**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Donovan, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the authority to prescribe drugs and devices. The act also provides the conditions for which a pharmacist may prescribe an indicated drug or device.) {LC650/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5190**BY** Serpa, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Includes domestic pets as eligible to use medical marijuana if certified by a licensed veterinarian.) {LC784/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5191**BY** Serpa, Bennett, Phillips, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits the board of medical licensure and discipline from requiring specialty board certification as a condition of licensure.) {LC785/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5192**BY** Bennett, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductible for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath.) {LC135/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5194**BY** Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced, more comprehensive version of the compact, allowing nurses to hold a multi-state license which would allow them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses) {LC375/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5195**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OVERSIGHT OF RISK-BEARING PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS (Provides the office of the health insurance commissioner with oversight of risk-bearing provider organizations and health care risk contracts.) {LC92/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5196

(by request)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Limits health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50) dollars for a copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.) {LC335/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5198**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Includes in the practice of physical therapy the ordering of diagnostic imaging (x-ray imaging) to be performed by other health care professionals.) {LC111/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Education:**House Bill No. 5018****BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science.) {LC247/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5027**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Incorporates SurveyWorks school climate indicators for evaluating the performance of LEAs and individual public schools.) {LC150/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5028**BY** Newberry, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT (Requires the implementation of the civic literacy act for all students between the 8th and 12th grades.) {LC524/1}
01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5067**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Directs that services provided by school social workers and certified school psychologists would be included as health care related services eligible for federal Medicaid reimbursement.) {LC191/1}
01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5076**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Require the principal at each school to provide an annual report on the number of graduating students and the number applying for admission to college or vocational training.) {LC153/1}
01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5068**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Promotes healthy school buildings and grounds by prohibiting the use of certain appliances in school buildings.) {LC79/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5069**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EQUITABLE ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Requires all charter public schools actively recruit students from and in every district that the school is chartered to service and receive students from.) {LC500/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5071**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Directs school districts experiencing high rates of student absenteeism to establish attendance review teams to address this absenteeism.) {LC186/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5073**BY** McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SECURING THE FINANCIAL FUTURE FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Provides that the council on elementary and secondary education be encouraged to maintain, publish and update statewide standards for instruction of personal finance in public high schools.) {LC185/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5078**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires that prior to any suspension being issued to a student or pupil in grades K-5, inclusive, the school would implement an individual behavior plan (the "plan") for the student.) {LC149/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5079**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDRAISING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Allows a school district to assess or request a voluntary contribution of money from a student or the student's parent or legal guardian to make a donation, in whole or in part, for the cost of district-sponsored field trips, dances, and clubs.) {LC152/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5082**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Expressly allows college athletes, while they are students, to personally profit from the use of their name, image, and likeness, and prohibits the NCAA from preventing these practices.) {LC469/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5104**BY** Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Allows state colleges to sell discarded or surplus technology to their students at discounted prices, using the monies collected to purchase updated electronic equipment or technology.) {LC515/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5157**BY** Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Donovan, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that every superintendent of schools shall create an annual report on the progress and status of academic achievement of foster care youth.) {LC94/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5158**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Requires the children's cabinet, in conjunction with the department of education, to develop and implement strategies to improve the compensation of early educators.) {LC759/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5159**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Caldwell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Designates physical, occupational, speech, and music therapies and behavioral health services as essential special services to be provided to students

with disabilities during times of a declared emergency.) {LC134/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5193

BY O'Brien, Corvese, Ajello, Biah, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER SCHOOLS (Limits to the creation of new district charter schools, independent charter schools, and mayoral academy's. Mandates state to not appropriate funding for charter schools.) {LC691/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

House Bill No. 5197

BY Corvese, O'Brien, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER (Requires that only certified nurses-teachers may be employed as school nurses in elementary and secondary schools.) {LC978/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Education

Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance:

House Bill No. 5026

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows teachers, who are at the top step maximum salary, to retire early.) {LC155/1}
02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

The Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Municipal Government & Housing:

House Bill No. 5035

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY--EMERGENCY GENERATORS REQUIRED (Requires elderly housing complexes of more than 100 residential units provide emergency generators to power all common areas and residential units in building effective 1/1/22.) {LC192/1}
01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

The Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Municipal Government & Housing:

House Bill No. 5024

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$17,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITORIUM AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS,

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ROOFS, FLOORS, HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, PARKING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$17,840,000 for school improvements.) {LC11/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5025

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT (Allows North Smithfield historic residence owners to become eligible for state historic residence tax credits.) {LC497/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5101

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Ratifies the town of Jamestown Home Rule Charter amendment to Section 219 of the charter adopted at a November 3, 2020 referendum, concerning the process and procedures by which voter initiative can be activated.) {LC664/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5102

BY Price

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$17,840,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AUDITORIUM AND CLASSROOM IMPROVEMENTS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ROOFS, FLOORS, HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, PARKING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$17,840,000 for school improvements.) {LC13/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5106

BY Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Johnston to adopt a tax classification plan independent of the provisions of § 44-5-11.8.) {LC168/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5129**BY** Casimiro, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real property of Ocean State Community Wellness, Inc., a qualified tax-exempt corporation under § 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, for the property located at 7450 Post Road, North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC124/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5181**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the Town of Westerly to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$2,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the town.) {LC757/1}

01/29/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5107**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES--MIDDLETOWN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT (Allows the town of Middletown to enroll its full-time police officers hired on or after July 1, 2021, in a defined contribution plan established by the town and prevents newly hired police officers from becoming members of the retirement system.) {LC415/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5124**BY** Casimiro, Craven, Noret, Donovan, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COASTAL AND RIVERINE HOME PROTECTION (Enables cities and towns to provide a tax exemption to individuals who take resiliency measures to rehabilitate their property because of flood hazards.) {LC122/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5125**BY** Casimiro, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT (Authorizes cities and towns to enact ordinances to address and protect their citizens' public safety and welfare from the impact of hemp cultivation and any of its derivative products.) {LC132/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5126**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- MIDDLETOWN (Prohibits the operation of through commercial vehicles on Turner Road in Middletown.) {LC400/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5127**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT OF ROADS (Authorizes the town of Middletown, upon receiving a request for the abandonment of a highway from an abutting property owner, to buy the abandoned highway from the abutting owner, at fair market value.)

{LC411/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5128**BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides for the preservation of housing density when a municipality allows alternative uses within a residential zone. Transferal of the residential density would be to locations at the discretion of the municipality.)

{LC114/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5180**BY** Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits.) {LC777/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5217**BY** Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.) {LC338/1}

02/01/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**The Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House State Government & Elections:****House Bill No. 5000****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - GENERAL STATE OFFICERS (Enables the general assembly, while in grand committee, to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor.)

{LC24/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5022**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS {LC170/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5032**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Requires that all meetings closed to the public be audio recorded by audio tape or other audio recording device.) {LC525/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5096**BY** Lima, Henries, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS (Requires the secretary of state to conduct a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor whenever eighteen (18) months or more remain in the four (4) year term of office.) {LC894/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5142**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires all candidates for office to file the same number of campaign finance reports, all due at the same times, whether or not they have contested primary elections.) {LC468/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5187**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING (Increases the fines for the late filing of campaign finance reports to \$100.00 for a second offense, \$500.00 for a third offense, and \$1,000.00 for all subsequent offenses.) {LC14/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**The Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Innovations, Internet, & Technology:****House Bill No. 5054****BY** Solomon, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS -- NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.) {LC483/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5148

BY Ruggiero, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Carson, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Establishes broadband coordinator and council.) {LC80/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfers:

House Bill No. 5210

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that Medicare supplement policies be made available to Medicare eligible disabled individuals under the age of sixty-five (65).) {LC374/1}

01/27/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5014

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- BUS LANE TRAVEL FINE (Creates a new traffic offense, with a fine, for traveling in a bus lane.) {LC219/1}

02/02/2021 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5223**

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Abney, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ENABLING THE STATE LOTTERY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CONTRACT WITH IGT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

CORPORATION AND TWIN RIVER (Enables the state lottery division of the department of revenue to enter into a contract extension with IGT Global Solutions Corporation and contract extensions with Twin River and affiliates of Twin River.) {LC1065/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5224

BY Shekarchi, Diaz, Amore, Baginski, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Potter, Felix, Biah, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Removes the requirement that the scholarship program cease with the enrollment of the high school graduating class of 2021 at the community college of Rhode Island.) {LC1215/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Diaz, Amore, Baginski, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Potter, Felix, Biah, Batista)

House Bill No. 5225**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.) {LC720/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5226**BY** Edwards, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Increases the maximum small state purchase from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other small purchases.) {LC722/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Nardone)**House Bill No. 5227****BY** Alzate, Amore, Blazejewski, Williams, Speakman, Giraldo, Slater, Kazarian, Potter, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds one new income tax bracket for purposes of state income taxation.) {LC920/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5228**BY** Williams, Ajello, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises the juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court from \$15.00 per day to \$25.00 per day commencing July 1, 2022, and increase to \$35.00 per day commencing July 1, 2023, and thereafter.) {LC110/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5229****BY** Amore, Alzate, Tanzi, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a new income tax bracket of 6.99% on taxable income over five hundred thousand dollars. Any tax collected on this income deposited into restricted receipt account and expended on education for grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.) {LC179/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5230**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO PREPARE AND BUDGET THE STATE'S SHARE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE METACOMET GOLF COURSE {LC1101/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5231**BY** Shekarchi, Edwards, Noret, McEntee, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Provides technical amendments to the existing Pass-through Entity Election Tax statute to allow tax practitioners and the Rhode Island Division of Taxation to comply with the provisions in practice.) {LC1080/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5232**BY** McNamara, Amore, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Extends the time period that schools have to commence construction to correct health and safety deficiencies in order to qualify for increased school housing aid.) {LC754/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Bill No. 5233****BY** Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Felix, Ajello, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides students attending public schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a students' bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.) {LC943/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5234**BY** Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Perez, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows schools to suspend students, in and out of school, if in grades six or above, and prohibit school committees or principal from suspending students in grade 5 or below unless possessed weapons, narcotics or were found to be a danger.) {LC939/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5235**BY** Diaz, Slater, Cassar, Alzate, Felix, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides school districts may employ LPNs to assist certified nurse teachers. The act also would require that no fewer than one nurse be employed for every seven hundred fifty (750) students.) {LC946/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 5236**BY** McNamara, Amore, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP STABILIZE COSTS AND OTHER FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES' AND TOWNS' STUDENT TRANSPORTATION (Creates an 11 member commission to examine and provide recommendations to stabilize cities' and towns' student transportation costs and regulations, and who would report back to the House by January 4, 2022, and expire on April 4, 2022.) {LC1105/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)

House Bill No. 5237**BY** McNamara, Amore, Noret, Casimiro, Potter, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Amends the method of calculating state aid to education for the 2021-2022 school year only.) {LC1104/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro, Potter, Baginski)**House Bill No. 5238****BY** Diaz, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Perez, Alzate, Biah, Ajello, Tobon, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Creates the "Rhode Island Student Success Act" which would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.) {LC940/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5239**BY** Diaz, Slater, Perez, Alzate, Felix, Biah, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Tobon, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE WORLD LANGUAGE AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT (Establishes and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program.) {LC942/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5240**BY** Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Cassar, Alzate, Felix, Biah, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Increases the state board of pharmacy from nine (9) to eleven (11) members by adding two (2) pharmacy technicians.) {LC944/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5241**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Ajello, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.) {LC790/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5242**BY** Edwards, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OPIOID ALTERNATIVES (DOH to develop and publish opioid alternative pamphlet.) {LC724/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5243**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires a health plan to cover clinically appropriate and medically necessary residential or inpatient services, including detoxification and stabilization services, for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.) {LC735/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5244**BY** Edwards, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Provides that pharmacists shall disclose lesser price drug substitutions unless directed otherwise by the doctor. Exempts pharmacists automatically charging the lowest available price.) {LC705/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5245**BY** Edwards, Caldwell, Kazarian, Slater, Potter, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Creates pilot program to establish harm reduction centers where use of pre-obtained controlled substances may occur under supervision of health care professionals) {LC715/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Potter, Kislak)**House Bill No. 5246****BY** Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, McLaughlin, Biah, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Provides that any law or regulation which protects a person from exposure to second hand smoke would also provide protection from exposure to second-hand marijuana smoke, regardless of how the smoke was generated.) {LC945/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5247**BY** Amore, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Excludes chronic intractable pain from the definition of acute pain management. Prescribes new guidelines for treatment based upon 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.) {LC175/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 5248**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR STEP THERAPY PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROTOCOLS (Reinstates the life, and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the Commission to Examine and Recommend Guidelines for Step Therapy Prescription Drug Protocols from April 28, 2020 to April 6, 2021, and expires on June 6, 2021.) {LC1155/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5249**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WHOLESAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes a program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide cost savings to Rhode Island consumers.) {LC330/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives Noret, Casimiro)**House Resolution No. 5250****BY** Williams, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Henries, Morales**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY ENSURING RACIAL EQUITY AND OPTIMIZING HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS AFFECTING MARGINALIZED INDIVIDUALS (Creates 13 member special legislative commission to study health/safety impact of optimizing health/safety laws affecting marginalized individuals with report date of 5/31/22, expiring on 6/30/22.) {LC38/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5251**BY** Diaz, Slater, Lombardi, Craven, Casey, Felix, Biah, Ajello, Fogarty, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTIONS (Limits health insurance carriers that provide coverage for prescription insulin drugs used to treat diabetes to fifty (\$50) dollars copayment for a thirty (30) day supply of medically necessary insulin.) {LC966/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5252**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for The Rose Island Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.) {LC197/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5253**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC870/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5254**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes administrator DMV to issue special license plates to Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse.) {LC1013/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5255**BY** Caldwell, Phillips, Lima, Hawkins, Corvese, McEntee, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES - BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES (Modifies limitations on quantities of malt beverages and distilled spirits that can be sold at retail by certain licensed breweries and distilleries for off-premises consumption.) {LC1030/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Place)**House Bill No. 5256****BY** Williams, Knight, Alzate, Caldwell, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Prohibits any city or town employee, including private contractors, removing trash from leaving trash receptacles in any condition or place so as to constitute a hazard on the street or highways, except private roads or driveways.) {LC56/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5257**BY** Williams, Knight, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Speakman, Henries, Potter, Barros, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.) {LC77/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5258**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 974 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1940, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT AND TO FURNISH A SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE TOWN OF TIVERTON" {LC736/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5259**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Creates a voluntary mechanism for municipalities to use to dedicate a park, conservation or other land they own as public trust land in perpetuity to protect and preserve its future use.) {LC716/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5260**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Makes permanent the exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold and occupied.) {LC721/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5261**BY** Donovan, Williams, Alzate, Blazejewski, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Comprehensively addresses wage discrimination, based on sex by expanding employee protections and the scope of the remedies available to employees who have experienced wage discrimination.) {LC592/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5262**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Makes the fair employment practices act expressly applicable to individuals elected to state public officer or any political subdivision thereof and provides civil liability for person who directly or indirectly violates the chapter.) {LC788/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5263**BY** Williams, Ajello, Giraldo, Caldwell, Henries, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee.) {LC40/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5264**BY** Williams, Batista, Biah, Slater, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES (Classifies as an occupational disease any disability or quarantine resulting from COVID-19 or other viral infection classified by an executive order during a declared state of emergency, subject to certain requirements.) {LC1068/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5265**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES (Eliminates repealed statute references and create a mechanism for employees to enforce their existing right to continuation of medical benefits.) {LC703/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5266**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or employee, to commit any act declared to be an unlawful employment practice; individuals would be held personally liable for such conduct.) {LC704/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5267

BY Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Kennedy, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- MEDAL OF HONOR DAY (Designates March 25 in each and every year as Medal of Honor Day.) {LC950/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5268

BY Diaz, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Requires applicants to pass test to include topics on fair housing and requires 24 hours of continuing education.) {LC869/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5269

BY Perez, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Diaz, Lombardi, Costantino, Solomon, Lima, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COLLECTION OF TAX SALES --WATER SUPPLY -- WATER AND SEWER CHARGES (Prevents the forced sale of real estate owned by persons who owe fire, water, sewer, road or lighting district charges.) {LC557/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5270

BY Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Perez, Giraldo, Felix, Biah, Tobon, Lima, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS--HUMAN TRAFFICKING REPORTING AND PREVENTION ACT (Creates the Human Trafficking Reporting and Prevention Act applicable to hotels, requiring them to educate their employees about identifying, reporting and preventing human trafficking, on their premises.) {LC947/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5271

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Slater, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Prohibits the transfer of any compassion center license to any other owner or location and provides that new compassion center licenses issued by way of lottery be issued only to the location and ownership approved in the application.) {LC931/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5272

BY Diaz, Perez, Williams, Cassar, McLaughlin, Biah, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists.) {LC1011/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5273

BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Henries, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS

EQUITY ACT OF 2021 (DBR to conduct social/racial equity analysis on issuance of business licenses to include license to sell marijuana.) {LC69/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5274

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Amends the provisions for prompt payment of monies owed by the department of administration to their contractors or subcontractors.) {LC714/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5275

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECTION SALES ACT (Prohibits person/business entity from conditioning requiring offer for sale/lease of tangible personal property on purchase of ins. From any ins. producer/insurer or releasing consumer's personal identification info eff. 1/1/22.) {LC706/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5276

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Allows DEM to extend certain deadlines for required sewer construction in the replacement of cesspools, which deadlines would not extend beyond January 1, 2026.) {LC707/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5277

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CONSTRUCTION INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS (Adds a parking lot as a requirement to a contractor agreement to a construction indemnity agreement.) {LC728/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5278

BY Edwards, Place, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT {LC726/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Newberry)

House Bill No. 5279

BY McGaw, Carson, Ruggiero, Donovan, Cortvriend, Morales, Potter, Alzate, Henries, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY SITING (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.) {LC237/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5280**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Bennett, Hawkins, Carson, Speakman, Knight, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2021 (Creates a refundable ten cent (\$0.10) deposit for non-reusable beverage containers. A four cents (\$0.04) handling fee would be paid by distributors.) {LC937/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources**House Bill No. 5281****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Permits Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings during a declared disaster emergency.) {LC807/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5282****BY** Diaz, Noret, Williams, Casey, Slater, Perez, Alzate, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a classified employee to seek elected office provided that they resign their position upon being elected.) {LC948/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5283****BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (Requires all foster parents to undergo sensitivity training regarding the culture of their foster child.) {LC57/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5284****BY** Place, Chippendale, Roberts, Hawkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES (Requires that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.) {LC351/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5285****BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight, Slater, Felix, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires that the state use the actual residences of persons in government custody for census and redistricting purposes. Such information would be determined by the DOC and the secretary of state, and forwarded to the United States census bureau.) {LC932/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Potter)

House Bill No. 5286**BY** Williams, Hull, Diaz, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PARTY COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS (Candidates for GA, filing of endorsement papers by Prov committees and nomination papers for Prov voters filed local board of canvassers.) {LC33/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5287**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Establishes a joint general assembly emergency council 10 members to activate 90 days after declared state emergency to determine status of emergency/restore economy.) {LC22/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5288**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Establishes restricted receipts account within commerce corp for fines collected for violations of COVID-19/disaster rules for forgivable loans/grants to small businesses.) {LC21/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5289**BY** Caldwell, Donovan, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Permits campaign funds to be used to pay all childcare expenses that are incurred as a direct result of campaign activity.) {LC690/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5290**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Batista, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE-DIVERSITY (Mandates 40% of new police recruits be persons of color.) {LC29/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5291**BY** Williams, Knight, Batista, Giraldo, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Amends the conditions of bail and recognizance to permit the release of a person charged with a misdemeanor without financial conditions.) {LC45/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5292**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA CONFIDENTIALITY ACT (Provides confidentiality protection to military sexual trauma (MST) victims.) {LC799/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5293

BY Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, McLaughlin, Alzate, Felix, Tobon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION--CHILD SUPPORT (Extends child support obligations for non-custodial parents beyond emancipation if the children are attending a 2 or 4 year college and still reside with the custodial parent until 22 years of age.) {LC941/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5294

BY Diaz, Slater, Perez, Giraldo, Biah, Tobon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS (Limits the sale of fireworks to one week prior to and including the 4th day in July, and may only be used, exploded, or cause to exploded between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.) {LC949/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5295

BY Solomon, Edwards, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE -- USE OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL TRAINING (Prohibits a medical training program from using live animals if another accredited training program in the same medical discipline does not use animals or if an alternative teaching method exists.) {LC470/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5296

BY Williams, Knight, Batista, Biah, Perez, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - FAMILY COURT (Family Court to hear abuse allegations for immigrants up to 21 years of age.) {LC51/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5297

BY Williams, McEntee, Giraldo, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION {LC70/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5298

BY Williams, McEntee, Batista, Giraldo, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --COURTS -- JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION (Requires that the judicial nominating commission be composed of at least three (3) members of color.) {LC66/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5299

BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION {LC72/1}
01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5300**BY** Williams, Batista, Giraldo, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE – COURTS – JUDICIAL SELECTION (Requires the judicial nominating commission to include certain questions on application/retain race, nationality, ethnicity, and gender data/classifies application as public record with opt out provision.) {LC75/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5301**BY** Williams, McEntee, Alzate, Batista, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (JNC to consider judicial nominee's unique background.) {LC49/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5302**BY** Williams, McEntee, Alzate, Henries, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (DCYF to consider placement of any child with family prior to foster care. If foster care then family of child's heritage receives preference.) {LC59/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5303**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight, Biah, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EQUITY PRACTICE (Deletes all uses of the word master as it relates to courts and replaces it with the word arbiter.) {LC58/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5304**BY** Williams, Knight, Biah, Giraldo, Morales, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Makes any acquittal or dismissal of any offense eligible for sealing under chapter 1 of title 12, lowers the time limitations for certain expungements and amends the eligibility requirements for certain expungements.) {LC73/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5305**BY** Williams, Knight, Alzate, Batista, Giraldo, Morales, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants.) {LC71/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5306**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Hull, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Permits a petition for adoption, and if necessary, termination of parental rights, to be filed by a grandparent(s) without the noncustodial parent(s)' consent, when the child is in the sole custody of the grandparent(s).) {LC101/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5307**BY** Williams, Batista, Giraldo, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND MARIJUANA EXPUNGEMENT ACT OF 2021 (Provides that past criminal misdemeanors and felonies for possession of marijuana may be expunged, and the charges from said criminal act could not be used against a person from entering the cannabis industry or any government assistance programs.) {LC929/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5308**BY** Williams, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS - SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN (Eliminates any award of interest by the family court in any enforcement proceeding resulting in a judgment or order for failure to make child support payments.) {LC34/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5309**BY** Diaz, Slater, Perez, Giraldo, Casey, Felix, Fellela, Tobon, Kazarian, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Imposes a moratorium on non-essential evictions/mortgage foreclosures during a state of emergency declared by the governor relating to residential property and establishes an eviction diversion program to resolve landlord-tenant eviction disputes.) {LC959/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-16-2021, page 2.)**House Bill No. 5310****BY** Edwards, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates the joint committee of the repealer to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received from citizens, businesses, and government agencies.) {LC709/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Place)**House Bill No. 5311****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS (Provides that any arbitration award issued shall be binding in the mechanics' lien action and shall be res judicata. The court may award reasonable attorneys' fees in its discretion to the prevailing party.) {LC902/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5312**BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (Redefines felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor and requires correctional impact statements be attached to every act having any effect on corrections prior to consideration by the general assembly.) {LC1000/1}

01/29/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5313**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD

ESTABLISHMENTS (Adds pickles and relish to those foods which are permitted to be manufactured and sold as a farm home food product.) {LC349/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5314**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHIARA'S LAW -- SCREENING AND

EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA (Requires screening for dyslexia and related disorders for public school students in grades kindergarten through grade four (K-4) and would provide for instruction in cursive writing.) {LC1087/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5315**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Requires all responsible school districts to provide all of their students in need of IEP services to receive them, no matter which school they attend or if they are homeschooled.) {LC1099/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5316**BY** Place, Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Creates an agreement to limit corporate giveaways.) {LC350/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5317**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT

(Requires screening for dyslexia and related disorders for public school students in grades kindergarten through grade four (K-4) and would provide for instruction in cursive writing.) {LC1086/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5318**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES

(Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.) {LC1097/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5319**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Filippi, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS -- 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.) {LC347/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5320**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS-- AUDIO AND VIDEOS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY--WARRANT REQUIRED (Requires law enforcement to obtain consent or a warrant before placing audio or video recorders on or near the private property of another. A violation of this act makes any evidence inadmissible in any court proceedings.) {LC877/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5321**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Prohibits prosecutions for violations in this state if violation arises from same facts or acts for which defendant has been acquitted in another jurisdiction, unless there exists new evidence substantially warranting prosecution in this state.) {LC342/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5322**BY** Quattrocchi, Filippi, Chippendale, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Adds roadways to the prohibited activities contained in this section and would also include grass/grass clippings.) {LC1096/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5323**BY** Place, Newberry, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Allows the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any newspaper located within their municipalities. This act would also allow publication in other designated platforms selected by their city or town councils.) {LC344/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5324**BY** Place, Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Increase the amount of malt beverages that a manufacturer can sell for offsite consumption from 24 twelve-ounce and 24 sixteen-ounce (16 oz.) bottles or cans to 55 twelve-ounce (12 oz.) and 41 sixteen-ounce (16 oz.) bottles and cans respectively.) {LC526/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5325**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Chippendale, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC1084/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5326**BY** Place, Roberts, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides for the authorized taking of mushrooms from public lands.) {LC341/1}

02/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5327**BY** Potter, Baginski, Felix, Batista, Ruggiero, Speakman, Knight, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

(Increases the maximum aggregate amount of community remote net-metering systems from 30 MW to 90 MW and requires the allocation of a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the generated power to low- or moderate-income households commencing July 1, 2021.) {LC938/1}

02/02/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5328**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Speakman, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Caldwell, Donovan, Alzate, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Requires schools to comply with composting and recycling laws.) {LC195/1}

02/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5329**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES (Defines captive hunting as a hunt that occurs within a structure designed to restrict the free movement of animals and prevents the animal from escaping and would prohibit captive hunting within the state of Rhode Island.) {LC224/1}

02/03/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:13 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Potter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Gabriele; on motion of Representative McNamara and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bernard E. Long; on motion of Representative Charlene. Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Willard 'Bill' Rappleyle; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bienvenido R. Garcia; on motion of Representative Blazejewski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Britto; seconded by Majority Whip and Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH L. RUGGIERO

Gracious God, we beg You to hear our prayers to end the rancor and discord affecting our nation. Give Strength and courage to those willing to stand up for justice and compassion. Guide our path to a return to civility and courtesy as we strive to maintain this noble experiment called Democracy. Amen.