

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, February 9, 2021, and is called to order at 4:00 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 65 members present and 10 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, Place, Potter, Price, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 10: Representatives Chippendale, Handy, Hawkins, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Vella-Wilkinson who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.  
(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 4, 2021, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Hawkins is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.  
Representative Phillips is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

**House Bill No. 5425**

**BY** Place, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT (Establishes an economic growth blockchain act, set regulations for the sale of hemp, regulate virtual and digital assets and establish depository banks for these purposes.) {LC352/1}

02/09/2021 Committee transferred to House Corporations

**COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

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

**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}

2/09/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021:****1. 2021-H 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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, McEntee, Ruggiero, McNamara, McLaughlin, Fogarty, Whip Kazarian, Barros, Casimiro, Edwards, Noret, Biah, Amore, Cardillo, Abney, Ajello, Vella- Wilkinson, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Cortvriend, Bennett, Lombardi, Donovan, and Speakman.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### PROXY VOTES

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuing to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes, he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative, Representatives Chippendale, Newberry, Quattrocchi, and Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima C, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will be meeting in session this Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, here at the Veterans Auditorium at 4:00 p.m. As a reminder, we will be on our annual February recess next week. We have extended the bill introduction deadline until Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is the day we return from recess. However, new requests for legislation must get to Legislative Council by next Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, in order for them to have time to get your bills drafted.

We encourage you to please try to introduce your bills using the new DocuSign. It's easy once you get the hang of it. Contact your administrative assistant for more details.

There are two committee hearings at the Rise today and three more committee meetings tomorrow afternoon and evening. Members who wish to participate virtually need to inform the committee

clerks before the hearings and the link will be sent to your official state email. The links can not be sent to your personal emails.

When you want to introduce bills, you may stand and be recognized under New Business. However, we have a box in the front, and you can simply drop your bills in the box before, during, or after sessions. There is also a box in the Speaker's office in Room 323. The desk remains open.

If any Member wants to co-sign a bill that has already been introduced and is in committee, you need to go see the clerk of the committee where the bill has been assigned.

Finally, we have had concerns expressed to us by the Vets staff, so we want to reiterate the rules of this facility where we are renting space. They are following all the protocols of the Rhode Island Department of Health. If you do not wear a mask, you must remain in the balcony at all times. We have added a microphone in the balcony if you wish to be recognized from there. Also, while on the floor, you must all continue to practice social distancing. You can not sit down next to a colleague during session and have an extended conversation and you can't gather in groups. Please, it is important for everyone to follow all of the COVID safety protocols.

## NEW BUSINESS

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 5433**

**BY** Alzate, Shekarchi, Corvese, Lima, Fellela, Blazejewski, Filippi, Vella-Wilkinson  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2021, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1420/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Alzate seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Representatives Corvese, Deputy C. Lima, Fellela, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, Cassar, Kennedy, Edwards, Lombardi, Ajello, Biah, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Cortvriend, and many others by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 5434**

**BY** Azzinaro, Filippi, Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MR. JOHN D'AMATO {LC1561/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Azzinaro seconded by Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Minority Leader Filippi, and many others by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5435**

**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1535/1}

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 Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5436**

**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1536/1}

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 Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**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.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**House Bill No. 5437**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

(Allows 288 hours of trade school training to qualify for the journeyman "B" electrical exam.

Increases the period of indentured apprenticeship with the department of labor and training and a licensed electrician master to 4 years.) {LC718/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5438**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Shanley, Solomon, Tobon, Williams

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

(Provides that health insurance contributions made by enrollees for cost sharing requirements include those amounts paid by the enrollee or another person on behalf of the enrollee.) {LC1591/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5439****BY** Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER SUPPLY (Provides that water utility companies be responsible for all costs associated with maintenance, operation and delivery of water to individual parcels of land.) {LC1282/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5440****BY** Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Donovan, Ajello, Kazarian, Hull, Abney, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires electric transmission and electric distribution companies to conduct periodic equipment inspections. Such companies would also be required to submit a periodic report to the public utilities division regarding the status of such inspections.) {LC200/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5441****BY** Speakman, Casey, Ruggiero, Donovan, Kislak, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE {LC1140/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5442****BY** Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Giraldo, Ackerman, Caldwell, McEntee, Henries, Alzate, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE DURING PERIODS OF DECLARED EMERGENCIES (Imposes a moratorium on the termination of utility services throughout a limited period of any emergency declared by the governor, with special provisions related to emergencies related to health epidemics.) {LC1366/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5443****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi, Noret, Fellela, Craven, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS {LC806/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5444****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

(Provides that school construction projects approved after July 1, 2021, that fail to utilize a project's architectural services and project educational design services would only be eligible to receive five (5) incentive points.) {LC1258/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5445****BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ruggiero, Donovan, Speakman, Knight, McEntee, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Establishes a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate.) {LC1259/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5446****BY** Tobon, Casey, Craven, Diaz,**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL-- ELIMINATION OF POST-USE POLYMERS AND RECOVERED FEEDSTOCKS USED IN ADVANCED RECYCLING PROCESSES FROM SOLID WASTE (Exempts post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks used in advanced recycling processes from the definition of solid waste.)

{LC1001/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-30-2021, page 2.)****House Bill No. 5447****BY** Tobon, Casey, Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Creates an instant ticket scratch off game pilot program to raise funds for Rhode Island veterans and dependents of qualified service members.) {LC1248/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5448****BY** McGaw, Felix, Kislak, Alzate, Potter, Lombardi, McEntee, Tanzi, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAID EMPLOYER ASSESSMENT (Creates a Medicaid employees assessment and would require all for profit employers with more than 300 employees to compensate the state 10% of each of their employees' wages, capped of \$1500, who are enrolled in Medicaid.) {LC236/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5449****BY** McGaw, Morales, Henries, Cortvriend, Potter, Tanzi, Batista, Felix, Baginski, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires auditor general to conduct audit of Medicaid programs administered by MCOs.) {LC238/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5450****BY** Williams, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE DISTRESSED COMMUNITY CHILD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (Establishes distress community child enrichment program to provide grants for education in distresses communities apportioned 75% to STEAM programs/25% to academic/non-academic programs with funding from portion of fees paid for center approvals/renewals.)

{LC108/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5451****BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Apportions remaining revenue in the restricted receipt accounts, after department of health expenses, from the Edward O. Hawkins and Thomas C. Slater Medical Marijuana Act to the distressed communities relief fund and charitable organizations.)

{LC105/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5452****BY** Williams, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Requires DBR to perform social equity/face analysis in licensing process/arrest/conviction rates by 1/1/22. Removes barriers affecting persons of color/establishes loan program/expunges past criminal convictions.) {LC106/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5453****BY** Slater, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Creates hardship designation for patients on SSDI, Medicaid, establishes discount medicine program, eliminates plant tagging, allows unlimited compassion center licenses, redefines debilitating condition, reduces compassion center license fee to \$5,000.) {LC217/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5454****BY** Kazarian, O'Brien, Fogarty, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Amore, Potter, Felix, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS, STATE FUNDED EXPENSES {LC865/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5455****BY** Edwards, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Removes the prohibition on state appropriations to the municipal infrastructure grant program, and authorize the state planning council to evaluate, approve and issue such grants, subject to the appropriations provided to the program.) {LC708/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Cortvriend)****House Bill No. 5456****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

(Increases the housing resources restricted receipts account by \$.60 previously retained for state use.)

{LC1157/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5457****BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Cassar, Nardone, Ruggiero, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STATE TAX OFFICIALS - SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Allows any tax payments to be paid by midnight of the date the tax is due. This act also provides for a twenty-four (24) hour extension of time to pay the tax.) {LC478/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5458****BY** Donovan, Speakman, Carson, Caldwell, Ajello, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS

2013 (Repeals the sunset provision which ends historic preservation tax credits by June 30, 2021 or upon the exhaustion of the maximum aggregate credits, whichever comes first.) {LC1496/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5459****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Cassar, Knight, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOODS AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Expands drug awareness programs to high schools, directs funding from certain

civil fines and mandates establishment of criteria for funding.) {LC695/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5460****BY** Edwards, Kazarian, Williams, Alzate, Felix, Kislak, Ruggiero, Caldwell, McEntee, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

EVIDENCE KITS (Requires any entity that receives, maintains, stores or preserves sexual assault evidence kits to submit a report to the department of health, annually, setting forth the total number of untested kits in possession of such entity.) {LC858/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5461****BY** Edwards, Kennedy, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that a participant or beneficiary incur no greater out-of-pocket costs for emergency

services than they would have incurred with an in-network provider other than in-network cost sharing.) {LC719/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5462****BY** Edwards, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or

neutering of the cat shall not be considered abandonment.) {LC711/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5463****BY** McGaw, Vella-Wilkinson, Baginski, Fellela, Alzate, Shekarchi, Kislak, Ackerman, Ajello, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS (Requires group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide

prescription benefits to cover prescribed epinephrine injectors and cartridges. No copayment or deductible would be required to obtain a prescribed epinephrine injector or cartridge.) {LC1119/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5464****BY** Williams, Messier, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH

CARE FACILITIES (Mandates a patient shall not be denied appropriate care on the basis of

age/sex/gender identity/sexual orientation, race/color/marital status/familial

status/disability/religion/national origin/source of income/source of payment or profession.) {LC169/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5465****BY** Filippi, Cortvriend, Place, Kazarian, Nardone, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - MILK SANITATION CODE (Permits

and legalize the sale of raw milk.) {LC1375/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5466****BY** Carson, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES (Creates a

comprehensive system to promote and regulate the effective and competent administration of medical

laboratories by focusing on the training, qualifications and licensure of their practitioners.) {LC1260/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5467****BY** Williams, Messier, Ajello, Slater, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY

(Grants immunity to commercial sexual activity persons if they are victims/witnesses of crime.)

{LC55/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5468****BY** Slater, Williams, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS--CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS --

PAROLE (This act would, upon its own motion or upon request of a parolee, enable the parole board to

terminate a parolee's supervision and legal custody order. Prisoners with a life sentence for first and

second degree murder are excluded.) {LC223/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5469****BY** Cortvriend, Handy, Tanzi, Fogarty, McGaw, McEntee, Carson, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM

(Prevents a person from being prosecuted for fishing, gathering seaweed, swimming or passage along

the sandy or rocky shoreline within ten feet (10') of the most recent high tide line.) {LC676/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-9-2021, page 3.)****House Bill No. 5470****BY** Serpa, Amore, Ackerman, Nardone, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Creates an action authorizing any

person who has been sentenced to imprisonment greater than one year subsequent to being wrongfully

convicted of a criminal offense to petition court for an award of compensation and damages, including attorney's fees.) {LC1471/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5471**

**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Cassar, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Imposes three hundred dollar substance abuse education assessment for any conviction of driving under the influence or refusal to submit to breathalyzer. Funds would be allocated to department of behavioral health and used for substance abuse programs.) {LC693/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5472**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.) {LC1102/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5473**

**BY** Williams, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS (Requires employees to prove non-intoxication at time of injury/death after employer shows positive test for intoxication at time of injury/death with recovery of overpayments/minor may recover treble damages from employers.) {LC104/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5474**

**BY** Williams, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Felix, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES (Grants public safety officials/other named employees/essential state workers with COVID-19 job-related presumption related to workers' compensation benefits and other benefits/privileges.) {LC102/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5475**

**BY** Williams, Giraldo, Messier, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, Felix, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENTS (Expedites subcontractor payments for work on state contracts. Establishes new process to help minority business to collect from prime contractors for work on state contracts.) {LC48/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5476**

**BY** Nardone, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Authorizes issuance of limited HVAC service person's license upon examination for work on or repair of electric wiring/equipment located on heating/AC systems.) {LC1288/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5477****BY** McLaughlin, Giraldo, Ackerman, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.) {LC1571/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5478****BY** Azzinaro, Filippi, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the Westerly Town Council to issue a Class B liquor license for premises located at 169 and 177 Main Street, despite its location within proximity to a school church.) {LC1506/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5479****BY** Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE PROTECTION ACT (Mandates that builders of new one or two (2) family residential dwellings provide the buyer with written information regarding the installation of automatic fire sprinkler system.) {LC967/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5480****BY** Tobon, Casey, Noret, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real property acquired or leased by a railroad entity used in the boarding or disembarking of railroad passengers or supporting passenger railroad operations and services.) {LC1252/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5481****BY** Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows James R. Boyd, Jr., to join Alyssa Lynn LeValley and Andrew James Fleming in marriage on or about July 23, 2021, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1410/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5482****BY** Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Peter Monopoli to join Gabrielle LaBrie and Lee Stamas in marriage on or about July 9, 2021, within the Town of Exeter, Rhode Island.) {LC1343/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5483****BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Lorna M. Simpson and John V. Kelly in marriage on or about August 21, 2021, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC1283/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5484****BY** Edwards, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Provides an exemption to the access to public records law for winners of lottery prizes.) {LC712/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5485****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) to their agendas for the purposes of discussion only without having to publish notice of the additional item(s).) {LC710/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5486****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK (Requires all applicants for employment with the department of BHDDH or any of its licensed facilities or programs to have the attorney general's office conduct their mandated nationwide criminal records check.)

{LC734/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5487****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro, Noret, McLaughlin, Williams, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (Creates a nine (9) member permanent joint military and veterans' affairs oversight commission to oversee operations of Rhode Island office of veterans' affairs and fiscal oversight of military affairs and defense.) {LC801/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 5488****BY** Felix, Batista, Lombardi, Henries, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – GENERAL PROVISIONS

{LC1151/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 5489****BY** Williams, Messier, Ajello, Slater, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY OPTIMIZING HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS AFFECTING MARGINALIZED INDIVIDUALS (Creates 13 member special legislative commission to study optimizing health and

safety laws affecting marginalized individuals with report date of 2/7/22; expiration date of 5/7/22.)  
{LC36/1}

02/10/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

### ADJOURNMENT

At 4:21 o'clock P.M. on the motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mary Lou Sullivan; on the motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph Henry Pine; on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on the motion of Leader Blazejewski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph Gallucci; on the motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John D'Amato seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian and Minority Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE CAMILLE F. J. VELLA-WILKINSON**

Dear Lord: American history is not complete until we acknowledge, and teach, the contributions of all our citizens. Every color and creed has contributed to our wealth as a nation. Let us pray that future historians look back, to this generation of leaders, as the ones who taught our full history, and corrected terrible wrongs done by those who so long ignored the great contributions of African Americans to our country. Amen