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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, February 11, 2021, and is called to order at 4:02 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

**ABSENT** – 7: Representatives Felix, Fellela, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Fenton- Fung 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, February 9, 2021, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Fellela is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 11, 2021.  
Representative Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 11, 2021.  
Representative Phillips is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 11, 2021.  
Representative Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 11, 2021.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 1 as amended**

**BY** Quezada, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Cano, Miller, Gallo, Goldin, Valverde, Seveney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Gradually increase the minimum wage from eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour, over 4 years.) {LC548/1}  
02/11/2021 Referred to House Labor

**Senate Bill No. 13 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Gallo, Cano, Pearson, Bell, Goldin, Mack, Coyne  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Provides that the council on elementary and secondary education would not grant approval for the creation or expansion of any new charter school until after the 2022, 2023, 2024 school year.) {LC433/A/1}  
02/11/2021 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 50**

**BY** Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (This act would ratify 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.) {LC665/1}  
02/11/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 52**

**BY** Rogers, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Validates 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.) {LC248/1}  
02/11/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 63 as amended**

**BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires that the secretary of EOHHS, the secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation and the commissioners of elementary and secondary education and postsecondary education be appointed subject to the approval of the senate.) {LC671/1}  
02/11/2021 Referred to House State Government & Elections

**Senate Bill No. 74****BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David Raymond Thibodeau, Jr., to join Staci Rae McCabe and Brendan Edward Curran in marriage on or about June 5, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC640/1}

02/11/2021 Referred to House Special Legislation

**Senate Bill No. 148****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PROVIDENCE RIVER BOAT CO. {LC840/1}

02/11/2021 Referred to House Corporations

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5490****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMPOSITION OF FIRE DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (Allows individuals receiving a state pension to serve on fire district boards, Block Island utility board, and Pascoag utility board.) {LC1518/1}

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5491****BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Biah, Serpa, Giraldo, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FINANCIAL LITERACY (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the Rhode Island department of education, to develop and approve statewide academic standards for the instruction of consumer education in public high schools.) {LC925/1}

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Resolution No. 5492****BY** Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE STATE'S GROWING HOME SCHOOL POPULATION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE SERVICES IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THEIR EDUCATION (Creates an 11 member commission to examine the home school population and make recommendations for all students to have access to services to maximize their education, and would report back by January 4, 2022 and expire on April 4, 2022.) {LC723/1}

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5493****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows volunteer firefighters who pay for their own training and equipment to receive an income tax credit if those expenses are not reimbursed by their employer.) {LC1444/1}

02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5494**

**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Ajello, Potter, Morales, Filippi, Henries, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY (Provides drug cost transparency by requiring reports be submitted by drug manufacturers, pharmacy benefit managers and health benefit plan insurers to the director of the department of business regulation regarding drug prices and increases the prices.) {LC1267/1}  
02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5495**

**BY** Place, Nardone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Allows a taxpayer to appeal the valuation by the Rhode Island vehicle valuation commission to the local board of assessment) {LC1137/1}  
02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5496**

**BY** Roberts, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Requires notification of the name and address of the deceased on a death certificate with the office of secretary of state and the chairperson of the board of canvassers for the purpose of removal from the rolls of registered voters.) {LC922/1}  
02/11/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE****Senate Bill No. 113**

**BY** Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis  
**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.) {LC965/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Hull seconded by Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, McNamara, Biah, Abney, Casimiro, Speakman, Amore, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Williams, Azzinaro, Costantino, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Bennett, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Place, Whip Kazarian, Cardillo, and Kennedy by unanimous consent.

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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Williams requests that Black American History Month be extended until March 15, 2021.

Representative Noret wishes his daughter Robbie Noret a happy 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will be on our annual February recess next week. Our next session will be Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> here at the Veterans Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.

As we announced the other day, the bill introduction deadline has been extended to Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. The desk will remain open during the recess and bills can be dropped in a box in the Speaker's Office.

When introducing your bills, please try using the new DocuSign process. Contact your administrative assistant for more details.

There are three committee hearings tonight. 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.

There were some minor issues with remote hearings this week. We are working to address these concerns for future hearings. We ask you to please be patient as we implement new systems and protocols.

Finally, congratulations are in order to our friend and colleague, Representative Gregg Amore. He was chosen as the recipient of the Paul Crowley Award from the Rhode Island School Superintendents Association for his leadership on educational issues. This award will be presented virtually on March 15<sup>th</sup>. It is especially meaningful because the late Representative Crowley was the chairman of the House

Finance Committee's Education Subcommittee for many years, and that is the same position that Representative Amore fulfills so well today. Congratulations!

Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader Blazejewski wish Representatives Cassar, Handy, and Deputy Speaker C. Lima a happy birthday.

## NEW BUSINESS

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 5497**

**BY** Fenton-Fung, McNamara, Casimiro, Kazarian, Chippendale, Place, Filippi, Newberry, Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING MAYOR ALLAN W. FUNG FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CRANSTON AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC147/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fenton-Fung seconded by Representatives McNamara, Cassar, Whip Kazarian, Chippendale, Place, Minority Leader Filippi, and Majority Leader Blazejewski by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 5498**

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ABELARDO "ABE" HERNANDEZ {LC1389/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives Alzate, Morales, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Chippendale by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 5499**

**BY** Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Chippendale, Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE JACK REED ON BEING NAMED THE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE {LC1474/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Ruggiero seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Whip Kazarian, and Whip Chippendale by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5500**

**BY** Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casey, Corvese, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SOLEDAD J. BLANCO {LC1737/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Noret seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Casey, and Corvese by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5501**

**BY** Shekarchi, Solomon, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Shanley, Serpa, Morgan, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH EPIFANIO GALLUCCI{LC1538/1}

With the agreement of the minority, On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Solomon requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Representatives Solomon, McNamara, and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the Resolution.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Solomon seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Representatives McNamara, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Serpa, Morgan, and Bennett by unanimous consent, on a rising 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.)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

**Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:**

**House Bill No. 5193**

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

**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}

02/17/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

**Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:**

**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}

02/18/2021 Committee transferred to House Small Business

**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5049**

**BY** Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LODIE BRIEN AGENCY, INC. {LC616/1}

02/19/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/23/2021)

**House Bill No. 5050**

**BY** Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SHERWOOD CONDOMINIUM, INC. {LC27/1}

02/19/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/23/2021)

**Senate Bill No. 70**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIGRANT, LLC {LC434/1}

02/19/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/25/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Health and Human services reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**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}

02/19/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/25/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5039**

**BY** Corvese, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS (Prohibits the use of display fireworks/aerial consumer fireworks without a permit between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and would make a violation of this permit requirement a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$75.00 and court costs.) {LC641/1}

02/19/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/25/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**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}

02/19/2021 Placed on House Calendar (02/23/2021)

**COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION**

Chairwoman Fogarty, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5253**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Justice James D. Gleason to join Julia C. Scott and Brandon T. Elliano in marriage on or about August 28, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC870/1}

02/22/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2021)

**House Bill No. 5413**

**BY** Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine K. Bush to join Jenny Miller and Craig Koehler in marriage on or about August 19, 2021, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC1339/1}

02/22/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2021)

**House Bill No. 5414****BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows William Bon Bauer to join Kaitlin Bauer and Gustazo Cabarcas in marriage on or about June 21, 2021, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC994/1}

02/22/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2021)

**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}

02/22/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2021)

**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}

02/22/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2021)

**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}

02/22/2021 Placed on the House Consent Calendar (02/25/2021)

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5502****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (Provides a one year moratorium on hospital conversions involving for-profit corporations as acquiree or acquiror.) {LC1644/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5503****BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Amends the maximum allowable capacity for net metering systems in the Block Island Utility District and Pascoag Utility District.) {LC1632/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5504****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES {LC1359/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5505****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires third-party hosting platform to register short-term rental units for rent with dept. Of regulation or cannot conduct business in the state and imposes fines for listing unregistered units. DBR to create database for registered short term rentals.) {LC1467/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5506**

(Governor)

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING, REUSE AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES (Requires copies of auditor's documents relative to evaluation and opinion about fees to be filed with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and be considered public records pursuant to chapter 2 of title 38, access to public records.) {LC803/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5507****BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF M.C. SOUSA TRUCKING & EXCAVATION, INC. {LC1731/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5508****BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index or 5.5%, whichever is greater, unless there is approval of a higher rate by the general assembly.) {LC1687/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5509****BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Lima, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC1354/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5510****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CREDIT FOR REINSURANCE ACT

(Updates the credit for reinsurance chapter of the general laws to conform to the current standard set by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC).) {LC1391/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5511****BY** Kennedy, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC1367/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5512**

(by request)

**BY** Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FUTURE (Increases minimum coverage limits for property damage on motor vehicles/ rental vehicles annually by inflation rate or percentage increase of average prevailing auto body labor rate calculated by DBR effective January 1, 2022) {LC1264/1} 02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5513**

**BY** Morales, Tanzi, Amore, Kazarian, Shanley, Cortvriend, Tobon, Lima, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Requires all persons or entities collecting social security and other personal identification numbers to create and publicly display a privacy protection policy. Violations of this requirement would incur a civil penalty of five-hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC1568/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5514**

**BY** Tobon, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires public utilities to provide prompt and adequate service for new service/ service upgrades subject to \$10,000 per violation and provide written estimate for work costing more than \$500/ itemized bill for work performed payable by ratepayer.) {LC1240/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5515**

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Specifies certain exemptions to the state's deceptive trade practices act applying to actions/entities subject to regulation by certain federal commissions/authorities and state licensed real estate brokers and salespersons.) {LC956/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5516**

**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Authorizes Providence to have elected school committee effective July 1, 2025 subject to approval of electors at general / special election held prior to July 1, 2025) {LC913/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5517**

**BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires that commencing with the graduating class of 2023 all high school students attending public schools demonstrate proficiency in computer science.) {LC1254/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5518****BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AIR QUALITY IN SCHOOLS (Requires the department of health, in conjunction with the department of environmental management, to conduct indoor and outdoor air quality tests in all public and private schools throughout the state on an annual basis.) {LC1714/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5519****BY** Tobon, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MANDATORY EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE (Requires all students in kindergarten to grade twelve (K-12) to perform a minimum amount of community service each school year and grants them the option to perform certain forms of community service for academic credit.) {LC1251/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5520****BY** Lombardi, McGaw, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to develop and make available for school use a mental health curriculum. Schools would be required to provide four (4) hours of mental health instruction to seventh grade students.) {LC1692/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5521****BY** Lombardi, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school committees to provide transportation for any student who resides two (2) or more miles from school.) {LC1689/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5522****BY** Amore, Lombardi, Potter, Alzate, Giraldo, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Establishes a process for CCRI, RIC and URI to accept for college credit an advanced placement subject test score of three (3) ("qualified") or better in an advanced placement course.) {LC1342/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5523****BY** Speakman, Cortvriend, Carson, Ruggiero, Bennett, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATERS {LC838/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Resolution No. 5524****BY** Carson, Ruggiero, Kislak, Cortvriend, McGaw**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING TO PROVIDE AN EXCEL SPREADSHEET ( OR EQUIVALENT) AND GIS MAP LAYER SHOWING COMMERCIAL SCALE SOLAR DEVELOPMENT IN RHODE ISLAND'S CITIES AND TOWNS, AND THE SITES IDENTIFIED IN THE AUGUST 2020 OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES REPORT ENTITLED "SOLAR SITING OPPORTUNITIES IN RHODE ISLAND" {LC1465/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5525****BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Casimiro, Filippi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PHOTOVOLTAIC TAKEBACK ACT OF 2021 (Requires that any manufacturer or installer of solar module systems in Rhode Island establish a program as set up by the department of environmental management, for the safe disposal of those systems.) {LC1379/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5526****BY** Speakman, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Permits manufacturing or commercial concerns to apply to commerce corporation for exemption or stabilization of taxes when moving to another municipality if could reasonably and efficiently relocate outside state and that relocation would be advantageous.) {LC1486/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5527****BY** Speakman, Carson, Donovan, Cortvriend, Handy, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags not including paper or plastic bags from the state sales tax.) {LC1504/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5528****BY** Kazarian, Baginski, Alzate, Potter, Caldwell, Felix, Morales, Henries, Shanley, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.) {LC863/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5529****BY** Nardone, Serpa, Noret, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways be the responsibility of the state.) {LC1646/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5530****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Ackerman, Bennett, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS

(Increases the amount of reimbursement funds required to be paid by the Rhode Island airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services.) {LC787/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5531****BY** Nardone, Place, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

REIMBURSEMENT 911 RESTRICTED RECEIPT ACCOUNT (Requires (\$.50) of the E-911 surcharges be deposited in a restricted receipt account for infrastructure improvements for local law enforcement agencies.) {LC1281/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5532****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY

PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Provides that ten (10%) percent of fines imposed for misdemeanor offenses resulting in a filing shall be provided to Justice Assistance to support the case management of persons receiving a filing with any sanctions.) {LC1647/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5533****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (Limits the application fee for pharmacists to two hundred dollars (\$200) annually.) {LC91/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5534****BY** Diaz, Slater, Williams, Batista, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND 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 Providence to issue not more than \$140,000,000 bonds to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the city of Providence.) {LC1431/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5535****BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Creates a fund to be managed by the joint committee on legislative services, to make Rhode Island mementos available to visiting dignitaries and for gifts to hosting out-of-state officials, to be given by legislators' during official visits.) {LC1353/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5536****BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – THE FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACT (Authorizes the creation of first-time homebuyer savings account from which savings to purchase a home could be deducted from an individual's or couple's personal income taxes.) {LC1205/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5537****BY** Ajello, Handy, Donovan, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Defines light duty, non-emergency and zero emission vehicles and requires the state to convert its fleet of vehicles to no less than fifty percent (50%) of vehicles in those categories by the year 2029.) {LC1443/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5538****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATIONS ACT (Amends the fine imposed for a first offense for failure to maintain financial security, to a maximum of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125).) {LC1123/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5539****BY** Chippendale, Slater, Filippi, Ruggiero, Craven, Bennett, Kazarian, Handy, Knight, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Provides that an authorized purchaser of medical marijuana, who is assisting a qualified patient who has a cancer diagnosis, shall not be required to pay any fee to acquire a registry identification card.) {LC1280/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5540****BY** Tobon, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Establishes medical professional scholarship program within postsecondary education council with commission awarding \$5,000 for 4 years of college attendance to eligible applicants funded by \$25 assessment fee on medical professionals seeking licensure.) {LC1247/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5541****BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Carson, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Imposes a fee of one hundred sixty dollars (\$160) for all domestic and foreign corporations for a certificate of authority to transact business in this state.) {LC1253/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5542****BY** Ajello, Ackerman, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hull, Chippendale, Alzate, Kislak, Tanzi, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase income disregards for certain Medicare programs.) {LC1004/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5543****BY** Speakman, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC1111/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5544****BY** Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Carson, Henries, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Includes in the definition of unprofessional conduct performing a pelvic examination without consent of an anesthetized or unconscious female patient.) {LC204/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5545****BY** Casimiro, Alzate, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Authorizes certified nurse practitioners to sign a written certification stating that in their professional opinion, the potential benefits of use of medical marijuana to their patient outweigh their potential health risks.) {LC121/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5546****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Increases reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers.) {LC1640/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5547****BY** Nardone, Chippendale, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS (Entitles all residents of health care and assisted living facilities, nursing homes, group homes and veterans' homes, to designate a person to provide them with companionship, personal health care guidance and advocacy.) {LC1639/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5548****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Regulates the manufacture, distribution and retail sale of vapor products in Rhode Island.) {LC88/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5549****BY** Casimiro, Noret, McGaw, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Prohibits licensed health care facilities from reusing personal protective equipment.) {LC1043/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5550****BY** Lombardi, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COSMETIC LABELING (Requires that all cosmetics manufactured, sold, delivered, or held for offering to be sold contain a label that completely and accurately lists all of its component ingredient.) {LC1690/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5551****BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.) {LC900/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5552****BY** Perez, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Makes it unprofessional conduct for a physician not to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a viable fetus being carried by their patient is brought to term.) {LC1130/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5553**

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Governor/Secretary of State)

**BY** Caldwell, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Craven, McNamara, Batista, Felix, Ajello, McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Felony to store firearms unlocked.) {LC1016/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-25-21, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 5554**

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Governor/Secretary of State)

**BY** Caldwell, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Craven, McNamara, Felix, Ajello, McEntee, Williams  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN OF 2021 (Bans firearm magazines that hold ten (10) or more rounds.) {LC1014/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-23-21, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 5555**

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Governor/Secretary of State)

**BY** Kazarian, Diaz, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Caldwell, Blazejewski, McEntee, Carson, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the possession of firearms on school grounds except for peace officers, retired law enforcement officers, persons under contract to provide school security services, and unloaded firearms in locked containers or a locked rack on motor vehicles.) {LC912/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5556**

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Governor/Secretary of State)

**BY** Caldwell, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Craven, McNamara, Batista, Williams, Amore, Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS (Bans the possession, sale, and transfer of assault weapons.) {LC1345/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5557**

**BY** Lima, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license may carry a stun gun. This act would also add "tasers" to the definition of "firearm" and would provide for an appeal process for denial of an application for a permit.) {LC901/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**

**House Bill No. 5558****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Corvese, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders.) {LC1114/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)****House Bill No. 5559****BY** McEntee, Craven, Knight, Shanley, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ABUSE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Removes the "intentional" element in the definition of "abuse" and "neglect" in the abuse in health care facilities' law..) {LC1299/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5560****BY** McEntee, Craven, Knight, Shanley, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE ON PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS (Limits credit of tortfeasor to amount paid by released tortfeasor.) {LC1293/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5561****BY** McEntee, Craven, Fogarty, Knight, Shanley, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (Allows for the use of electronic monitoring of a resident's room or private living unit within a nursing home or assisted living facility.) {LC1297/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5562****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Shanley, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the department of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year) {LC1118/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5563****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SOCIAL HOST REGULATIONS (Authorizes the imposition of civil and criminal penalties against any person(s) who purchase, furnish, procure marijuana or permit marijuana to be used by others.) {LC1670/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5564****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, McNamara, Williams, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits certain social media companies from censoring users speech by either removal of the user's speech or using algorithms to prevent the user's speech.) {LC1380/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5565****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Authorizes nonprofit organizations to conduct gambling event fundraisers approved by the city or town in which the event is to be conducted and as authorized by the state police.) {LC805/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5566****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ASSAULTS (Makes an assault on taxi drivers a felony punishable by up to three (3) years imprisonment and an assault with a dangerous weapon punishable by five (5) to twenty (20) years imprisonment.) {LC1122/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5567****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTORCYCLE HELMETS (Requires all operators of motorcycles to wear a helmet. Violation results in a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine. Increases the fine for failure of passenger's to wear a helmet from eighty-five dollars (\$85) to one hundred dollars (\$100).) {LC1120/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5568****BY** Lima, McLaughlin, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides planning board approval votes require majority of members present at time of vote/quorum of zoning review board would authorize voting members including alternatives.) {LC1712/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5569****BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint.) {LC1680/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5570**

**BY** Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi, Corvese, Batista, Felix, Handy, Donovan, Speakman, Cassar  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Requires returns of a marriage certificate to be filed within two (2) business days after the ceremony, and would validate the common practice of filing the return by mail.) {LC1026/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5571**

**BY** Diaz, Kazarian, Williams, Ackerman, Tanzi, Perez, Corvese, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC1489/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5572**

**BY** Ajello, Handy, Donovan, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Knight, Fogarty, Carson, McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act, to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using drugs prescribed by a physician.) {LC1073/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5573**

**BY** Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires a landlord to obtain and have in full force and effect a general liability policy of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for those persons injured on the premises due to the negligence of the landlord.) {LC1296/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5574**

**BY** Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalties for driving so as to endanger, death resulting, by increasing the maximum term of imprisonment from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years, and the maximum term of license suspension from five (5) years to ten (10) years.) {LC1685/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5575**

**BY** Lombardi, Henries, Place  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Establishes Rhode Island First Step requiring corrections to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early termination to pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.) {LC1678/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
**(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**

**House Bill No. 5576****BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW-- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Makes it a felony to price gauge prescriptions or pharmaceuticals in time of a shortage.) {LC1688/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5577****BY** Azzinaro, Serpa, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Authorizes the potential appointment of pro bono attorneys, supervised law students and from a list maintained by the DEM to act as animal advocates in animal cruelty and abuse cases, at the court's discretion, to serve the interests of justice.) {LC1594/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5578****BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC VEHICLE RECOVERY SERVICES (Requires vehicle owners with electronic vehicle recovery systems to submit affidavit attesting to theft prior to law enforcement contact with provider for aid in locating vehicle.) {LC1249/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5579****BY** Perez, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Crime for medical personnel to provide reasonable medical care to new born baby.) {LC1117/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5580****BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.) {LC899/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5581****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Allows recovery of damages for the emotional distress, grief, and loss of enjoyment of life as a result of the wrongful death of a spouse, a parent or a son or daughter.) {LC1295/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5582****BY** Perez, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Enacts the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act and provides for the duties and obligations of medical personnel in certain circumstances.) {LC1116/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)****House Bill No. 5583****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (Grants unpaid pregnancy leave to part-time workers, would clarify their access to unpaid sick leave during their pregnancy, and would provide additional protections for pregnant workers who work in the medical field.) {LC1126/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5584****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer from inquiring about a prospective employee wage and salary history before an offer of employment with compensation has been negotiated.) {LC1124/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5585****BY** Amore, Lombardi, Potter, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Repeals § 25-3-7 of the general laws which gives the director of the department of labor and training the authority to exempt certain classes of employees from receiving overtime pay for Sunday and holiday work.) {LC1494/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5586****BY** Hull, Cardillo, Perez, Hawkins, Ackerman, Fogarty, McLaughlin, Costantino, Slater, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- EXEMPTIONS (Includes the real and tangible personal property of St. John Baptist De La Salle Institute, d/b/a La Salle Academy, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island, on the list of properties exempt from taxation.) {LC1095/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5587****BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICE (Allows New Shoreham to regulate transportation network company services.) {LC1629/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5588****BY** Filippi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEW SHOREHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING ELIGIBILITY (Increases the percentage of area median income from one hundred twenty percent (120%) to one hundred forty percent (140%) only for New Shoreham residents to make more households eligible for affordable housing.) {LC1631/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5589****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Places a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2021, and every December 31 thereafter.) {LC1113/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5590****BY** Nardone, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Exempts a residential homeowner who has abandoned an on-site system from obtaining a contractor to pump out and to fill in with material, as long as the residential homeowner has taken the necessary steps to secure the abandoned on-site system.) {LC1287/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5591****BY** Lombardi, Henries

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC1691/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5592****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Bennett, McNamara, Williams, Knight, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE - FIRST RESPONDERS {LC792/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5593****BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING {LC1039/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5594****BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE {LC167/1}  
02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Resolution No. 5595****BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM) {LC1128/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5596****BY** Craven, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATEWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Establishes a statewide public safety computer aided dispatch records management system.) {LC1649/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)****House Bill No. 5597****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- UNIFORM UNSWORN DECLARATION ACT (Gives an "unsworn" declaration given under the penalty of perjury the same effect as "a sworn" declaration, and subject to the criminal penalties for perjury.) {LC1655/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5598****BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Alzate, Edwards, Lima, Barros, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION--AUTOMOBILE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARDS (Prohibits any entity/individual from advertising sale/purchase/receipt/transport/salvage of junks/discarded vehicle unless done by licensed auto wrecking/salvage yard subject to civil fines.) {LC1250/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5599****BY** Ajello, Handy, Donovan, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Knight, Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (Eliminates the words "moral turpitude" as a cause of refusal to issue a license to various professionals.) {LC1577/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5600****BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Felix, Batista, Handy, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Knight, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk- limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.) {LC1025/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5601****BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Prohibits automatic renewal of contracts for personal, family or household purposes unless the consumer signs a consent to renew within sixty (60) days of the contract expiration date.) {LC923/1}

02/12/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5602****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Established player self-exclusion program with winnings collected from self-excluded players going to RICPG for research/education/prevention of teenage gambling addiction.) {LC1804/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5603****BY** Cardillo, Fellela, Costantino, Batista, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC635/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5604****BY** Kislak, Donovan, Potter, Henries, Morales, Alzate, Felix, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires courses in family life or sex education be taught in grades 6 -12 and be appropriate for students of all races, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.) {LC1605/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5605****BY** Chippendale, Filippi, Newberry, Nardone, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Provides that the students with disabilities shall be eligible to participate in the state's promise scholarship program and provided with reasonable accommodations to access the opportunities.) {LC1555/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5606****BY** Cardillo, Fellela, Costantino, Corvese, Batista, Williams, Perez, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.) {LC1473/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5607****BY** Cardillo, Costantino, Corvese, Batista, Perez, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Waives primary care provider referral requirement to health care professional or specialist under certain conditions effective January 1, 2022.) {LC1291/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5608****BY** Cardillo, Craven, Fellela, Costantino, Corvese, Kazarian, Batista, Caldwell, Hull, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows Rhode Island titled vehicles to be allowed to be registered online by the division of motor vehicles. Further, this allows all vehicles purchased from a Rhode Island car dealer to be registered online.) {LC1472/1}

02/15/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 5609****BY** Kislak, Speakman, Donovan, Potter, Ajello, Carson, Ruggiero, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING STATEHOOD TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. {LC1484/1}

02/16/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5610****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION OF GAME (Prohibits captive hunting and the possession, the sale, breeding or importation of any mammal for the purpose of captive hunting.) {LC561/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5611****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Corvese, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lima, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES -- PRESCRIPTIONS {LC737/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5612****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT (Provides for consumer protection in eye care services by developing standards and enforcement protocols related to the utilization of assessment mechanisms in the provision of eye care services.) {LC1805/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5613****BY** Noret, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Increases committee in law enforcement officers' bill of rights hearing to 5, three as permanent. Hearings commenced in 15 days, allow for summary suspension of 5 days and would mandate pay suspended while the case is pending.) {LC1192/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5614****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Makes it a misdemeanor to possess, transfer and/or produce child erotica for the specific purpose of sexual gratification or arousal, punishable by confinement in jail for not more than one year, or fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.) {LC1781/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5615****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME (Allows for a civil action against parents of a student who demonstrates disregard for the suspension of their child who has committed the offense of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.) {LC569/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5616****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC565/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5617****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits person convicted of unnecessary cruelty to animals from owning or exercising control of an animal for life. Penalty for violation one thousand dollars (\$1000) and forfeiture of animal.) {LC563/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5618****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CONTESTED PET OWNERSHIP (Creates a legal process by which formerly cohabitating parties could seek from the district court a determination as to ownership of any pet.) {LC566/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5619****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Solomon, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lima, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a training program which shall address workers' rights, workplace health and safety, and workers' compensation, to be established and funded by the DLT.) {LC727/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5620****BY** Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO JEWISH SENIORS AGENCY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Increases the authorized holdings of Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and exempt the same from taxation.) {LC138/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5621****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Issues permanent registration and registration plates to vehicles owned by the Civil Air Patrol.) {LC1780/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5622****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER HEALTH PRACTITIONERS ACT (Permits medical/vets services by health care

volunteers during emergency.) {LC1357/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5623****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Corvese, Solomon, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit of a single-family dwelling by a family member generally, and allows municipalities to establish standards for the construction of accessory dwelling units.) {LC738/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5624****BY** McGaw, Henries, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARIES {LC1598/1}

02/18/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5636****BY** Knight, Speakman, Felix, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS-- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Act repeals fee payment for expungements and makes eligible persons convicted of felony simple possession for

expungement 5 years after completion of sentence.) {LC582/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5637****BY** Knight, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Repeals the power granted to certain municipal courts to execute search warrants to the extent the warrants could be

executed by a judge of the district court.) {LC1892/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5638****BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS (Exempts the operation of construction vehicles performing authorized public works functions from the prohibition on operating their vehicle in reverse on roadways.) {LC1614/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5639****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows reciprocal concealed carry permits from out of state to be valid in Rhode Island, which is either authorized by the attorney general or subject to other reciprocal restrictions.) {LC1855/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5640****BY** Cassar, Amore, Kazarian, Henries, Felix, Morales, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.) {LC1384/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5641****BY** Kislak, Bennett, Kazarian, Speakman, Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Prohibits the use of neonicotinoids which are a class of insecticides.) {LC1524/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5642****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE ELDER ADULT FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION PREVENTION ACT (Requires employees of regulated financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of elder adults to the office of healthy aging and provide authority to the regulated financial institution to place a temporary hold on transactions.) {LC1853/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5643****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT (Updates a portion of the Insurance Receivership statute to the current National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) standards.) {LC1387/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5644****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW -- RESALE OF UNITS (Allows a condominium association to impose a fee of up to one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for preparation of a resale certificate.) {LC2009/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 5645****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (Creates a 13 member commission to study and provide recommendations regarding the licensing of residential builders and contractors, and who would report back no later than February 9, 2022, and whose life would expire on April 9, 2022.) {LC1674/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5646****BY** Kislak, Slater, Morales, Lombardi, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Landlords responsible to tenants if tenants evicted due to landlord neglect and allows municipality to place lien on property.) {LC234/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5647****BY** Morales, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Henries, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION {LC1797/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5648****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER PATIENT NOTIFICATION (Now allows for a summary of a patient's mammography report be provided to the patient by mail, electronically, or otherwise.) {LC1498/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5649****BY** Knight, Craven, McEntee, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL HEARINGS (Entitles criminal defendants charged with enumerated serious criminal offenses to a bail hearing within 14 calendar days of their initial court appearance.) {LC1822/1}

02/22/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:30 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Joseph Epifanio Gallucci; on motion of Representative C. Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Colafrancesco Jr.; on motion of Representative Noret, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Soladad Blanco; on motion of Representative Giraldo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Abelardo Hernandez; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.  
unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA ANN FENTON-FUNG**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tomorrow ushers in the sacred Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival. It is a time of great rebirth, renewal, and focus on the family. This year we usher in the Year of the Ox, characterized by honesty & hard work. With the challenges in front of us, there has never been a better time to embrace these qualities in all of the work our legislature undertakes. Traditionally, families greet each other on this sacred holiday by saying Kung Hei fat Choi, which literally translates to "greetings, become rich." While we all certainly want to embrace those good wishes as we stare down a \$500 million dollar budget deficit, we also want to embrace the larger meaning of being rich in health, rich with friendship, and rich with good wisdom to bring the state of Rhode Island to a better place. Amen.

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 113****BY** Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis

**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.) {LC965/1}

02/11/2021 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021:**

**1. 2021-H 5181**

**BY** Azzinaro

**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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**2. 2021-H 5049**

**BY** Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LODIE BRIEN AGENCY, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**3. 2021-H 5050**

**BY** Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SHERWOOD CONDOMINIUM, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021:**

**1. 2021-H 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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**2. 2021-H 5039**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3.     **2021-S 70**  
       **BY DiPalma**  
       **ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE**  
       **CHARTER OF MIGRANT, LLC**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 19, 2021**

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021:

1.     **2021-H 5253**  
      **BY Carson**  
      **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
2.     **2021-H 5413**  
      **BY Casimiro**  
      **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
3.     **2021-H 5414**  
      **BY Kislak**  
      **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
4.     **2021-H 5481**  
      **BY Kazarian**  
      **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
5.     **2021-H 5482**  
      **BY Shekarchi**  
      **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
  
6.     **2021-H 5483**  
      **BY Shekarchi**  
      **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**  
  
      Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Monday, February 22, 2021**