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Seventh-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 1, 2022, and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Cardillo, Casey, Costantino, Felix and Marszalkowski.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Anastasia P. Williams 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, January 27, 2022, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Edward Cardillo is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022:**1. 2022-H 7017**

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE TYLER DOCK ASSOCIATION

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Minority Leader Filippi, and Chairman Corvese.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ranglin-Vassell shares a poem in the spirit of Black American History Month.

Representative Alzate would like to acknowledge and share a little piece of information on Black American History Month.

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Chairwoman Diaz welcomes Representative McLaughlin back to the House Chamber.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. 2020

BY Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC3605/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi.

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

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the deadline to introduce your bills has been extended by Speaker Shekarchi until Tuesday, March 1st, which is the day we return from our spring recess. However, please make every attempt to get your legislation into the Legislative Council office as soon as possible in order for you to receive these bills in a timely fashion before the deadline.

Secondly, we will be meeting in House session this Thursday, February 3rd, at 4 p.m.

Chairman Shanley announces that the Committee on State Government and Elections will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Chairwoman Williams requests that Black American History Month be extended until March.

Chairman Craven announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7257

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Morales, McEntee, Ruggiero, Fellela, Solomon, Kazarian, Messier

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING THE MANY EMERGENCY AND ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL, AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO SERVE AND PROTECT RHODE ISLANDERS DURING THE SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT HIT OUR STATE ON JANUARY 28TH AND 29TH OF 2022 {LC4412/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7258

BY Chippendale, Filippi, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Price, Roberts, McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY ALAN JACKSON {LC4371/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Whip Chippendale requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Whip Chippendale discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his condolences to the Jackson Family.

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

House Resolution No. 7259

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kislak, Tobon, Potter, Corvese, McLaughlin, Casey, Bennett, Diaz
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2022 TO BE "CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3913/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7260

BY Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Caldwell, Filippi, Hull, Abney

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 8TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" ON JANUARY 30TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2022, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4332/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7261

BY Giraldo, Fenton-Fung, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Filippi, Kennedy, McLaughlin

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE TIGER" {LC4171/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Giraldo discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7263

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, McNamara, Azzinaro, Corvese, Serpa, Slater, Filippi, Price

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RODNEY D. DRIVER {LC4402/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Williams discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Williams, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and several others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7263

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, McNamara, Azzinaro, Corvese, Serpa, Slater, Filippi, Price

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RODNEY D. DRIVER {LC4402/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy discusses the resolution.

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

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

NEWBUSSINES

House Bill No. 7264

BY Morales, Hull, Barros, Alzate, Diaz, Amore, Felix, Giraldo, Williams, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

(Prohibits automobile insurance companies from utilizing education level, race, ethnicity, occupation, income, gender, zip code or adjacent zip code, or census tract to determine automobile insurance rates, premiums, and/or eligibility for coverage.) {LC3196/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7265**BY** Nardone, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE (Creates a Wine Direct Shipper License for licensed producers in this or any state to directly ship a limited amount of wine to residents age 21 or older for personal consumption.) {LC4303/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7266**BY** Edwards, Shekarchi, Cortvriend, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS--HOME INSPECTIONS (Allows home inspectors to inspect electrical systems and components as part of an inspection and a written evaluation of a residential building.) {LC3779/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 7267****BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, McEntee, Batista, Alzate, Kazarian, Diaz, Ruggiero, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS (Allows hairdressers to have apprentices. After a two (2) year apprenticeship, the apprentice would be eligible to apply for a hairdresser license pursuant to § 5-10-8.) {LC4431/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7268**BY** Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.) {LC4383/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7269**BY** Caldwell, Craven, Carson, Speakman, Fogarty, Solomon, Filippi, Casimiro, Shanley, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (Allows individuals who have received their masters of social work from an accredited college or university within the past two (2) years to practice within the field prior to obtaining a license.) {LC3901/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7270**BY** Place, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REVIEW ACT (Establishes a policy for regulation of occupations, specifying criteria for government regulation to increase opportunities, competition, protect consumers and a process to review criminal histories to reduce offenders' disqualifications.) {LC4225/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7271**BY** Nardone, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GAREAU ENTERPRISES, INC. {LC4396/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7272**BY** Fenton-Fung, Barros, Vella-Wilkinson, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires all public elementary and secondary schools in Rhode Island to provide at least one unit of instruction on Asian American History and culture.) {LC3899/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7273**BY** McNamara, Bennett, Baginski, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Provides that special education services would include speech-language pathology services, and would not stop because a child has reached nine (9) years of age.) {LC3185/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 7274****BY** McNamara, Serpa, Corvese, Ruggiero, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Requires a school committee to submit the name of any teacher terminated for cause to RIDE. The department would maintain and allow access to the list by the hiring authority of any private, parochial, charter or public school not subject to APRA.) {LC3212/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**House Bill No. 7275****BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Bennett, Kislak, Donovan, Caldwell, Speakman, Amore, Fogarty, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CLIMATE LITERACY ACT (Requires RIDE to implement a plan ensuring that students enrolled in public schools become climate literate by graduation from high school.) {LC3664/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7276**BY** Solomon, Potter, Casey, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS (Enhances the penalties for the violation of any law, rule or regulation relating to wild animals.) {LC3538/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7277**BY** Ruggiero, Bennett, Handy, Potter, Hull, Diaz, Kazarian, Speakman, Carson, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS-RENEWABLE ENERGY (Increases the percentage of retail electricity sales from renewable energy sources.) {LC4364/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7278**BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Bennett, Kislak, Edwards, Carson, Speakman, Knight, Fogarty, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Expands definition of public buildings under Green Building Act to include buildings in any subdivision of state, and include private major facility projects; mandates public reports for all such projects.) {LC3659/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7279**BY** Bennett, Cortvriend, Carson, Fogarty, McEntee, Speakman, Phillips, Ruggiero, Casimiro, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING (Creates the producer responsibility program requiring producers to make necessary changes to product design(s) to reduce packaging consumption and waste and assess fees based on the packaging.) {LC3789/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7280**BY** Edwards, Williams, Solomon, Diaz, Slater, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Amends the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity.) {LC3697/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7281**BY** McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Directs RIDE to release to the town of Cumberland any part of state education aid which was withheld as a setoff for money received from any of the ESSER funds.) {LC3178/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7282**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Creates a four (4) year pilot program to provide scholarships to certified nursing assistants employed in certain high needs fields.) {LC4205/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7283**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Donovan, Vella-Wilkinson, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Diaz, Kazarian, Ruggiero, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR INVESTMENT ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Early Educator Investment Act to develop and implement strategies to improve the compensation of early childhood educators.) {LC4280/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7284**BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Directs the state to appropriate the sum of \$250,000,000 from federal COVID relief funds to establish virtual online learning programs.) {LC4036/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7285**BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to federal adjusted gross income for withdrawals from any retirement account, traditional IRA or a rollover IRA.) {LC3795/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7286**BY** McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Includes middle income taxpayers/retirees meeting 85% of Rhode Island's median income levels as eligible participants for heating assistance and doubles the amount of assistance available which shall be funded by available American Rescue Plan funds.) {LC3179/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7287**BY** Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Fenton-Fung, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - COMPOSITION OF FIRE DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS (Allows individuals receiving state pensions to serve on fire and utility district boards. Provides for no reporting of compensation levels or hours worked to any state agency except for tax purposes.) {LC4302/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7288**BY** McLaughlin, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the department of environmental management to fund and assist the city of Central Falls in implementing aerial spraying to inhibit the growth of water chestnuts along the Blackstone River.) {LC3208/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7289**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Chippendale, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Alzate, Kazarian, Batista, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Establishes general caseload limits for DCYF workers similar to those contained in the Council on Accreditation standards.) {LC4269/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7290**BY** Williams, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Cassar, Speakman, Knight, Kislak, Alzate, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Extends the benefits given to eligible women under title XIX state plan through the last day of the month in which their twelve-month post-partum period ends.) {LC4433/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7291**BY** McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Would gradually increase the amount of the pension benefits of all Central Falls Retirees covered by the retirees' settlement agreement to one hundred percent of their base pension benefit.) {LC3371/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7292**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that any person who has a retail sales permit would not be required to pay a separate registration fee to make sales at flea markets; provided, however, the person would remain responsible to pay all taxes due as a result of sales at a flea mkt.) {LC4217/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7293**BY** McNamara, McLaughlin, Noret, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Establishes revolving school bus driver incentive fund for use by school districts to hire/ retain bus drivers/ monitors with initial grant of \$5,000,000 from COVID-19 response funds.) {LC3219/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7294**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Price, Nardone, Filippi, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.) {LC4119/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7295**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Potter, Tobon, Fellela, Barros, Messier, Alzate, Williams, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

(Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.) {LC3733/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7296**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (Increases the membership of the governor's council on behavioral health from thirty-one (31) to thirty-two (32) members by adding the president of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island or a designee.) {LC4206/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7297**BY** Lima C, Serpa, Lima S, Solomon, Morales, Potter**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.) {LC4372/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Potter)**House Bill No. 7298****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Solomon, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that all COVID-19 testing, inclusive of rapid antigen testing and/or PCR testing are covered by insurance regardless of whether such testing is ordered by a doctor.) {LC3891/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7299

BY Bennett, Kislak, Baginski, Giraldo, Lima S, Solomon, Shanley, Slater, Diaz, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Changes the definition of collaboration for physician assistants/increases continuing education to 50 hours/adds licensed nurses practitioners and physician assistants to the School and Youth concussion act.) {LC4301/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7300

BY Caldwell, Kazarian, Craven, Knight, Slater, Kislak, Potter, Fogarty, Amore, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes it a violation to store or leave a firearm unsecured and punishable by a fine of \$3000 and if a child is injured or killed as a result of firearm owner leaving firearm unsecured, owner shall be guilty of felony and punished up to five years in jail.) {LC4273/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7301

BY Lima C, Lima S, Vella-Wilkinson, Place, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Permits any person 18 years of age or older to possess a stun gun and permits those persons with a concealed carry permit can also carry a stun gun. Adds "tasers" to the definition of "firearm." Creates appeal process for denial of permit to carry.) {LC4358/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7302

BY Lima C, Lima S, Vella-Wilkinson, Place, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun and provides for an appeal process for denial of an application for a license or permit.) {LC4359/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7303

BY Craven, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Adds immunity from liability and provide compensation for certain injuries for employees whose position within school directly involves work with students.) {LC4389/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7304

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Potter, Baginski, Fellela, Barros, Messier, Alzate, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.) {LC4202/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7305**BY** Baginski, Serpa, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Adds the general agent and any special agents of the Rhode Island society for the prevention of cruelty to animals while enforcing any of the laws in relation to cruelty of animals pursuant to § 4-1-21 to the definition of peace officers.) {LC4422/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7306**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Diaz, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Hull, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Crime for medical personnel to provide reasonable medical care to new born baby.) {LC4312/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7307**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Hull, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Provides equal medicare for infants born-alive as a result of abortion procedure/natural delivery with violations subject to criminal penalties for medical personnel/loss of license/civil action for damages.) {LC4305/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7308**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Corvese, Bennett, Craven, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight, Kazarian, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Makes threats of mass violence and false reports of threats to educational, religious, social institutions or civic or fraternal associations a misdemeanor.) {LC3361/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7309**BY** Potter, Giraldo, Craven, McEntee, Felix, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES--IDENTIFICATION CARDS--ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Requires applicant for drivers licenses and registry issued identification cards to complete the form provided by the DMV on organ donation.) {LC4104/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7310**BY** Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Ackerman, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Allows the division of vital statistics to provide an original birth certificate of an adult adopted person to the adopted person's lineal descendants if the adopted person is deceased.) {LC4330/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7311**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MODERNIZATION OF PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES, ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER WRITTEN MATTERS (Allows the publication of legal notices on the state's official website and a corresponding local newspaper satisfying the requirements for the publication of any statutorily-required notice, advertisement, or other written matter in a newspaper.)

{LC3949/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7312**BY** Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ACT (Authorizes municipalities to publish public notices in any newspaper in circulation in the municipality or on any other platform designated by ordinance.)

{LC4128/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7313**BY** Ruggiero, Felix, Casimiro, Diaz, Kislak, McNamara, Cortvriend, Morales, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION - DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (Integrates employing more developmentally disabled workers in the workforce.) {LC4293/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7314**BY** McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (This act would authorize general contractors and subcontractors awarded state public works contracts up to four (4) journeypersons to work under a fully licensed master tradesperson.) {LC3372/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7315**BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES-- ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW (Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to enact a local ordinance which increases the number of alternates on their zoning board of review from two (2) to three (3).) {LC4393/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Filippi)

House Bill No. 7316**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Require in-person bidding at tax sales.) {LC4387/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7317**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Expands the classes of licensed vehicles eligible to obtain courtesy veterans' plates, to include vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of up to twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.)) {LC3397/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7318**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Price, Nardone, Filippi, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Permits Dyslexia Advocacy Rhode Island plates to be issued for passenger or commercial vehicles. A minimum of six hundred (600) preordered plates would be required.) {LC4115/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7319**BY** Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Marszalkowski, Fogarty, McGaw, Edwards, Donovan, Ruggiero, Carson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC4319/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7320**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Corvese, Solomon, Bennett, Batista, Craven, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW THE COST AND STATUS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND OWNED, VACANT, AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR METHODS TO MITIGATE THE ASSOCIATED EXPENSES (Creates a 13 member commission to study and provide recommendations to mitigate the associated costs for the State's vacant and abandoned properties, and would report back by February 10, 2023, and expire on March 21, 2023.) {LC3299/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7321**BY** Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID-19 VACCINATION NOT REQUIRED FOR ACCESS TO STATE OR PRIVATE BUSINESSES ACT {LC4322/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Price)

House Bill No. 7322**BY** McLaughlin, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Provides that effective January 1, 2023, the governor's commission on disabilities shall issue and renew a motor vehicle disability parking privilege placard.) {LC3180/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7323**BY** Phillips, Newberry, Kazarian, Corvese, Diaz, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Sets forth the boundaries of the voting districts for the House of Representatives and the Senate. Also sets forth the territory for the First and Second Congressional Districts in Rhode Island.) {LC4397/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7324**BY** Donovan, Speakman, Craven, Lima C, Fellela, Solomon, Lima S**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF A "LUSO-AMERICANS VETERANS MONUMENT" AT THE RHODE ISLAND VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY {LC4443/1}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:53 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Rodney Driver; on motion of Representative Chippendale, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Timothy Jackson seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS

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

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 2020**BY** Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC3605/1}

02/01/2022 Transmitted to Governor

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022:

- 1. 2022-H 7030**
BY Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

- 2. 2022-H 7098**
BY Barros
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, January 28, 2022