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Ninth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 8, 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 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 8: Representatives Casey, Costantino, Edwards, Lima C., Lima S., Newberry, Place and Ranglin-Vassell.

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 3, 2022, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 8, 2022.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Alzate announces February 7-14 as Congenital Heart disease Awareness Week and would like to acknowledge this year's Heart Warriors: Tristen Sarmiento-Johnston, Rémi Vassallo-Newport, Alijah Lopez-Providence, Theodore MacPherson-Forestdale, Abigail Bram-Providence, Corey Jenness-Prudence Island, Treyvon Robinson- North Kingstown, Caleb DelSesto-Warwick, Parker DelSesto-Warwick, Austin Vermilyea-Bristol, Lincoln Beland-Pawtucket, Paul Gordon-Warren, and Silas Zeppelin Green-Warwick. Representative Alzate congratulates them for being our Heart Warriors.

Whip Chippendale, in the spirit of Black History Month, shares information on the Honorable Reverend Mahlon Van Horne.

Representative Casimiro introduces and welcomes Ryan Lukowicz as a new page to the House Chamber.

Speaker Shekarchi welcomes Ryan and the new pages to the House: Natasha Biah, Joseph Thomas, Anthony D'Ellena, and Gloriana Crichlow.

Representative Casimiro, in honor of Black History Month, recognizes and shares a piece of information on the history of Janie Porter Barrett.

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Chairwoman Ruggiero announces that the Committee on Innovation, Internet, and Technology will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 4:00 o'clock P.M., in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Speakman rises to commemorate Black History Month and to acknowledge the important contributions to American culture, music, politics, and to her life of Motown Records. Motown was founded by Berry Gordy in Detroit in 1959, a black-owned company employing a multiracial staff, produced music that appealed to everyone and still does. Motown wasn't just about the music. It was about helping black artists get their songs played on white radio stations. And about helping white audiences gain access to the tremendous talent and extraordinary music of hundreds of black artists. It was also about using music as it has always been used to send political messages to wide audiences.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be this Thursday, February, 10, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski joins the Speaker in welcoming Natasha Biah a senior at LaSalle Academy on her first day as a House page.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7364

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Serpa, Williams, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fellela, Shanley, Hawkins, Ajello
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING JOSEPH J. FLAHERTY ON BEING THE 2022 RODLI AWARD RECIPIENT {LC4407/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Serpa discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Serpa, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7365

BY McNamara, Serpa, Messier, O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Lombardi J, Filippi, Kislak, Phillips
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK" ON FEBRUARY 7-11, 2022, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4499/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7366

BY Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Giraldo, Filippi, Batista, O'Brien, Felix, Tobon, Casimiro
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2022, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4490/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Chairwoman McEntee, for the Committee on Small Business, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7095

BY McEntee, Carson, Alzate, Caldwell, Costantino, Cortvriend, Craven, Morales, Batista, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Extends the period for the moratorium imposed on the enforcement of any municipal ordinance or zoning regulation relating to any alterations or modifications made to an establishment in order to comply with emergency declarations until April 1, 2023.) {LC3348/1}

02/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar

House Bill No. 7209 SUB A

BY Baginski, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING

AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Repeals 3/1/22 sunset provision allowing Class B/brew pub licensees to sell wine/beer/mixed drinks with food takeout orders only.) {LC4248/A/2}

02/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 7256 SUB A**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ackerman, Edwards, Abney**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS {LC4398/A/1}

02/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar

TRANSFER OF BILLS

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

House Bill No. 7331**BY** Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- CORPORATIONS - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Authorizes during declared emergency the issuance of emergency rules for corporate filings and minimum taxes.)

{LC3398/1}

02/09/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7332**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – STATE BUILDING CODE (Increases the levy on total construction costs that cities and towns may charge for building permits and directs that fifty percent (50%) each of the levy be transmitted monthly to the department of labor and training for workforce training.) {LC4231/1}

02/09/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 2134**BY** DiMario, Picard, Acosta, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES --

ZONING ORDINANCES (Imposes one year moratorium on enforcement of municipal ordinance or zoning requirement that penalizes owners of food service establishments/bars for modifications/alternations to their premises in response to an emergency declaration.) {LC3969/1}

02/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/10/2022)

Senate Bill No. 2153 as amended**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Repeals 3/1/22 sunset provision allowing Class B/brew pub licensees to sell wine/beer/mixed drinks with food takeout orders only.) {LC4390/1}

02/08/2022 Placed on House Calendar (02/10/2022)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 7367**BY** Cortvriend, Edwards, Carson, Chippendale, McEntee, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAND SURVEYORS (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.) {LC3401/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7368**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CLAIMS ADJUSTERS (Authorizes the department of insurance, within the DBR, in lieu of passing in-state licensing examination, to recognize the competence of an applicant for an insurance claims adjuster license, through an out-of-state proctored examination.) {LC4537/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7369**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COLLECTION OF TAX SALES -- WATER SUPPLY -- WATER AND SEWER CHARGES (Prevents the forced sale of real estate owned by persons who owe fire, water, sewer, road or lighting district charges.) {LC4304/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7370**BY** Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven,**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY (Creates a Class B-W license to allow for the sale of beer and wine in grocery stores, convenience stores and markets throughout the state.) {LC4246/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(For Co-sponsorship removals request, see Journal of 3-31-2022, page 2-3.)**House Bill No. 7371****BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT - INSURANCE RATES (Prevents the consideration of an applicant's credit history in determining automobile insurance rates.) {LC4103/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7372**BY** Shanley, Corvese, Hull, Kennedy, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Prevents a motor vehicle dealer from leasing a new or used motor vehicle to a member of the public requiring the payment of the exact amount of any excise tax assessed on the new or used motor vehicle as reimbursement to the motor vehicle dealer.)

{LC4548/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7373

BY Knight, Cortvriend, Cassar, McGaw, Shanley, Phillips, O'Brien, Fogarty, Speakman, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AD CARRIERS -- NET
METERING (Amends the definition of net metering to remove the three year average annual
consumption in determining eligibility of the generating system) {LC4406/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7374

BY Potter, McGaw, Kislak, Felix, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ALL-
ELECTRIC BUILDING ACT (Provides that no city or town would issue a permit for the
construction of new buildings that are not an all-electric building, if the initial application for a
permit was submitted after December 31, 2023, unless certain circumstances apply.) {LC4501/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7375

BY Shanley, Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Makes amendments necessary to use the term
"trade name" rather than "assumed name", for purposes of the commercial law chapter on filing an
assumed name/provides for the administration/regulation of the use of trade names with a 2 yr
renewal requirement.) {LC4278/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7376

BY Carson, Solomon, McNamara, Cortvriend, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CEMETERIES (Prohibits
perpetual care fund deposits use as to personnel of cemetery owners/restricts use to care of burial
site/monuments/requires detailed annual report effective 1/1/2023.) {LC3302/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7377

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND
SUPERINTENDENTS (Authorizes elected school committees if a majority of qualified electors
of the said city of Providence vote in a special elections before July 1, 2026.) {LC4307/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7378

BY McEntee, Cortvriend, Speakman, Carson, Fogarty, Donovan, Abney, Morales, Bennett,
Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINER
DEPOSIT RECYCLING ACT OF 2022 (Creates a refundable ten cent (\$0.10) deposit for non-
reusable beverage containers. A four cent (\$0.04) handling fee would be paid by distributors.)
{LC4394/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7379**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts self-employed sole practicing investigators operating independently from any partnership, corporation, limited liability company or association from the sales tax imposed on services.) {LC4207/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7380**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, McEntee, Williams, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for an income tax deduction for military service pension benefits.) {LC4621/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7381**BY** Kazarian, Alzate, Solomon, Felix, Giraldo, Messier, Biah, Baginski, Potter, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.) {LC4368/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7382**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, McEntee, Williams, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for an income tax deduction for a taxpayer serving in the national guard at an amount up to fifty percent (50%) of the taxpayer's income earned for medically related service during a pandemic.) {LC4622/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7383**BY** Solomon, Donovan, Abney, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Mandates the RITBA to design a safety barrier or netting system on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge by April 1, 2022, with construction commencing no later than January 1, 2023.) {LC4424/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7384**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS (Requires that maintenance of sidewalks along state highways be the responsibility of the state. Such maintenance shall not include snow removal, sweeping and cleaning.) {LC4532/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7385**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Solomon, Caldwell, Craven, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Appropriates federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to the state employment security fund in an amount sufficient to restore the fund to its level immediately prior to the governor's March 9, 2020, emergency declaration.) {LC3979/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Nardone)**House Bill No. 7386****BY** Shanley, Tanzi, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (SEE

TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) (Prevents state from reducing retirement benefits due teachers, by the amount they received for workers' compensation specific compensation and Medicare set aside allocations, thereby treating them the same way state and municipal employees are treated.) {LC4041/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7387**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTING AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE CARE FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE PROGRAMS {LC4559/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7388**BY** Amore, Henries, Craven, Caldwell, Batista, Speakman, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS

IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.) {LC4547/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7389**BY** Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Kislak, Lombardi J, Morales, McGaw, Henries, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CORE STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS

SERVICES SYSTEMS (Establishes a core state behavioral health crisis services system, to be administered by the director of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.) {LC3640/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7390

BY Shanley, Bennett, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson, Tanzi, Kazarian, Slater, Morales, Williams, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES -- MINIMUM WAGE FOR PROVIDERS (Requires state contracted human services providers to pay their employees a starting hourly wage, of no less than twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) per hour, and to include wage incremental raises for existing employees.) {LC4419/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7391

BY Amore, Henries, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from taxation the retail sale of cloth or disposable face masks and facial coverings.) {LC4546/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7392

BY Ackerman, Chippendale, Shanley, Serpa, McNamara, Cassar, Baginski, Alzate, Diaz, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT (Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.) {LC4384/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7393

BY McNamara, Caldwell

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 2022 (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients' Right To Try Act of 2022," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.) {LC4215/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7394

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits the board of medical licensure and discipline from requiring specialty board certification as a condition of licensure.) {LC4472/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7395

BY Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Shanley, Hawkins, Cardillo, Perez, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist.) {LC3277/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7396

BY Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Ajello, Hull, Cassar, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (Mandates that an applicant for a license as a licensed clinical social worker not be required to take or pass a standardized written examination in order to qualify for the license.) {LC4331/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7397

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOME CARE RECOVERY AND STABILITY ACT (Creates a moratorium until at least July 1, 2027 on the issuance of new licenses for home care providers, home nursing care providers and hospice providers.)

{LC4465/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7398

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS {LC4463/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7399

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Requires food service establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose a penalty upon those establishments for failure to include the warnings on its menus. Failure to comply shall result in fines.) {/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7400

BY Shanley, Carson, Edwards, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Creates the "Rhode Island data Transparency and Privacy Protection Act" to identify information collected by online service providers and commercial websites.) {LC3955/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7401**BY** Barros, Giraldo, Alzate, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits a digital application distribution platform that has cumulative sales annually in excess of (\$10,000,000) from requiring a developer of a software application to engage in an exclusive distribution agreement with the distribution platform.) {LC4291/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7402**BY** Ajello, Caldwell, Craven**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 validates the common practice of filing the return by mail.) {LC4083/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7403**BY** Perez, Slater, Diaz, Hull, Lombardi J, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SOCIAL PROTECTION ACT (Creates an accident compensation fund to provide payments and benefits to those injured by uninsured motorists, to be administered by the department of human services.) {LC4308/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7404**BY** Noret, Hull, Casimiro, Baginski, Hawkins, Solomon, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL AND PEER SUPPORT MEMBERS (Establishes a testimonial privilege for communications with critical incident stress management peer support personnel.) {LC4502/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7405**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Enacts the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act and provide for the duties and obligations of medical personnel in certain circumstances.) {LC4311/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7406**BY** Noret, Hull, Baginski, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Increases the number of minimum rounds fired from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) during the qualification and training of police officers.) {LC4563/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7407**BY** Noret, Hull, Baginski, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms in both daylight and nighttime conditions two (2) times per year and that correctional officers qualify every year instead of once every two (2) years.) {LC4565/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7408**BY** Noret, Hull, Baginski, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms two (2) times per year instead of one time annually.) {LC4564/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7409**BY** McEntee, Carson, Craven, Caldwell, Edwards, Casimiro, Messier, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSE OF ACTION (Removes the statute of limitations for actions based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child and would make eligible previously time barred actions.) {LC3777/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7410**BY** Craven, Casimiro, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Prohibits use of illegally seized evidence in administrative hearing involving fish/wildlife violations, limits penalties for violations to \$500, establishes forfeiture provisions, requires hearing officers to decide constitutional issues.) {LC3189/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7411**BY** Shanley, Amore, Craven, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- LOSS OF RIGHTS BY PRISONERS (Repeals the provision of the general laws declaring prisoners serving a life sentence civilly dead.) {LC3954/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7412**BY** O'Brien, Alzate, Hawkins, Cardillo, Kazarian, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- TRAVELING CIRCUSES PROHIBITED (Makes it unlawful to conduct, sponsor, walk, exhibit, or operate a traveling show or circus with that live wild or exotic animals in the State of Rhode Island. Violations would be punished by a fine of up to \$500 and up to 30 days in jail.) {LC4470/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7413**BY** Carson, Batista, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT (Prohibits the use of hazardous waste or solid waste as fill on any construction site project and renders the use of such soil as fill a felony.) {LC4609/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7414**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island to provide transparency in litigation.) {LC4428/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7415**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL LICENSE FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND OTHER MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES (Requires any operator of a motorcycle, motor scooter or motor-driven cycle to wear a helmet. Violations would be punished by a fine of \$100 and would increase the fines for failure of a passenger to wear a helmet to \$100.) {LC4314/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7416**BY** Nardone, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF STATE -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Requires the secretary of state to establish a registry for publication of municipal invitations for bids and would require that municipalities publish notice of invitations for bids with the registry.) {LC4531/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7417**BY** Hawkins, Cardillo, Bennett, O'Brien, Noret, Kazarian, Caldwell, Biah, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Holders of Class B licenses shall offer the public food during times alcoholic beverages are sold to the public.) {LC4505/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7418**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, McNamara, Solomon, Serpa, Morgan P, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- APPLICABILITY OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS (Allows the city council of the city of Warwick to enact ordinances authorizing the Warwick police department to impounded off-road non-registered vehicles that are unlawfully used on public streets.) {LC4483/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7419**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Fogarty, Kislak, Potter, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Establishes a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate.) {LC3550/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 7420**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRANSFER OF VEHICLES (Requires that all motor vehicle dealers disclose in writing to the buyer whether or not a vehicle being sold has a spare tire and jack.) {LC4528/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7421**BY** Baginski, Potter, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Allows audio recordings to be taken at the local boards of canvassers' proceedings and be maintained as a permanent record of the board.) {LC4523/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7422**BY** Baginski, Potter, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Allows local board of canvasser's discretion to substitute the physical posting in each voting district of senatorial district meetings, representative district meetings, and voting district meetings with publication in newspaper of local circulation.) {LC4524/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7423**BY** Baginski, Potter, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Replaces requirement that the notice for the final canvass and correction of voter registration files be posted in a newspaper with the requirement that the notice for the final canvass to be published on the official website maintained by the city/town.) {LC4526/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7424**BY** O'Brien, Alzate, Cardillo, Kazarian, Hawkins, Caldwell**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.) {LC4300/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7425**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J, Hull, McLaughlin**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) {LC4325/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7426**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the composition of the state building code standards committee.) {LC4527/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7427**BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Abney, Potter, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Requires that the division of vital records shall ensure the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.) {LC4295/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7428**BY** Shanley, Noret, Amore, Craven, Batista, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of elections to begin the certification of mail ballots twenty (20) days prior to election day. It also establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.) {LC3933/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7429**BY** Baginski, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS POLLING PLACE CAP (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to four thousand (4,000).) {LC4525/1}

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Noret)**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:43 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Shallcross Smith, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Marie "Lucy" Arundale; on motion of Representative Fellela, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Angelina Lanzi; on motion of Representative Ruggiero, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Melissa Burrows seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN R. DONOVAN

Dear God: As we continue to celebrate Black History Month we ask you to instill in us the willingness to share our true American history with the world, in our communities, and most importantly to all future generations. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022:

1. **2022-H 7095**

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Small Business recommends passage.

2. **2022-H 7209 SUB A**

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES

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

3. **2022-H 7256 SUB A**

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (E) OF TITLE 30, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 9 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

4. **2022-S 2134**

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

5. **2022-S 2153 as amended**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House