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Twelfth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 17, 2022, and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

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

ABSENT – 10: Representatives Biah, Casey, Felix, Hawkins, Lima S., Perez, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, and Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Grace Diaz 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 15, 2022, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Bernard Hawkins is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 17, 2022.
Representative Stephen M. Casey is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 17, 2022.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022:**1. 2022-H 7023 SUB A**

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Donovan, Speakman, Carson, Phillips, Morales, Ruggiero, Ajello, Fogarty, Cortvriend, McGaw, and Whip Kazarian.

Representatives Newberry, Morgan, Nardone, Place, Handy, and Carson discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

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

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2022-H 6623

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY--LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Ajello, Abney, Donovan, Amore, Phillips, Morales, McEntee, Cardillo, Noret, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Hull, Lombardi, McLaughlin, McNamara, Corvese, Diaz, Kislak, Bennett, Giraldo, Solomon, Casimiro, and Whip Kazarian.

Representative Newberry and Chairman Corvese discuss the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ADDRESS

Chairwoman Diaz addresses members in recognition of Dominican Independence Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi wishes his father and best friend, Dr. Khalil Shekarchi a Happy 97th Birthday next Thursday, February 24, 2022.

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

Representative Noret wishes his daughter Robbie a Happy 12th Birthday.

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:46 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

Chairman Phillips would like to wish his mother-in-law a Happy 95th Birthday!

Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Slater recognizes and wishes Chairwoman Diaz a Happy Birthday!

Chairwoman Diaz would like to wish her Grandson Nehemiah Speaks a Happy 16th Birthday!

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next floor session will be on Tuesday, March 1st at 4 p.m. Please remember that day, March 1st is also the deadline to introduce bills. Members should submit legislation requests to Legislative Council as soon as possible. The Council office will be open next week during normal hours, but will need time for drafting and delivery to the membership. For all bills introduced after March 1, members will have to give notice under House Rule 7(d). All legislation should be submitted to Legislative Council by Friday, February 25th, 2022, by 5:00 pm.

At the session on March 1st, the House galleries will be open to the public. The House floor will remain closed to guests, but guests may sit in the galleries and be recognized by members.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Steven Lima, Chairwoman Diaz, Representatives Alex Marszalkowski, Lauren Carson, Brianna Henries, and Dr. Shekarchi Happy Birthday!

Representative Amore acknowledges the accomplishments of Black Americans throughout Black History Month, with information on the Civil Rights Era.

Chairwoman Williams extends a friendly reminder that the Black History Month celebration continues into March.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7520

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4896/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7521

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4895/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7522

BY Fenton-Fung, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tobon, Chippendale, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Price, Kennedy, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 46TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOCATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 {LC4580/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Fenton-Fung discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7523

BY Diaz, Felix, Perez, Batista, Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Giraldo, Alzate, Tobon

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 178TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2022 {LC3854/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Diaz, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice 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 Pro Tempore Kennedy announces that the desk will be held open.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Bill No. 7477

BY Shanley

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/used motor vehicle to a member of the public/require/charge or collect/relative to any vehicle excise tax/in excess of the exact amount assessed to or paid by the lessor for excise tax to any city/town.) {LC3483/1}

02/18/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. 7480

BY Amore, Fenton-Fung, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT (Provides that the general assembly would appropriate \$50,000 annually for a three (3) year pilot program on teacher training in the Orton-Gillingham classroom educator program.) {LC4466/1}

02/18/2022 Committee transferred to House Finance

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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

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}

02/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/01/2022)

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

House Bill No. 6642

BY Lima C, 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.) {LC3428/1}

02/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/03/2022)

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 6636 SUB A

BY Handy, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- QUADRICYCLE PASSENGER VEHICLES ((21H-5694 Sub A/3) -- Authorizes municipalities to regulate the use of quadricycle passenger vehicles within their borders, provided there is approval by the local police chief.) {LC3469/A/1}

02/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/03/2022)

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

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

House Bill No. 7212

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kathleen Coyne-McCoy to join Emily Ann Caron and Cullen Adare McCoy in marriage on or about September 22, 2022, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC4193/1}

02/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/01/2022)

House Bill No. 7252

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dale J. Venturini to join Kaitlin F. Battista and Justin W. Venturini in marriage on or about July 9, 2022, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC4227/1}

02/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/01/2022)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 7524**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Declaration or bylaws requiring approval would be approved if not recorded in 60 days.) {LC4820/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7525**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condominium associations to record their bylaws and rules and regulations in the same municipality as the recorded declaration, and any amendments thereto, within forty-five (45) days of enactment.) {LC4821/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7526**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides a unit owner's insurance policy as the primary insurance policy with respect to any amount of loss which is not payable under the association's policy because of the application of the deductible.) {LC4866/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7527

BY McEntee, O'Brien, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Slater, Morales, Phillips, Ackerman, Potter, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Enables Rhode Island licensed new motor vehicle dealers to conduct vehicle identification number inspections.) {LC4747/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7528**BY** Edwards, McGaw, Chippendale, Solomon, Williams, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Provides that only facilities located within the state be eligible for licenses to operate as official inspection stations for the inspection of vehicles.) {LC3357/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7529**BY** Morales, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J, Williams, Caldwell, Tanzi, Azzinaro, Bennett, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Limits a rate increase by any gas distribution company to the lesser of five and one-half percent (5.5%) annually or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U).) {LC4385/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7530**BY** Slater, Diaz, Alzate, Williams, Morales, Kislak, Handy, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.) {LC4948/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7531**BY** Speakman, Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, Fogarty, Potter, McGaw, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - NET METERING- RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH (Provides that certain eligible net metering systems projects, including solar siting, cannot be sited in Conservation Opportunity Areas.)

{LC4640/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship are Representatives McGaw, Fellela)**House Bill No. 7532****BY** O'Brien, Hull, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Creates an exception to the requirements of § 39-18-4.2, which requires preparation of a neighborhood impact statement and a public hearing for alteration of a bus route and would direct the RIPTA to alter bus route 58 and bus route 27.)

{LC4701/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7533**BY** O'Brien, Hull, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Directs the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to alter bus route 58.) {LC4715/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7534**BY** Barros, Alzate, Kazarian, Casimiro, Giraldo, Kislak, Cassar, Morales, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING {LC4931/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7535**BY** Shallcross Smith, Hull, McGaw, Carson, Kislak, Alzate, Phillips, Cardillo, Marszalkowski, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT (Provides that original equipment manufacturers of agricultural equipment would provide independent service providers repair information and tools to maintain and repair electronics of the agricultural equipment.) {LC4765/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7536

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Alzate, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Amore, Serpa, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUD (Establishes the office of the special education ombud, independent of the RI dept of ed to ensure school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with individualized education programs for students with disabilities.) {LC3291/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7537

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to adopt standards which take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students across municipal boundaries and promotes maximum efficiency in other programs.) {LC4571/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7538

BY O'Brien, Amore, Barros, Abney, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY (Broadens the definition of "teacher" and create a comprehensive bill of rights for school teachers.) {LC4702/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7539

BY Morgan P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (require that both curriculum and teaching practices in Rhode Island schools protect and respect the civil rights of all members of the school community) {LC4748/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7540

BY Ruggiero, Marszalkowski, Cortvriend, Vella-Wilkinson, Kazarian, Caldwell, Craven, Batista, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- AQUACULTURE-EMERGENCY CLOSURE (Allows the director of the department of environmental management to issue an emergency order requiring the temporary or permanent suspension of aquaculture activities in an affected area.) {LC4623/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7541

BY Speakman, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Handy, Donovan, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS - PFAS CHEMICALS (Prohibits the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS chemicals during training exercises and would prohibit firefighter turnout gear containing PFAS chemicals.) {LC4900/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7542

BY Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Speakman, Cortvriend, Batista, McEntee, Alzate, Henries, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFUSE DISPOSAL - FOOD WASTE BAN (Amends § 23-18.9-17 to increase the miles of distance to thirty (30) a covered entity can be to an authorized composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility beginning January 1, 2023.) {LC4840/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7543

BY Speakman, Carson, Bennett, Kislak, Ajello, Morales, Cortvriend, Donovan, Handy, Ruggiero
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ZERO-EMISSION LAWN CARE DEVICES (Mandates that all lawn care devices have zero-emissions by 2027, and a plan for such would be submitted to the house and senate by 2023.) {LC4639/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7544

BY Noret, Chippendale, Cardillo, Shanley, Place, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - BIRDS (Allows the taking of any wild bird by using a crossbow in addition to the weapons spelled out in this section.) {LC4800/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7545

BY Newberry, Place, Fenton-Fung, McLaughlin, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS -- SINGLE USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Exempts drive-through and take-out establishments from providing a plastic straw only upon request by the consumer.) {LC4379/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7546

BY Kazarian, O'Brien, Alzate, Casimiro, Carson, Solomon, Henries, Amore, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.) {LC4688/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7547

BY Noret, Casimiro, McNamara, Amore, Corvese, Solomon, Azzinaro, Diaz, Kazarian, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Mandates the department of education to provide a proper measurement of the per-pupil poverty count other than the current lunch delivery method, to ensure that school districts are credited accordingly.) {LC4495/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7548

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated.) {LC4578/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7549

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Williams, Hull, McLaughlin, McNamara, Casimiro, Baginski, Kazarian, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Allows cold war, veteran administration connected disability, and RI national guard with less than 90 days service admission into veterans home.) {LC4816/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7550

BY Hull, Slater, Diaz, Lombardi J, Alzate, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Requires DHS to disburse \$18,700,000 in \$1,500 amounts total, \$250 per month for 6 months as retention bonuses to direct care staff at childcare centers/licensed family providers.) {LC4873/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7551

BY Kazarian, Cassar, Casimiro, Alzate, Solomon, Amore, Henries, Giraldo, Barros, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE - BENEFITS (Increases the weekly dependency allowance for recipients of temporary disability insurance and temporary caregiver benefits from ten dollars (\$10.00) to twenty dollars (\$20.00).) {LC4813/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7552

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Casimiro, Solomon, Ruggiero, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND DEBT PROTECTION ACT OF 2011 (Authorizes the Rhode Island public transit authority's coordinating council to develop a pilot program to address the needs of disabled individuals whose disability prevents independent use of a fixed route system.) {LC4956/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7553

BY Barros, Alzate, Kazarian, Casimiro, Kislak, Cassar, Morales, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Creates a tax on sugary drinks. Revenue for public safety program to reduce obesity.) {LC4929/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7554

BY Cardillo, Phillips, Noret, Costantino, Chippendale, Shanley, Potter, Filippi, Lima C, Azzinaro

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.)

{LC4863/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7555

BY O'Brien, Amore, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides state employee public safety professionals with parity to municipal public safety employees in the state/municipal retirement systems eff. 7/1/21 with 10% contribution.)

{LC4703/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7556

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Edwards, Donovan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE PORTSMOUTH HOUSING AUTHORITY (PHA) (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the Portsmouth Housing Authority.)

{LC4889/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7557

BY McNamara, Ackerman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AID IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 in a fiscal year 2022-2023, to establish an Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Coordinator.)

{LC4200/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7558

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance carriers, nonprofit hospital service plans, nonprofit medical service corporations and HMOs to cover costs of breast ultrasounds and/or MRI breast exams for person receiving notice of dense breast tissue.)

{LC4573/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7559

BY Speakman, Carson, Morales, Kislak, Cortvriend, Potter, Knight, Donovan, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires operators of nursing homes to provide the department of health with detailed information on ownership and any person having an interest in the land, building or operation of the facility.)

{LC4409/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7560

BY Speakman, Morales, Kislak, Cortvriend, Potter, Knight, Donovan, Ruggiero, Cassar, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.) {LC4552/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7561

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Ruggiero, Serpa, Diaz, Casimiro, Baginski, Kazarian, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides health care coverage for laparoscopic removal of uterine fibroids, including uterine artery embolization intraoperative ultrasound guidance and monitoring and radiofrequency ablation, commencing January 1, 2023.) {LC4764/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 7562

BY Shanley, Phillips, Price, Barros, Solomon, Cassar

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY PROSPECTIVE IMPROVEMENTS IN PATIENTS' ACCESSIBILITY TO MEDICAL CARE FROM LICENSED NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS (Creates an 11 member commission to study prospective improvements in patients' accessibility to medical care from licensed naturopathic physicians, and would report back by February 21, 2023, and would expire on May 21, 2023.) {LC4865/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7563

BY Speakman, Ajello, Morales, Carson, Cortvriend, Cassar

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.) {LC4240/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7564

BY Barros, Shanley, Amore, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits certain providers of digital application distribution platforms from requiring that payments for the software application be made exclusively through a particular in-application payment system.) {LC4758/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7565

BY Phillips, McEntee, Ajello, Serpa, Corvese, Edwards, McGaw, Batista, Alzate, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Expands responsibilities of agencies, persons or entities that store, own, collect, process, maintain, acquire, use, or licenses data, who experiences a security breach, include providing additional information to persons affected and law enforcement.) {LC4754/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7566

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- INDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Expands definition of personal information to include data used to identify a person and commit identity theft/Hacks of data triggers breach notification provisions in § 11-49.3-4 and security program provisions in § 11-49.3-2.) {LC4818/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7567

BY O'Brien, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME (Allows for a civil action against parents of a student who demonstrate willful or wanton disregard for the duty to supervise their child who has committed the offense of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.) {LC4712/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7568

BY Noret, Casimiro, Corvese, Amore, O'Brien, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Baginski, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS -- THE MATTHEW O'GARA ACT OF 2022 (Increases the penalties for a first offense of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death to a minimum five (5) years in incarceration, a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and a minimum license revocation of five (5) years.) {LC4560/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7569

BY Cardillo, Phillips, Noret, Chippendale, Shanley, Lima C, Craven, Corvese, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines suitable person relative to possessing a firearm. An unsuitable person being defined as one that is clear and present danger to themselves or others or anyone that is a member of a criminal street gang as defined under § 12-19-39(a).) {LC4864/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7570

BY Chippendale, Cardillo, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Permits any person 21 years of age or older to carry a concealed firearm provided that they have qualified in accordance with § 11-47-15 and has completed a hunter safety course.) {LC4798/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7571

BY Edwards, Ruggiero, Filippi, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates the house committee of the repealer to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received from citizens, businesses, and government agencies.) {LC4907/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7572

BY O'Brien, Diaz, Amore, Edwards, Baginski, Barros, Ruggiero, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits a person convicted of killing an animal or of unnecessary cruelty to animals amounting to torture from owning or exercising control of an animal for life and would be subject to fine of \$1000 for each violation of this act.) {LC4705/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7573

BY O'Brien, Diaz, Amore, Edwards, Barros, Ruggiero, Hull, Slater
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.) {LC4708/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7574

BY O'Brien, Diaz, Amore, Edwards, Baginski, Barros, Hull, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits declawing of a cat or other animal, unless a licensed veterinarian has determined that the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose. Any person who violates this section would be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.) {LC4706/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7575

BY Morales, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, McGaw, Batista, Biah, Kislak, Henries, Speakman, Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Repeals the law that prevented municipalities from establishing their own minimum wage for their employees.) {LC3312/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Resolution No. 7576

BY Shekarchi, Speakman, Edwards
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the entire area of land use, preservation, development, housing, environment, and regulation, from April 30, 2022, to June 8, 2023, and would expire on June 30, 2023.) {LC4901/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7577

BY Fogarty, Handy, Carson, Donovan, Amore, Craven, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Amends the definition of minor land development and minor subdivision and changes the time limits for other land developments and major subdivision certificates.) {LC4570/1}
02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7578

BY Filippi, Place, Chippendale, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Requires that all cities and towns file all ordinances and amendments to those ordinances with the secretary of state. Such ordinances or amendments to those ordinances would become effective upon filing with the secretary of state.) {LC3807/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7579

BY Alzate, Giraldo, Morales, Batista, Henries, Potter, Cassar, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Requires cities and towns to implement affordable housing requirements upon all developers of tax stabilization applications for developments of more than five (5) housing units based upon median income as defined by HUD.) {LC4874/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7580

BY Azzinaro, Filippi, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts any proposed retailers' Class B license to be located at 163 Main Street, Westerly, RI, Map 66, Lot 11 from the two hundred feet (200') requirement from the premises of schools or places of worship.) {LC4888/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7581

BY Knight, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts any proposed retailers' Class B license to be located at 4 Market Street, Plat 3, Lot 74 in the town of Warren from the two hundred feet (200') requirement from the premises of schools or places of worship.) {LC4918/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7582

BY Fogarty, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Amore, Craven, McEntee, Ruggiero, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Requires the department of transportation to establish a schedule of all landscaping and mowing of lawns on state roads, and provide a copy of said schedule to the department of public works in any city or town where the state road is located.) {LC4572/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7583

BY Fogarty, Handy, Cortvriend, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Craven, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Creates a pilot program for the thirty-three (33) hour driver education program to be offered in an online and virtual format, effective October 1, 2022 and would sunset on October 1, 2024.) {LC4574/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7584**BY** Newberry, Amore, Place, Edwards, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING ACT (Creates a redistricting commission to act every ten (10) years to adopt a redistricting plan for all general assembly and congressional districts that would require the approval of the general assembly and the governor.) {LC4192/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7585

(by request)

BY Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PARTY COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS (Seeks to eliminate all state requirements and involvement in internal political party operations and workings.) {LC4759/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7586**BY** O'Brien, Hull, Slater**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.) {LC4711/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7587**BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Serpa, Chippendale, Bennett, Baginski, Filippi, Diaz, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- BIOMARKER TESTING COVERAGE (Requires health insurers, nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations and health maintenance organizations that issue policies that provide coverage for biomarker testing on or after 1/1/23.) {LC4725/1}

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:54 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Morales, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jeremy Bell seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ**

Dear Lord: Today is a special day honoring the people of the Dominican Republic. The first country in the Caribbean to have a Democratic government. We as Americans have been blessed by a long history of friendship and economic ties. Help us to always appreciate and honor the people of the Dominican Republic. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022:**

1. **2022-H 7271**
BY Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF GAREAU ENTERPRISES, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. **2022-H 7212**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

3. **2022-H 7252**
BY Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022:

1. **2022-H 6642**
BY C Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2022-H 6636 SUB A**
BY Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- QUADRICYCLE PASSENGER VEHICLES

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

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 25, 2022