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Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Thirteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 1, 2022, and is called to order at 4:33 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 9: Representatives Ackerman, Batista, Casimiro, Costantino, Fogarty, Hawkins, Lima S., Shallcross Smith, and Tobon.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Whip Katherine Kazarian 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 17, 2022, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives


CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2022

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative CHIPPENDALE
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 11-7505
entitled: STATE AFFAIRS + GOVERNMENT - PROHIBITION ON THE
USE OF POLICE ROBOT TECHNOLOGY
which is currently in the House Committee on JUDICIARY

Signature: 

House District # 40

Date: 2/29, 2022

Acknowledgement: 
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2022

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(3), Representative Leonela Felix
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H 7464
entitled:


AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - UNLAWFUL
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Which is currently in the House Committee on Labor

Signature:  _____

House District # 61

Date: 3/1, 2022

Acknowledgement:


Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Kathleen Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 1, 2022.
Representative Bernard Hawkins is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 1, 2022.
Representative Julie Casimiro is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 1, 2022.
Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Nardone, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Casey, Hull, O'Brien, Abney, Minority Leader Filippi, and Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2022-H 7212

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Vice Chairwoman Diaz moves passage of the act, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi and Majority Leader Blazejewski.

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, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2022-H 7252

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Vice Chairwoman Diaz moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and, Minority Leader Filippi.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi would like to thank Katherine Morgan for the sunflowers that are placed on the rostrum. Sunflowers are the national flowers of Ukraine. We are proud to display them in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Representative Slater would like to thank Speaker Shekarchi and Nicole McCarty for their leadership and effort in putting together his legislation on cannabis.

GUESTS

Whip Kazarian and Representative Kislak would like to extend the celebration of Black History Month in recognizing former Representative George S. Lima for his life accomplishments and for serving our country. She would like to welcome to the House his son Robert Lima, Dianna B. Lima, James Vincent, and Marcus Palmore and thank them for joining us in honoring the memory of Mr. Lima during Black History Month.

Representative Kislak would like to honor RI's last living Tuskegee Airman, Mr. Victor Butler. While he will not be able to join us in person. Here today are his children, Victoria Ola, Gary Butler, and his wife Narda Mitchell, Carolyn Butler, grandchildren, Alfred Green III, Denisha Ford, and 2 great-grandchildren Alfred Green IV and Trevor Green.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Corvese shares a memory of Anthony Solomon, never forgetting where he came from, never forgetting his roots, and was the most humble elected official to serve the State of Rhode Island.

Representative McLaughlin would like to wish the love of his life, his wife Jill McLaughlin a very Happy Birthday.

He would like to thank Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Hull, and all of the Representatives for the recognition and support of the Ukrainian people.

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski rises to join his colleagues in solidarity with Ukraine and the fight of its people.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces today is the deadline to introduce your bills. However, since many of you received bills for the first time today, we want to give you additional time to gather signatures. You will have until the Speaker gavels into session on Thursday at 4 p.m. to submit bills where additional time for signatures is needed.

The desk will remain open after session today. Tomorrow, you can drop your signed bills in the Speaker's Office, to the attention of Nicole McCarty, or place them in a box in front of the rostrum before Thursday's session.

When the Speaker gavels in on Thursday, you must give one-day notice under House Rule 7(d) to introduce your bills on the next legislative day. There is a limit of three bills per member using this rule. After you have reached the three-bill limit, you must obtain permission from the Speaker to introduce any further bills.

This provision does not apply to city or town bills, to the reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations, and budget bills, or to bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions.

Speaker Shekarchi would like to thank Majority Leader Blazejewski for speaking in the Chamber event today, it was very appropriate and a very heartfelt message.

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 7588

BY Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Filippi, Fenton-Fung, Solomon, Fellela, Messier, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE M. GREGORIAN {LC5048/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7589

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Alzate, McNamara, Filippi, Solomon, Fellela, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LAST LIVING RHODE ISLAND TUSKEGEE AIRMAN, MR. VICTOR WALTER BUTLER {LC4921/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7590

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Lima C, Perez, Williams, Filippi, Solomon, Fellela, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2022, AS "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4258/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

House Resolution No. 7591

BY Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Baginski, Carson, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, McNamara

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ANTHONY J. SOLOMON {LC5250/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Solomon discusses the resolution.

Speaker Shekarchi on behalf of the House of Representatives extends his condolences to the Solomon Family.

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

House Resolution No. 7592

BY Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Lombardi J, McNamara, Ajello, Casey, Williams, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE {LC5303/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Hull discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Hull, seconded by the Entire House of Representatives, 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 Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7593**

BY Slater, Hull, Williams, Kazarian, Solomon, McNamara, O'Brien, Potter, Bennett, Morales **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Establishes the Cannabis Control Commission. Legalizes recreational marijuana possession and use.) {LC3594/1}
03/01/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7594

BY Casey, Kazarian, Kennedy, Noret, Craven, Messier, Williams, O'Brien, Edwards, Lima C **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TRANSPORTATION OF BEVERAGES - OUT-OF-STATE DIRECT WINE SHIPMENT LICENSE (Creates an out-of-state direct wine shipment license along with numerous regulatory provisions.) {LC3860/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7595

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Regulates the distribution of food products containing the drug kratom, a drug of concern for its stimulant and sedative effects, to consumers by the department of health.) {LC3792/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7596

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are beneficiaries of the policy.) {LC5146/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7597

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Lima C, Bennett, Cardillo, Williams, Morales, Lombardi J, Hull, McNamara, McLaughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Revises the manner in which complaints against contractors are made, processed, investigated, and resolved in a more efficient and expeditious manner and makes various technical and grammatical corrections.)

{LC4836/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7598

BY Giraldo, Williams, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND

OPERATIONS (Prohibits financial institutions from investing in private detention centers or continuing to invest with any institution, company or subsidiary of a company that owns or contracts with a government entity to manage or run a prison.) {LC4176/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7599

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - TELEPHONE

SALES SOLICITATION ACT (Authorizes the attorney general to institute proceedings to enforce any order of restitution pursuant to this chapter.) {LC4923/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7600

(Public Utilities)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends the revenue decoupling reconciliation mechanism used by a gas distribution company for the purposes of revenue decoupling to not require that distribution be determined on a revenue-per-customer basis.) {LC5243/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7601

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits commercial lease provisions limiting ability to subsequently lease to lawful businesses.) {LC4023/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7602

BY Giraldo, Place, Alzate, Kazarian, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

BUSINESS NOTIFICATION ACT (Requires businesses to be notified of any regulatory changes which materially impact the business.) {LC5276/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7603

(Secretary of State)

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT (Enacts the Rhode Island Limited Partnership Act to govern the law of limited partnerships in this state and repeal chapter 12 of title 7 entitled "Limited Partnerships".) {LC4939/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7604

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Barros, Alzate, Solomon, Amore, Felix, Giraldo, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES (Amends the formula used to reimburse a utility facility or company for the cost of relocation necessitated by highway construction.) {LC5251/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7605

BY Edwards, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Marszalkowski, Hawkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HOISTING ENGINEERS (Provides that public engineers and individuals utilizing equipment and performing volunteer services on land trust, conservation, or the individuals' personal property be exempt from the provisions of law relating to licensing of hoisting engineers.) {LC3190/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7606

BY Quattrocchi, Price, Nardone, Roberts, Fenton-Fung, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that all school districts shall incorporate cursive handwriting into elementary school curriculum in order to be proficient by third grade.) {LC4869/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7607

BY Morales, Kislak, Alzate, Giraldo, Ranglin-Vassell, McNamara, Biah, Felix, Kazarian, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILITERACY SEAL (Allows high school students receiving state Silver/Gold Seal of Biliteracy to earn 2 to 4 semesters of college credit toward minor/major in language at public university/community college if requested within 3 yrs. after high school graduation.) {LC4386/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7608

BY Quattrocchi, Nardone, Roberts, Filippi, Price, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHIARA'S LAW -- SCREENING AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA (Requires screening for dyslexia and related disorders for public school students in grades kindergarten through grade four (K-4) and would provide for instruction in cursive writing.) {LC4868/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7609**BY** Craven, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides for a five percent increase in the school housing aid ratio for school building projects that award or utilize Rhode Island based architectural firms.) {LC5060/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Education**House Bill No. 7610****BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Price, Nardone, Bennett, Filippi, Tobon, Shanley, Fenton-Fung, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - LICENSING (Prohibits the departmental of environmental management or any other licensing authority issuing hunting or fishing licenses, from requiring any applicant to provide their social security number or other tax identification number.) {LC4529/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7611**BY** Carson, Alzate, Bennett, Solomon, Cortvriend, Ranglin-Vassell, Giraldo, Abney, Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Establishes the Rhode Island executive climate change coordinating council equity and environmental justice advisory board to advise on decision-making and equitable outcomes.) {LC5190/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7612**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Donovan, Solomon, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NONWOVEN DISPOSABLE PRODUCTS ACT (Provides needed relief to waste water utilities and their rate payors by establishing a consistent standard for the flushability of wipes and requires accurate labeling regarding the flushability of the product.) {LC4775/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7613

(Healthy Aging)

BY Messier, Casey, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CITIZENS COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY (Amends several sections of law relating to safety and care for the elderly including amending the composition of the commission and requiring designated representatives within the police and five departments to serve as older adults safety advocates.) {LC5046/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7614

BY Williams, Amore, Hull, Morales, Biah, Cassar, Alzate, Giraldo, Tobon, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND URBAN EDUCATION ACT OF 1998 (Establishes the urban student mentorship program to reduce chronic absenteeism and promote better academic outcomes for student in urban communities.) {LC4375/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7615

BY Kazarian, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Increases the daily rate of payments to nursing facilities by twenty percent (20%) for single occupancy rooms to include private bathrooms.) {LC5353/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7616

BY Carson, Donovan, Ruggiero, McLaughlin, Cortvriend, Speakman, Ajello, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHY AGING (Renames the Office of Healthy Aging to The Department of Healthy Aging, restructures the administration and delivery of services, and expands the authority of its director in various ways.) {LC4771/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7617

BY Williams, Hull, Barros, Alzate, Henries, Abney, Biah, Morales, Cassar
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND BLACK ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (Establishes the Rhode Island Black economic and community development fund as an investment fund to address issues of discrimination and exploitation of the Black community.) {LC5238/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7618

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Knight, Craven, Caldwell, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT (Creates within the district court a dedicated calendar offering treatment and sentencing alternatives to eligible defendants deemed to suffer from serious and persistent mental illness.) {LC5013/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7619

BY Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Prohibits the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) from imposing any fares and/or charges for service provided to the general public.) {LC5181/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7620

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY O'Brien, Noret, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Solomon, Casey, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Increases the non-Keno lottery prize awards from a maximum of sixty-five percent (65%) to seventy-one percent (71%) of the total revenue accruing from the sale of lottery tickets.) {LC5233/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7621

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Carson, Handy, Donovan, Caldwell, Henries, Tanzi, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - HOME HEATING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT (Creates the Home Heating Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act which program provides a mechanism and funding for gas companies to transition from providing gas heat to non-emitting renewable thermal energy for home heating consumers.) {LC4691/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7622

BY Morales, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE GREEN JUSTICE ZONE ACT (Creates the "green justice zone act" and the "environmental justice act" and makes amendments to several other areas of the general laws designed to create a system to provide clean water and air to the state.) {LC5139/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7623

(RI Housing)

BY Biah, Williams, Amore, Corvese, Hull, Kislak, Alzate, Giraldo, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY (Promotes the use of state surplus property by permitting the department of administration to obtain an appraisal and sell property to be used for housing development purposes where appropriate.) {LC5249/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7624

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CENTRAL FALLS BUSINESS COOPERATIVE INCUBATOR (Appropriates \$100,000 annually to Fuerza Laboral for the purposes of the development and management of a business cooperative located in Central Falls to increase economic development, assists with job creation and a path to business ownership.) {LC5274/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7625**BY** Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY OF PAWTUCKET DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (Provides that portions of the city of Central Falls would be included within the Pawtucket Downtown Redevelopment Project.) {LC5280/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7626****BY** Morales, Kislak, McGaw, Potter, Caldwell, McEntee, Diaz, Barros, Kazarian, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates that health insurance companies and Medicaid provide coverage for FDA approved COVID-19 home testing kits.) {LC4999/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7627****BY** Ruggiero, Carson, Cortvriend, Slater, Baginski, Caldwell, Diaz, Amore, McEntee, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Establishes a community mental health services revolving fund, to help fund the construction and renovation of facilities to provide mental health services.) {LC5288/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7628****BY** Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages for qualified professionals.) {LC5099/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7629****BY** Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Entitles correctional officers with twenty-five (25) years of service and who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age to a non-Medicare-eligible retiree health care insurance benefit.) {LC4950/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7630****BY** Hull, Speakman, Lombardi J, Morales, Slater, Fellela, Williams, Ranglin-Vassell, McLaughlin, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Provides that adjunct faculty members at any state college or university who teach at least 50% of the hours regularly worked by full-time faculty in a semester would be eligible for the same medical benefits as other state employees.) {LC5106/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7631**BY** Kazarian, Ajello, Cassar, Alzate, Donovan, Barros, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2023, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.) {LC4960/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7632****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, McEntee, Solomon, Corvese, Knight, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Provides that every city and town must maintain a municipal veterans' service officer. Would also authorize a \$100,000 appropriation to be used for support and outreach for veterans.) {LC5002/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7633****BY** Fellela, Messier, Ajello, Serpa, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT PROGRAM FOR MINORS (Creates a personal care attendant program for minors with disabilities to provide personal care to those individuals and allow family members, inclusive of the minors' parent, to serve as the individual's personal care attendant and be compensated.) {LC4685/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7634****BY** O'Brien, Barros, Amore, Williams, Lima C, Serpa, Alzate, McNamara, Bennett, Solomon **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires charter schools that disenroll or return a student to the original sending school prior to the end of an academic year, to return all public funds received by the charter school to educate that student for that academic year.) {LC4700/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7635****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Lima C, Williams, Noret, Azzinaro, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Provides that a student who enrolls for the first semester at CCRI after the student completes basic training prior to becoming a military reservist is eligible for a promise scholarship.) {LC5058/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 7636****BY** Amore, Ranglin-Vassell, Speakman, Ajello, Henries, Biah, O'Brien, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship act to provide up to the cost of two (2) years of tuition costs and mandatory fees for eligible students in hopes to increase the numbers for enrollment and graduation.) {LC5104/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7637

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Alzate, Carson, Speakman, Caldwell, Diaz, Henries, Amore, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ADULT EDUCATION (Modernizes expand access and provide additional funds to adult education programs in the state, create a strategic plan for adult education establish learning, intake and assessment centers.) {LC4695/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7638

BY Williams, Amore, Hull, Morales, Biah, Cassar, Alzate, Giraldo, Tobon, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS OF COLOR ACT (Promotes the development, utilization and opportunities for teachers fo color. It would provide for a two million dollar annual appropriation for a scholarship fund for teacher employment in urban schools.) {LC4361/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7639

BY Costantino, Williams, Alzate, Slater, Lima C, Cardillo, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OFFENSES AGAINST REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE LAWS (Decreases the amount of the reinstatement fees for a motor vehicle registration or certificate of title which was revoked, denied or suspended and reduced reinstatement fees for suspension or revocation of registration or certificate of title.) {LC4770/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7640

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Amends membership of the RI Housing Resources Act of 1998 Commission to exclude a representative of the insurers and replace it with a representative of a Rhode Island city or town with a population below 25,000 with a median family income of 40,000.) {LC5268/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7641

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Diaz, Slater, McNamara, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Edwards, Kennedy, Morales, Kazarian, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (The language of the RI Works bill has been adjusted to accommodate the changing tax structure.) {LC5147/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7642

BY Place, Filippi, Price, Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Newberry, Quattrocchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.) {LC4977/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7643

BY Roberts, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- INDEPENDENT MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS (Eliminates the \$2,500 appropriation for the naval militia battalion in their armory afloat, the U.S.S. Providence, and makes an annual appropriation in the amount of \$2,500 to the Kingston Reds in the town of Coventry for the rental of an armory.) {LC3902/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7644

(Dept. of Environmental Management)
BY O'Brien, Noret, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Casey, Solomon, Slater, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Effective July 1, 2022, entitles environmental police officers to the benefits provided by chapter 45-21.2 entitled "Optional retirement for members of police force and firefighters.") {LC5253/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7645

BY Lima C, Hull, Phillips, Fenton-Fung, Noret, McNamara, Corvese, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES - REEMPLOYMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS (Exempts retired police officers from the seventy-five (75) day rule which restricts employment for retirement purposes, when they work private details for a nongovernmental entity.) {LC5034/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7646

BY Lima C, Perez, Bennett, Messier, Amore, Noret, McNamara, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides a retired teacher with 4% COLA increase for 10 years, reduced by every COLA year received, on the first \$60,000 of retirement allowance. After totaling 10 years of adjustments, the annual increase shall be reduced to 3% until death.) {LC4862/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7647**BY** Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - MILITARY RETIREMENT (Excludes for the purposes of Rhode Island state income taxes, the first \$25,000 of eligible military retirement income, paid by the state or federal government to persons 60 years or older received in the 2023 tax year, and thereafter.) {LC5156/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7648**BY** Noret, Amore, Ruggiero, O'Brien, Serpa, McNamara, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS' RETIREMENT - POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Temporarily removes the cap on the number of days that retired teachers and administrators can work, without penalty, from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2024 when the provisions of this act would sunset.) {LC4830/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7649**BY** Casey, Kazarian, Kennedy, Noret, Amore, Craven, Messier, Williams, O'Brien, Edwards, Lima C**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows participating municipalities to elect to its employees the deferred compensation plans offered by the state.) {LC3865/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7650**BY** Azzinaro, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS -- VETERANS' HOME IN HOUSE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (Requires the general assembly to appropriate necessary funds for the furnishing of in-house occupational and physical therapy services for all residents of the Bristol Veterans' home.) {LC5154/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7651**BY** Cardillo, Phillips, Solomon, Perez, Noret, O'Brien, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides that commercial vehicle registrations last two (2) years.) {LC4914/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7652**BY** Costantino, Lima C, Williams, Cardillo, Vella-Wilkinson, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes DMV to issue one year renewal registrations for vehicles leased for thirty-six months and enables DMV to refund, to a registrant of leased vehicle, who cancels registration that portion of registration fee paid that represents 6 months of fee.) {LC4989/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7653

BY Cortvriend, Carson, McGaw, Batista, Speakman, Felix, Alzate, Kislak, Tanzi, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC TRANSPORTATION ACT (Provides for a plan and structure to transition to green energy in motor and other vehicles.) {LC4473/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7654

BY Morales, Kislak, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi J, Potter, Henries, McGaw, Felix, Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Eliminates the corporate tax cut and qualified business income deduction created by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.) {LC5298/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7655

BY Casey, Phillips, Newberry, Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from, and were taxed in another state.) {LC3868/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7656

BY O'Brien, Cardillo, McEntee, Serpa, Lima C, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales and use taxes: burial containers, urns, urn liners, urn vaults, grave liners, grave vaults, burial liners, burial vaults, burial tent setups, and prayer cards.) {LC5180/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7657

BY Casey, Phillips, Hull, Craven, Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment collected for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise, or any other similar tax.) {LC3861/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7658

BY Costantino, Lima C, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES – LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Phases in an annual increase of the net taxable estate exemption over an eight (8) year period until the state exemption equals the federal exemption.) {LC4987/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7659**BY** Amore, Alzate, Ajello, Barros, Henries, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a new income tax bracket for person with taxable income over \$500,000 to fund school projects.) {LC5116/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7660**BY** O'Brien, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Solomon, Casey, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification up to fifty thousand dollars \$50,000 of taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.) {LC5171/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7661**BY** Bennett, McEntee, Speakman, Ajello, Carson, Donovan, Cassar, Henries, Ruggiero, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - STATE PURCHASES (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles, bags and polystyrene. It would also require state funds to be used to lease or purchase alternative fueled vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.) {LC5009/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7662

(by request)

BY Morales**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF DECARBONIZING RHODE ISLAND BY 2030, WITH THE AIM OF CREATING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE, THROUGH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 {LC5297/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7663**BY** Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY TOURISM COUNCIL (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.) {LC5266/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7664

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Barros, Alzate, Solomon, Amore, Felix, Giraldo, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - VITAL RECORDS (Adds the division of taxation, division of motor vehicles and department of revenue to those agencies who receive lists of reported deaths.) {LC5231/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7665**BY** Noret, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Authorizes licensed veterinarians to control and prescribe chorionic gonadotropin strictly for farm cattle treatments or any nonhuman species and when that use is approved by the Food and Drug Administration.) {LC4902/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7666**BY** Morales, Cassar, McGaw, Kislak, Bennett, Kennedy, Amore, Potter, Caldwell, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Limits the copayment or coinsurance requirement on specialty drugs to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for a thirty (30)-day supply.) {LC4541/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7667**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE – ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that the laws of the state where the medical services are rendered shall be the state law that applies to reimbursement.) {LC5079/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7668

(BHDDH)

BY Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.) {LC5241/1}

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03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7669

(BHDDH)

BY Cassar, Kislak, McNamara, Kazarian, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW

(Amends provisions of law relative to the disclosure of confidential healthcare records and the disclosure thereof occurring through electronic means.) {LC5242/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7670**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Amends the definition of "covered services".) {LC5078/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7671**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Provides that dental services rendered to patients in Rhode Island would be governed by the general laws of Rhode Island.) {LC5080/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7672**BY** Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Mandates a patient shall not be denied appropriate care on the basis of age/sex/gender identity/sexual orientation, race/color/marital status/familial status/disability/religion/national origin/source of income/source of payment or profession.) {LC4002/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7673**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (Requires all persons granted a foster care license to undertake ongoing training to promote their sensitivity to their foster child's culture.) {LC4011/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7674**BY** Lima C, McLaughlin, Perez, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates the department of health, in conjunction with the department of education, to conduct a cost/benefit analysis before a mandate relating to the health and safety of children in schools would be issued.) {LC5271/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 7675**BY** Diaz, Ruggiero, Slater, Caldwell, Messier, Morgan P, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND (This joint resolution would amend the membership and purpose of said commission, allow for funding with approval, and require review of said membership every two (2) years.) {LC5391/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7676**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME ACT OF 2022 (Establishes organized retail crime act which criminalizes the concerted action of 3 or more people that engage in organized theft from retail stores. Punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment with forfeiture provisions.) {LC5062/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7677

(Attorney General)

BY Craven, Caldwell, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENTS OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.) {LC5018/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Morales)**House Bill No. 7678**

(by request)

BY Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes the potential appointment of pro bono attorneys, supervised law students and from a list maintained by the DEM to act as animal advocates in animal cruelty and abuse cases, at the court's discretion, to serve the interests of justice.) {LC5142/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7679**BY** Morales, Williams, Speakman, Henries, Batista, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BED BUGS IN RESIDENTIAL PREMISES ACT (Spells out the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant with respect to the inspection and treatment of bed bugs in residential premises.) {LC4812/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7680**BY** Giraldo, Williams, Alzate, Morales, Batista, Cassar, Speakman, Felix, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT--IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.) {LC4175/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7681**BY** Morales, Williams, Speakman, Cassar, Alzate, Giraldo, Lombardi J, Potter, Felix, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits the amount a landlord, lessor, sub-lessor, real estate broker, property management company, or designee can require or receive for a rental application fee to thirty dollars (\$30.00).) {LC4917/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7682

BY Morales, Williams, Speakman, Alzate, Giraldo, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi J, Potter, Felix, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT--RENT STABILIZATION ACT (Limits rent increases to no more than four percent (4%) annually.) {LC3364/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7683

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Williams, Diaz, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT -- SECURITY DEPOSITS (Allows a residential tenant, if they wish, to pay their security deposit in twelve (12) equal installment payments at the same time they pay their monthly rent.) {LC4773/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7684

BY Williams, Giraldo, Felix, Morales, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EQUITY PRACTICE (Deletes all uses of the word master as it relates to courts and replace it with the word arbiter.) {LC3982/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7685

BY Williams, Felix, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Promotes more diversity in the composition of the judicial nominating commission and would require that each list of qualified judicial candidates it submits to the governor for nomination include two (2) people of color.) {LC3998/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7686

BY Williams, Morales, Felix, Giraldo, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Requires the judicial nominating commission to include certain questions on application/retain race, nationality, ethnicity, and gender data/classifies application as public record with opt out provision.) {LC3988/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7687

BY Williams, Giraldo, Felix, Batista, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS-- COURT ADMINISTRATION--SELECTION POOL FOR COURT APPOINTED RECEIVERS (Requires that the selection pool for court appointed receivers be composed of at least fifteen percent (15%) of receivers who are persons of color and that at least fifteen percent (15%) of all court appointed receivers be persons of color.) {LC4010/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7688

(Attorney General)

BY Shanley, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES (Permits grand juries to issue reports and provides for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.) {LC5016/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7689

BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Perez, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Makes any acquittal or dismissal of any offense eligible for sealing under chapter 1 of title 12, lowers the time limitations for certain expungements and amends the eligibility requirements for certain expungements.) {LC4008/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7690

(Judiciary)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- PROCEEDINGS IN AID OF EXECUTION (Requires that upon issuance of a citation, the judgment debtor is given twenty-five (25) days to contact the judgment creditor to resolve the matter prior to court intervention.) {LC5006/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7691

BY Williams, Felix, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Provides for release of misdemeanor arrestees without financial conditions, except for domestic violence or flight risk or obstruct of justice risk.) {LC4012/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7692

BY Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Casey, Lima C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Requires that whenever a person is charged with possession of a firearm with alteration of identification marks, the alteration would create a rebuttable presumption that the person is a danger to the safety of the community.) {LC4799/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7693

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Morales, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations.) {LC5021/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7694

(Judiciary)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Corrects the erroneous misdemeanor classification of the criminal offense of fraudulent conversion by agent or factor.) {LC5008/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7695

(Judiciary)

BY Knight, Cassar, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Ruggiero, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPPORT ACT (Modifies current procedures for the application and collection of court costs, fees and assessments in all criminal matters.) {LC5007/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7696

BY Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Casey, Lima C

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING--INJURY OR DEATH-DEFENSE (Creates a rebuttable presumption as a matter of law in any civil or criminal proceeding that the owner, tenant, or occupier of any place where a violent crime has occurred from a duty to retreat.) {LC4803/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7697

BY Williams, Giraldo, Felix, Alzate, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Defines hate crimes, provide that proof of one's membership in a protected group in and of itself is not sufficient to prove hate or animus and make the hate crime sentencing enhancement applicable to petty misdemeanors.) {LC4000/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7698

BY Williams, Giraldo, Batista, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROTECTION AND SUPERVISION OF CRIMINAL WITNESSES (Amends the name of the title of chapter 12-30 of the general laws to be "The Jennifer Rivera Witness Protection Act".) {LC4001/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7699

BY Cardillo, Lima C, Phillips, Chippendale, Filippi, Solomon, Perez, Craven, Noret, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Makes possession of a catalytic converter by any person, other than a salvage yard, muffler shop or automobile or

truck repair shop, presumptive evidence that the converter was stolen.) {LC4913/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7700

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Adds felony violations of Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking as a designated offense for an application for an order under the Interception of Wire and Oral Communications statute.) {LC5017/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7701

BY McEntee, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS -- WHERE APPLICATIONS MAY BE MADE

(Allows the presiding justice of the superior court to designate an associate justice of the superior court to accept application for wire taps.) {LC4875/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7702

BY Lima C, McLaughlin, Azzinaro, Perez, Cardillo, Phillips, Chippendale, Morgan P, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND

BREAKING AND ENTERING (Creates a mandatory jail sentence of ten (10) years for two or more people who break into a business with the intent to steal.) {LC5300/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7703

BY Cardillo, Lima C, Bennett, O'Brien, Craven, Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND

BREAKING AND ENTERING (Authorizes a retail store owner or their agent to use reasonable force to defend the persons and property of the retail establishment. The owner or their agent could use deadly force to respond to a crime of violence.) {LC5301/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7704

BY Williams, Giraldo, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Grants immunity to any person engaged in or witnessing commercial sexual activity if they report the offense to law enforcement and in good faith assist or attempt to assist in the investigation of offense, even if they later withdraw their cooperation.) {LC3999/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7705

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Noret, Hull, Craven, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Cardillo, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires correctional officers to qualify annually with the pistol or revolver rather than the previous

requirement of biennial qualification.) {LC4878/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7706

BY Williams, Cassar, Hull, Henries, Abney, Biah, Felix, Diaz, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 -- THE CROWN ACT (Defines the terms "race and ethnicity" to
include ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background and inclusive of traits
historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective
hairstyles.) {LC5225/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7707

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Morales, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED
CHILDREN (Requires the department of children, youth and families (DCYF) and the family
court to initially consider the placement of a child under their care with the child's immediate
family members or next of kin before placement in foster care.) {LC3996/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7708

BY Williams, Ajello, Giraldo, Biah, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Tanzi, Batista, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'
LICENSE -- SAFE ROADS AND MANDATORY INSURANCE (Requires an applicant for a
license to provide a valid social security number. This act creates an alternative ID driving
license for applicants without a social security number who are able to establish proof of Rhode
Island residency.) {LC3753/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7709

(Judiciary)
BY Shanley, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Sunsets the provision which allows first-time violators to avoid
the fine by presenting proof of acquisition of a hands-free device prior to the imposition of the
fine effective September 1, 2022.) {LC5010/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7710

BY Williams, Giraldo, Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Morales, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF
CHILDREN (Permits a petition for adoption, and if necessary, termination of parental rights, to
be filed by a grandparent(s) without the noncustodial parent(s) consent, when the child is in the
sole custody of the grandparent(s).) {LC3984/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7711

BY Ajello, Alzate, Craven, Hull, Knight, Diaz, Williams, Barros, Amore, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Proposes
revisions to the Comprehensive Community-Police Relationship Act of 2015.) {LC5308/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7712

BY Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Cortvriend, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION
(Replaces the terms "mentally retarded"/"retarded" as used in the general laws with the words
"intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with an intellectual and/or
developmental disability." Implements § 43-3-7.1.) {LC4853/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7713

(Judiciary)

BY Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Williams, Slater, Craven, Henries, McEntee, Caldwell, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF
SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS (Removes diversion programs from the list of
criminal convictions subject to mandatory DNA collection.) {LC5004/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7714

BY Azzinaro, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE
REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS (Creates the crime of stolen valor, for falsely
representing himself or herself as a member of the military or armed forces, which is punishable
by imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.)
{LC5383/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7715

BY Potter, Slater, Alzate, Felix, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES ACT (Decriminalizes psilocybin and permit practitioners to prescribe its use
when acting in good faith.) {LC4476/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7716

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Clarifies that the use of a wireless communication device for the
purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to the vehicle
and not held in the motorist's hand.) {LC5012/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7717

BY Giraldo, Williams, Alzate, Lima S, Morales, Batista, Cassar, Speakman, Kislak, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of unpaid parental or family leave available to an employee, from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-six (26) weeks, in any two (2) calendar years.) {LC4173/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7718

BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES (Classifies as an occupational disease any disability or quarantine resulting from COVID-19 or other viral infection, classified by an executive order, during a declared state of emergency, subject to certain requirements.) {LC3985/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7719

BY Williams, Alzate, Giraldo, Perez, Batista, Cassar
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Increases the dollar amount of public works projects that shall be awarded to minority business entities to a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the dollar value of the project.) {LC3991/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7720

BY Williams, Giraldo, Morales, Alzate, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.) {LC3995/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7721

BY Giraldo, Williams, Alzate, Lima S, Morales, Batista, Cassar, Speakman, Kislak, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES - EMPLOYEE RECORDS (Requires employer to furnish items and conditions of employment and a pay stub explaining how wages were calculated/reasons for deductions/allows the employee to file a court action against employer for violation.) {LC4180/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7722

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw, Alzate, Carson, Cassar, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits a seller's agent from receiving buyer "lover letters" when receiving offers to purchase real property.) {LC3170/1}
03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7723**BY** Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 -- NEW SHOREHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING ELIGIBILITY (Increases the percentage of area median income from one hundred twenty percent (120%) to one hundred forty percent (140%) only for New Shoreham residents to make more households eligible for affordable housing.) {LC5056/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7724**BY** Carson, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater, McEntee, Solomon, Barros, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOURISM

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (Enables municipalities to create tourism improvement districts to increase economic activity in the tourism industry.) {LC4801/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7725**BY** Cortvriend, Knight, Tanzi, Speakman, Kislak, Cassar, Caldwell, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Allows cities and towns to create ordinances to regulate use and sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products.) {LC3352/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7726**BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Allows municipalities to establish a program providing property tax exemption to active duty individuals who volunteer services as a firefighter or emergency medical technician.) {LC5157/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7727**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Cortvriend, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING

AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Authorizes manufacturer-breweries to sell up to three (3) drinks on premises per visitor per day, where a drink is defined as up to sixteen ounces (16 oz.)) {LC5381/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 7728**BY** Caldwell, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a license plate decal for the recipients of certain military honors.) {LC5293/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Resolution No. 7729**BY** Williams**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ELECTED AND APPOINTED MINORITY OFFICIALS COMMISSION" (Creates a 13 member commission to establish a permanent record of state and municipal elected and appointed minority officials, and who would report back by February 7, 2024, and expire on May 7, 2024.) {LC4752/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7730**BY** Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Felix, Morales, Alzate, Perez, Batista, Hull, Slater **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE (Requires those appointing committee members to the advisory committee of the child advocate's office to use diversity as a criteria in making the appointments and requires committee meet twice annually and report to General Assembly yearly.)

{LC3232/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7731

(Secretary of State)

BY Ruggiero, Abney, McEntee, Speakman, Serpa, Noret, Alzate, Kennedy, Morales, Knight **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC (Allows the continuance of the remote notarization following the expiration of the executive emergency order currently in effect and requires a certificate of any notarial act.) {LC4937/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7732

(Secretary of State)

BY Ruggiero, Abney, Speakman, Bennett, Potter, Serpa, Azzinaro, Noret, Alzate, Morales **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE (Authorizes the secretary of state and board of elections to conduct an extensive cybersecurity assessment of our election systems and facilities and to establish a cybersecurity review board.) {LC4935/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7733**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Price, Bennett, Filippi, Tobon, Shanley, Fenton-Fung, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- REGISTRATION OF OUTBOARD MOTORS (Prohibits the DEM and any city or town from requiring an owner of any watercraft from providing their social security number or other tax identification number in order to register or obtain a certificate of title for such watercraft.) {LC4530/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7734**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Provides that public bodies not be required to hold open-forum sessions on any topic not on the meeting notice and limits comment on any topic not previously posted.) {LC4223/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7735**BY** Cassar, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Lombardi J, Kislak, Barros, Knight, Williams, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Requires the general assembly to provide race, ethnicity and gender impact statements as to all legislation, addressing the disproportionate impact of the legislation on people of color and gender.) {LC4749/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7736**BY** Cassar, Morales, Kazarian, Alzate, Lombardi J, Kislak, Barros, Knight, Williams, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER AND DISABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT ACT (Requires the general assembly to provide race, ethnicity and gender impact statements as to all legislation, addressing the disproportionate impact of the legislation on people of color and gender.) {LC4845/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7737**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Lima S, Morales, Batista, McEntee, Cassar, Speakman, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the office of diversity, equity and opportunity (ODEO) to create and for all state and municipal employees to receive annual training in cultural competency.) {LC4179/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7738**BY** Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.) {LC5277/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7739**BY** Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY CORPORATIONS (Prohibits the operation of private detention facilities and private public partnerships within the state and prohibits the housing of Rhode Island prisoners in other states as well as hold out-of-state prisoners in Rhode Island facilities.) {LC5368/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7740

BY Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Ajello, Kislak, Morales, Hull, Abney, Felix, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Directs the department of corrections to collect information from individuals entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education.) {LC4297/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7741

BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Felix, Ajello, Alzate, Tobon, Handy, Morales, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires that the state use the actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Such information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state, to be utilized for redistricting.) {LC3993/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7742

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima C, Azzinaro, Bennett, Corvese, McLaughlin, Lombardi J, Hull, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Prohibits the division of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year.) {LC4313/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7743

BY Giraldo, Williams, Morales, Alzate, Felix, Barros, Amore, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires motor vehicle parking spaces in lots with >100 spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of 3/baby strollers except for single-family/duplex/townhouse/multifamily residences/industrial zoned properties.) {LC5273/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7744

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Phillips, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Provides that the URI Board of Trustees meeting requirement for a quorum is ten (10) voting members. The act further provides that a seventeen (17) member board be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.) {LC4576/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7745

BY Williams, Henries, Hull, Biah, Abney, Cassar, Alzate, Morales, Giraldo, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARIES
(Requires the general assembly appropriate funds to the state librarian for the purpose of caring for, preserving and cataloguing property in the state in the keeping of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.) {LC5352/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7746

BY Williams, Giraldo, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
HISTORIAN LAUREATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Reduces the appoint the historian laureate from a five (5) year term to a three (3) year term, and requires the historian laureate to develop and implement programs about pertinent aspects of Rhode Island history.) {LC4009/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7747

BY Williams, Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS
AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Prohibits the transfer of any
compassion center license to any other owner or location and provides that new compassion
center licenses issued by way of lottery be issued only to the location and ownership approved in
the application.) {LC3987/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7748

BY Williams, Perez, Hull, Ranglin-Vassell, Morales, Biah, Batista, Kislak, Lombardi J, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PARTY COMMITTEES AND
CONVENTIONS (Candidates for GA, filing of endorsement papers by Prov committees and
nomination papers for Prov voters filed local board of canvassers.) {LC3986/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7749

BY Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING
CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Eliminates provisions establishing a
legislative regulation committee, and also repeals the provision that codes and standards adopted
by the state building code standards committee would be subject to approval by the legislative
regulation committee.) {LC5102/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7750

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Noret, McEntee, Solomon, Corvese, Knight, Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Creates a registry of veterans exposed to airborne hazards open burn
pits while serving in southwest Asia theaters of operations after August 2, 1990 and September
11, 2011.) {LC4986/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7751**BY** Solomon, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS -- CATALYTIC CONVERTERS (Requires a purchaser of a catalytic converter to obtain a copy of the registration for the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed and provide said copy to law enforcement.) {LC3230/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative Cardillo)**House Bill No. 7752**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE (Updates and clarifies various insurance statutes.) {LC4832/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7753

(Secretary of State)

BY Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (Enacts the Uniform Partnership Act to govern the law of partnerships in this state.) {LC4940/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7754**BY** Donovan, Speakman, Ajello, Carson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Extends the expiration of the Historic Preservation Tax Credits program from June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023.) {LC5265/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representative O'Brien)**House Bill No. 7755****BY** Donovan, Carson, Cortvriend, Speakman, Ruggiero, Williams, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell, McEntee, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-GOVERNOR'S CLEAN ENERGY WORKFORCE TRANSITION COMMISSION (Creates the Governor's Clean Energy Workforce Transition Commission.) {LC4897/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7756**BY** Donovan, Cassar, Ajello, Bennett, Azzinaro, Kislak, Lombardi J, Serpa, McLaughlin, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Requires the EOHHS to submit to the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services a state plan amendment to Medicaid dental and chiropractic rates.) {LC5032/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7757**BY** Quattrocchi, Nardone, Price, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ARIANNA'S SPEECH FLUENCY ACT (Establishes the "Arianna's Speech Fluency Act" to promote teacher training in language-based programs such as the Orton-Gillingham method.) {LC4870/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7758**BY** Henries, Morales, Potter, Cortvriend, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the auditor general to oversee audits of Medicaid programs and report findings to the general assembly and EOHHS and requires a plan from EOHHS to end privatized managed care and institute a state run plan.) {LC4974/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7759**BY** Edwards, Bennett, Kennedy, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Requires any person who transports a patient by a stretcher in a vehicle to be licensed as an emergency medical services provider through the director of health.) {LC5159/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7760**BY** Felix, Kazarian, Williams, Alzate, Kislak, Morales, Potter, Giraldo, Slater, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT (Establishes conditions/policies/procedures for inmates' restrictive housing with guidelines/restrictions for disciplinary/transitional disciplinary/step-down housing with annual report on DOC website.) {LC5224/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7761**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND TITLE INSURERS ACT (Provides only licensed attorney can be title insurance agents and determine insurability/marketability. Prohibits discounted insurance premiums and fee sharing with unlicensed agents and attorneys.) {LC5168/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7762**BY** Cardillo, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Permits any person with a concealed carry permit to carry and possess their pistol or revolver while deer hunting, provided that, the pistol or revolver is not used for deer hunting.) {LC4912/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7763**BY** Place, Chippendale, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines suitable person and establishes reasons for applying for carry permit, establishes what information is required on applications, establishes appeal process if application denied and provides that records are not public.) {LC4793/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7764

(Attorney General)

BY Knight, McEntee, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Kislak, McGaw, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior convictions for possession of a firearm without a license from purchasing or possessing a firearm.) {LC5019/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7765**BY** Henries, Ranglin-Vassell, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Effective January 1, 2023, increases the minimum hourly wage to fourteen dollars and fifty cents (\$14.50) to sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$16.75) the next year, the next year to nineteen dollars (\$19.00).) {LC5264/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7766

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Phillips, Cardillo, Marszalkowski, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--LICENSE PLATES (Changes the location of "State of Rhode Island" and "ocean state" on the registration plates.) {LC5235/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7767

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Changes the definition of "street rod" motor vehicle to reference its registration certificate and not its title. It would also change the meaning of "custom vehicle" by adding a reference to its registration certificate.) {LC5236/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7768

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Removes the "honorably discharged veteran of the United States Armed Forces" from the veterans' home administrator requirement and would require licensure of such individual through the licensing of nursing home administrators statute.) {LC5050/1} 03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:13 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Vella –Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William Landry and Michael D. Pigeon; on motion of Representative Abney, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Manuel C. Dias; on motion of Representative Fenton-Fung, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Susette Rabinowitz; on motion of Representative Slater, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of George Gregorian; on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Anthony Solomon seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE S. KAZARIAN

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Help them in their hour of need. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who try to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection. Let the people of Ukraine hear all the voices of support from around the world. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

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