

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Fourth Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.**

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Thursday, March 24, 2022

Twentieth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 24, 2022, and is called to order at 4:11 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

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

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Abney, Alzate, Costantino, Giraldo, Lima S., Noret, Serpa and Tobon.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski 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, March 22, 2022, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 24, 2022.  
Representative Thomas Noret is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 24, 2022.  
Representative Marvin L. Abney is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 24, 2022.  
Representative Joshua J. Giraldo is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 24, 2022.  
Representative Gregory J. Costantino is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 24, 2022.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022:****1. 2022-H 6643 SUB A**

**BY** McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING ACT

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Carson, Speakman, Donovan, Henries, Biah, Caldwell, Craven, Morales, McEntee, O'Brien, Batista, Ruggiero, Ajello, Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Kislak, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Edwards, Potter, Casimiro, Baginski, Whip Kazarian, McGaw, Messier, and Williams.

By unanimous consent, Representative Corvese, seconded by Representatives Hawkins, Cardillo, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, McLaughlin, Diaz, Casey, Fellela, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Place Price, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, and Whip Chippendale offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO**

2022 -- H 6643 SUBSTITUTE A/4

AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2022 -- H 6643 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- GENETIC COUNSELORS LICENSING ACT", as follows:

1. On page 4, between lines 9 and 10, by inserting the following language:

"(14) To create and maintain an online directory of genetic counselors, licensed pursuant to § 5-91-6."

2. On page 6, between lines 19 and 20, by inserting the following language:

"(b) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to:

(1) Require any genetic counselor to participate in counseling, with respect to abortion.

(2) Require the licensing of any genetic counselor to be certified upon participation in counseling, with respect to abortion.

(3) Form the basis for any claim for damages on account of the refusal or for any disciplinary or recriminatory action against the genetic counselor, as long as the genetic counselor informs the patient that he or she will not participate in counseling, with respect to abortion and offers to direct the patient to the online directory of licensed genetic counselors maintained by the department of health."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Corvese

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Deputy Speaker Lima, Chairman Corvese, Representatives McLaughlin, Kislak, Solomon, Ruggiero, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Morgan, Caldwell, Morales, Knight, Minority Leader Filippi, and Azzinaro discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 22 members voting in the affirmative and 45 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 22: Representatives Azzinaro, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Diaz, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Hawkins, Hull, Kennedy, McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 45: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Williams.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Place, Morgan, and McLaughlin discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 15 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Amore, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Williams.

NAYS - 15: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Fellela, Filippi, Hawkins, McLaughlin, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Perez, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2022-H 7392**

**BY** Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Speakman, Henries, Hawkins, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Azzinaro, Bennett, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Kislak, Diaz, Solomon, Minority Leader Filippi, Edwards, Whip Chippendale, and Whip Kazarian.

Deputy Whip Ackerman discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2022-H 7576**

**BY** Shekarchi

**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

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Edwards, Biah, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, O'Brien, Corvese, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Ajello, McGaw, Bennett, Cortvriend, and McEntee.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2022-S 2560**

**BY Archambault**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Biah and Diaz welcome to the House as guests Liberian Senator Saah Joseph, Winston Jordan, Corviah Akoiwala, and Michael Wreh. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes the guests to the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ranglin-Vassell on commemorating Black History Month and Women's History Month would like to acknowledge the U.S. Supreme Court Justice Nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Minority Leader Filippi rises on a point of order.

The Honorable Speaker rules against the point of order.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Ranglin-Vassell shares a poem "I make no Apology".

Representative Phillips announces earlier today in the Stateroom, there was a Flag raising celebration of the Francophone and Francophile community. The celebration of the French Language and Culture. Representatives from Quebec and France helped with the celebration.

**GUESTS**

Deputy Speaker Lima welcomes her cousin former Representative Robert Nardillo to the House.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Fenton-Fung would like to congratulate Panida and Alan Rudolph on their wedding that took place on March 19, 2022.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Alan Rudolph on his marriage.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the House will be meeting twice next week Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, both at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Deputy Whip Ackerman a Happy Birthday on Monday.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 8043**

**BY** Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Vella-Wilkinson, Casey, Fellela, Filippi, Cardillo, McLaughlin, Abney

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "MEDAL OF HONOR DAY" ON MARCH 25, 2022, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5583/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 8044****BY** Filippi, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5618/1}

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. 8045****BY** Filippi, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS

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. 8046****BY** Filippi, Blazejewski, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD ARTHUR LITTLEFIELD {LC5477/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**RULE 7D****The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Vella-Wilkinson -An Act relating to State Affairs and Government

Representative Lima C.-An Act relating to Nursing Homes

Representative Ajello -An Act relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Snowmobiles and Other  
Recreational Vehicles

Representative Amore -An Act relating to Education – Student Success Factor Act

Minority Leader Filippi -An Act relating to Cities and Towns

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

**DESK HELD OPEN**

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Representative Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health & Human Services:

**House Bill No. 8032**

**BY** Bennett, Casimiro, Potter, Ajello, Handy, Speakman, Carson, Edwards, Fogarty, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES (Establishes maximum rate for services provided to client by a nurse may not exceed 200 %.) {LC5581/1}  
03/25/2022 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

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

**House Bill No. 7752 SUB A**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE  
(Updates and clarifies various insurance statutes.) {LC4832/A/1}  
03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2022)

**House Bill No. 7781 SUB A**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CREATION AND EXPANSION (Amends a number of provisions in the general laws relative to financial institutions by eliminating unnecessary requirements and/or clarifying language in order to reduce certain burdens on businesses operating in Rhode Island.) {LC4834/A/1}  
03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/31/2022)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 7093**

**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a new tax classification plan to provide property tax relief to its residents.) {LC3619/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2022)

**House Bill No. 7094**

**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS -- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (Prohibits commercial vehicles from operating on Chases Lane in the town of Middletown and provides for fines for violations.) {LC3233/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2022)

**House Bill No. 7204**

**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Holy Rosary Band Society located in East Providence.) {LC3183/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/31/2022)

**House Bill No. 7205**

**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from real and property tax The American Legion Riverside Post 10 in the city of East Providence.) {LC3363/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/31/2022)

**Senate Bill No. 2085**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS -- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (Prohibits commercial vehicles from operating on Chases Lane in the town of Middletown and would provide for fines for violations.) {LC3234/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2022)

**Senate Bill No. 2342**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a new the tax classification plan to provide property tax relief to its residents.) {LC3903/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/29/2022)

**Senate Bill No. 2346****BY** Lawson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of American Legion Riverside Post Holding Company, d/b/a American Legion Post 10, located in East Providence.) {LC4536/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/31/2022)

**Senate Bill No. 2348****BY** Lawson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Holy Rosary Band Society located in East Providence.) {LC4538/1}

03/25/2022 Placed on House Calendar (03/31/2022)

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2080 SUB A****BY** Miller, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Archambault, Murray, Valverde, DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo**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.) {LC3760/A/1}

03/25/2022 Referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**Senate Bill No. 2495**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri**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.) {LC4789/1}

03/25/2022 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 8047**

**BY** Fogarty, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Edwards, Handy, Cortvriend, Hull, Lombardi J, Williams

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Creates the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact allowing physicians to become licensed in multiple states and practice under the jurisdiction of the state in which the patient is located.) {LC5607/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8048**

**BY** Williams, Giraldo, Batista, Diaz, Biah, Henries, Perez, Felix, Barros, Cassar

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island secure choice retirement savings program, which provides for the creation of IRA-type retirement investments managed by a board established by the act which would be a public corporation.) {LC5561/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8049**

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Increases the maximum post retirement employment earnings from eighteen thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars a year for certain retired educators.) {LC5603/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8050**

**BY** Kazarian, Casimiro, Serpa, Amore, Noret, O'Brien, Alzate, Potter, Baginski, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Effective January 1, 2023, increase the salaries of the child advocate and the assistant child advocate for the office of the child advocate to \$135,000 and \$120,000 respectively.) {LC5586/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8051**

**BY** Williams, Biah, Henries, Hull, Alzate, Giraldo, Diaz, Morales, Felix, Barros

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$685,000 FOR THE BLACK AND LATINO CAUCUS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO ESTABLISH RADIO STATION WSOP-LP (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of six hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$685,000) for the Black and Latino Community partnership to establish radio station WSOP-LP.) {LC5596/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8052**

**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Carson, Casimiro, Bennett, Solomon, Edwards, McEntee, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$635,000 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of six hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$635,000) for DEM for the removal, disposal and replacement of certain aqueous film forming foam.) {LC5555/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8053**

**BY** Edwards, Caldwell, Kislak, Ruggiero, Williams, Felix, Casey, Bennett, Slater, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the expiration date of the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years, from March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2026.) {LC5483/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 8054**

**BY** Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Amends the composition of the ambulance service coordinating advisory board by calling for recommendations from various societies.) {LC5538/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 8055**

**BY** Cortvriend, Filippi, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Carson, Craven, Handy, Knight, Cassar, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a definition of the Recognizable High Tide Line for the Public's Rights and Privileges of the Shore.) {LC5560/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(Added to Co-sponsorship is Representatives Bennett)**

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 5-10-2022, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 8056**

**BY** Messier, Fellela, Barros, Baginski, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING--DIGITAL CREDENTIALING (Mandates the department of labor and training to require publicly funded workforce and training programs to supplement all paper-based credentials with verified electronic credentials.) {LC5551/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 8057****BY** Williams, Giraldo, Henries, Biah, Cassar, Hull, Diaz, Batista, Felix, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Imposes restrictions on residential developments. Changes affordability limits for household income for eligible renters and owners. Defines first generation homebuyer. Creates a restricted receipt account for fees generated by this section.) {LC5602/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8058****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Provides for the transfer, with the approval of the town council, of all tax titles held by the town of Cumberland to the Cumberland Land Trust, Inc.) {LC5622/1}

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:28 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Filippi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Donald A. Littlefield seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Whip Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JACQUELYN M. BAGINSKI**

Dear Lord: Black history month is an opportunity to learn and teach the complete history of America. We pray now that the day will come when we no longer need a separate month to fully acknowledge the contributions African Americans made to the foundation of this country. Amen

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**Senate Bill No. 2372**

**BY** Sosnowska, Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Picard, Partakes, Archambault, Lombardi F, Ciccone, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN  
MEETINGS -- REMOTE PARTICIPANTS (Allows University of Rhode Island trustee members to  
remotely participate in meetings, without excuse, and to have them considered as the meeting  
quorum.) {LC4629/1}

03/24/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2560**

**BY** Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Temporarily suspends the cap on the amount of days retired educators can work without penalty,  
suspends certain transportation of pupils requirements sunsetting at the end of 2021-2022 school  
year.) {LC5440/1}

03/24/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022:**

- 1. 2022-H 7752 SUB A**  
**BY Solomon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE**

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

- 2. 2022-H 7093**  
**BY Ruggiero**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 3. 2022-H 7094**  
**BY Ruggiero**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS -- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

- 4. 2022-S 2342**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

- 5. 2022-S 2085**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS -- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022:**

1. **2022-H 7781 SUB A**  
**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CREATION AND EXPANSION

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

2. **2022-H 7204**  
**BY** Amore  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. **2022-H 7205**  
**BY** Amore  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

4. **2022-S 2346**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

5. **2022-S 2348**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 25, 2022**