

# State of Rhode Island

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# 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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Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Twenty-fifth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, April 12, 2022, and is called to order at 4:16 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

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

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Amore, Barros, Lima C., Perez, and Quattrocchi.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Robert D. Phillips 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, April 7, 2022, is approved.

## CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022:**

1. **2022-H 7299**  
**BY Bennett**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -**  
**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Corvese, Bennett, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, and Edwards.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Chippendale, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

2. **2022-H 7690**  
**BY Solomon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--**  
**PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- PROCEEDINGS IN AID OF EXECUTION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Knight, Morales, McEntee, O'Brien, and Tanzi.

Representative Newberry and Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Price, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2022-H 7349**

**BY** Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Phillips, Cassar, Shallcross Smith, Whip Kazarian, and Diaz.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2022-H 7143**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Hull moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Abney, Phillips, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, Newberry, Azzinaro, Williams, Donovan, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Noret, and Casey.

Representative Morales discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

**5. 2022-H 7993**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Carson, and many others.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2022-S 2564**  
**BY Gallo**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2022-S 2660**  
**BY Euer**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Representative Carson.

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 Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative McEntee welcomes to the House as guests Small Business Administration, District Director, Mark Hayward, and the newly appointed Regional Administrator, Mike Vlachich.

Minority Leader Filippi welcomes to the House as guests Andre Boudrea, (Block Island, New Shoreham First Warden) and Alicia Martin an advocate for affordable housing on Block Island.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### GUESTS

Representative Solomon would like to welcome to the House as guests Former Chief John LaCross (Samaritans), Kerry Gray, Ryan Costa, Mark Gonsalves, Sr., Bryan Ganley, and Melissa Cotta from Bridging the Gap for Safety and Healing. Kerry Gray, Ryan Costa, and Mark Gonsalves, Sr. He thanks them for their advocacy for suicide prevention and work with the Samaritans.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Representative Fogarty announces that the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 8126**

**BY** Morgan P, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Hull, Lombardi J, Handy, Abney, Ajello, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL 11-18, 2022, AS "MANUFACTURING WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5715/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morgan discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8127**

**BY** Batista, Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Knight, Ruggiero, Chippendale, Morales, Williams

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL OF 2022, TO BE "FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5755/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Batista discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Batista, seconded by Deputy Whip Ackerman, and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 8128**

**BY** Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Knight, Speakman, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MARGARET A. PERROTTO {LC5796/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Donovan discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 8129**

**BY** Blazejewski, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5746/1}  
04/12/2022 House read and passed

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. 8130****BY** Blazejewski, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5745/1}

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the House will be in session tomorrow, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 4 p.m. There is no session this Thursday or all next week, which is the annual Spring Recess.

Beginning Tuesday, April 26, 2022, the House will be meeting in session every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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

Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Musical and Theatrical Production Tax Credit  
Representative Craven-An Act relating to Insurance-Liability Insurance  
Representative Biah-An Act relating to Appropriation of Ten Million dollars Justice Assistance  
Habitat for Justice.  
Representative Morales-An Act relating to Health and Safety - Lead Poisoning Prevention  
Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions - Electricians  
Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy-An Act relating to Health Insurance  
Representative Handy-An Act relating to Public Utilities and Carriers-Residential Solar  
Representative Edwards-An Act relating to Public Property and Works - Labor and Payment of  
Debts by Contractors  
Representative Tanzi-An Act relating to Mental Health Insurance  
Representative Tobon-An Act relating to Housing and Environment  
Representative Potter-An Act relating to Labor and Labor Relations – Payment of Wages –  
Contractor Liability  
Representative Place-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government  
Representative Fenton-Fung-An Act relating to Athletic coaches

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.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Susan R. Donovan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Margaret "Peggie" A. (Almeida) Perrotto seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT D.PHILLIPS**

Gracious God: We call upon you this day to bring Your justice upon those committing the unspeakable atrocities in Ukraine. Help embolden those voices who would speak truth to power and amplify their words such that compassion would reach even the hardest of hearts. Amen

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 2564****BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Ryan Matthew Marnane to join Katrina Marie Holmstedt and Robert James DiMarino in marriage on or about May 7, 2022, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC5295/1}

04/12/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2419****BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts any proposed retailers' Class B license to be located at 4 Market Street, Plat 3, Lot 74 in the town of Warren from the two hundred feet (200') requirement from the premises of schools or places of worship.) {LC4730/1}

04/12/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2493****BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Provides that the corner of 496 Main Street and Joyce Street along state route 114 in the town of Warren, Rhode Island, would be known as Delekta's Corner.) {LC4829/1}

04/12/2022 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022:**

- 1. 2022-H 6673**  
**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Committee on Education recommends passage.
- 2. 2022-H 7134 SUB A**  
**BY** Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 3. 2022-H 6606**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage.
- 4. 2022-H 6607**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage.
- 5. 2022-H 7767**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

- 6. 2022-S 2106**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, April 8, 2022**