

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

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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 Third Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Ninth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 31, 2023, and is called to order at 4:09 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, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Costantino, Handy, Henries, Roberts, Speakman.

## INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 26, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST**

**2023**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Bennett  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5149  
Entitled: Relating to Criminal Offenses-- Homicide  
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

House District: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: January 31, 2023

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 June S. Speakman is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 31, 2023.  
Representative Brianna E. Henries is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 31, 2023.  
Representative Arthur B. Handy is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

**APPOINTMENTS**

January 31, 2023

**Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi announces the following appointments:**

Rep. Brian Kennedy, Speaker Pro Tempore  
Rep. Raymond Hull, Deputy Speaker  
Rep. John Edwards, Floor Manager  
Rep. Deborah Fellela, Senior Deputy Majority Leader

**Deputy Majority Leaders**

Rep. Justine Caldwell  
Rep. Lauren Carson  
Rep. Julie Casimiro  
Rep. Arthur Corvese  
Rep. Arthur Handy  
Rep. Jason Knight  
Rep. Alex Marszalkowski  
Rep. Mary Messier  
Rep. Thomas Noret  
Rep. William O'Brien  
Rep. Robert Phillips  
Rep. Scott Slater

**House Committee on Conduct**

Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Chair  
Rep. Thomas Noret, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Deborah Fellela, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Marvin Abney  
Rep. Mia Ackerman  
Rep. Grace Diaz  
Rep. Joseph McNamara  
Rep. Patricia Serpa  
Rep. David Place

**House Committee on Corporations**

Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr., Chair  
Rep. William O'Brien, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Justine Caldwell, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Stephen Casey  
Rep. Anthony DeSimone  
Rep. Alex Finkelman  
Rep. Brian Kennedy  
Rep. Michelle McGaw  
Rep. Brandon Potter  
Rep. Robert Phillips  
Rep. Enrique Sanchez  
Rep. Patricia Serpa  
Rep. Brandon Voas  
Rep. Brian Newberry  
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

**House Committee on Education**

Rep. Joseph McNamara, Chair  
Rep. Thomas Noret, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Rebecca Kislak, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Nathan Biah  
Rep. Justine Caldwell  
Rep. Julie Casimiro  
Rep. Megan Cotter  
Rep. Susan Donovan  
Rep. Joshua Giraldo  
Rep. David Morales  
Rep. Ramon Perez  
Rep. Robert Phillips  
Rep. Brandon Voas  
Rep. Brian Rea  
Rep. Sherry Roberts

**House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

Rep. David Bennett, Chair  
Rep. Robert Phillips, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Lauren Carson, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Jennifer Boylan  
Rep. Terri Cortvriend  
Rep. Kathleen Fogarty  
Rep. Arthur Handy  
Rep. Rebecca Kislak

Rep. Jason Knight  
Rep. Carol McEntee  
Rep. Michelle McGaw  
Rep. June Speakman  
Rep. Tina Spears  
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung  
Rep. Patricia Morgan

**House Committee on Finance**

Rep. Marvin Abney, Chair  
Rep. Scott Slater, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Alex Marszalkowski, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Karen Alzate  
Rep. Jacqueline Baginski  
Rep. Nathan Biah  
Rep. Terri Cortvriend  
Rep. Grace Diaz  
Rep. John Edwards  
Rep. Raymond Hull  
Rep. William O'Brien  
Rep. Teresa Tanzi  
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson  
Rep. George Nardone  
Rep. Brian Rea

**Finance Subcommittees**

Education

Rep. Scott Slater, Chair

Human Services

Rep. Teresa Tanzi, Chair

Environment/Transportation

Rep. William O'Brien, Chair

General Government

Rep. Alex Marszalkowski, Chair

Public Safety

Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Chair

**House Committee on Health and Human Services**

Rep. Susan Donovan, Chair  
Rep. Joshua Giraldo, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Brandon Potter, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Mia Ackerman  
Rep. Samuel Azzinaro  
Rep. David Bennett  
Rep. Megan Cotter  
Rep. Kathleen Fogarty  
Rep. Arthur Handy  
Rep. Rebecca Kislak  
Rep. Michelle McGaw  
Rep. June Speakman  
Rep. Jennifer Stewart  
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung  
Rep. David Place

**House Committee on Innovation, Internet, & Technology**

Rep. Jacqueline Baginski, Chair  
Rep. Arthur Handy, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Lauren Carson, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Nathan Biah  
Rep. Jennifer Boylan  
Rep. Robert Craven  
Rep. Brian Kennedy  
Rep. Rebecca Kislak  
Rep. Mary Messier  
Rep. David Morales  
Rep. Evan Shanley  
Rep. Jennifer Stewart  
Rep. Teresa Tanzi  
Rep. David Place  
Rep. Sherry Roberts

**House Committee on Judiciary**

Rep. Robert Craven, Chair  
Rep. Carol McEntee, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Jason Knight, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Edith Ajello  
Rep. Jose Batista  
Rep. David Bennett  
Rep. Justine Caldwell  
Rep. Julie Casimiro

Rep. Cherie Cruz  
Rep. Arthur Corvese  
Rep. Matthew Dawson  
Rep. Leonela Felix  
Rep. Thomas Noret  
Rep. David Place  
Rep. Sherry Roberts

**House Committee on Labor**

Rep. Arthur Corvese, Chair  
Rep. Mary Messier, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Karen Alzate, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Jon Brien  
Rep. Stephen Casey  
Rep. John Edwards  
Rep. Deborah Fellela  
Rep. Brianna Henries  
Rep. Katherine Kazarian  
Rep. Carol McEntee  
Rep. Joseph McNamara  
Rep. Ramon Perez  
Rep. Brandon Potter  
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung  
Rep. George Nardone

**House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing**

Rep. Stephen Casey, Chair  
Rep. Kathleen Fogarty, First Vice Chair  
Rep. June Speakman, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Karen Alzate  
Rep. Jose Batista  
Rep. Cherie Cruz  
Rep. Matthew Dawson  
Rep. Anthony DeSimone  
Rep. John Edwards  
Rep. Katherine Kazarian  
Rep. David Morales  
Rep. Evan Shanley  
Rep. Tina Spears  
Rep. Brian Newberry  
Rep. Patricia Morgan

**House Committee on Oversight**

Rep. Patricia Serpa, Chair  
Rep. Julie Casimiro, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Thomas Noret, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Edith Ajello  
Rep. Jose Batista  
Rep. Jon Brien  
Rep. Edward Cardillo  
Rep. Lauren Carson  
Rep. Susan Donovan  
Rep. Deborah Fellela  
Rep. Arthur Handy  
Rep. Mary Messier  
Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith  
Rep. Joseph Solomon, Jr.  
Rep. June Speakman  
Rep. George Nardone  
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

**Oversight Subcommittees**

Aging and Senior Services  
Rep. June Speakman, Chair

Children and Families  
Rep. Julie Casimiro, Chair

Energy  
Rep. Arthur Handy, Chair

Tourism, Arts, and Recreation  
Rep. Lauren Carson, Chair

**House Committee on Small Business**

Rep. Carol McEntee, Chair  
Rep. Justine Caldwell, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Terri Cortvriend, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Jose Batista  
Rep. Edward Cardillo  
Rep. Lauren Carson  
Rep. Robert Craven  
Rep. Grace Diaz  
Rep. Alex Finkelman  
Rep. Charlene Lima  
Rep. John Lombardi  
Rep. Robert Phillips

Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith  
Rep. Patricia Morgan  
Rep. Brian Rea

**House Committee on Special Legislation**

Rep. Karen Alzate, Chair  
Rep. Grace Diaz, First Vice Chair  
Rep. John Lombardi, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Samuel Azzinaro  
Rep. Stephen Casey  
Rep. Joshua Giraldo  
Rep. Brianna Henries  
Rep. Katherine Kazarian  
Rep. William O'Brien  
Rep. Ramon Perez  
Rep. Brandon Potter  
Rep. Enrique Sanchez  
Rep. Scott Slater  
Rep. Patricia Morgan  
Rep. Sherry Roberts

**House Committee on State Government and Elections**

Rep. Evan Shanley, Chair  
Rep. Mary Messier, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Arthur Corvese, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Edith Ajello  
Rep. Jacqueline Baginski  
Rep. Jon Brien  
Rep. Raymond Hull  
Rep. Katherine Kazarian  
Rep. Brian Kennedy  
Rep. Jason Knight  
Rep. Michelle McGaw  
Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith  
Rep. Teresa Tanzi  
Rep. Brian Newberry  
Rep. Robert Quattrocchi

**House Committee on Veterans Affairs**

Rep. Samuel Azzinaro, Chair  
Rep. Deborah Fellela, First Vice Chair  
Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, Second Vice Chair  
Rep. Marvin Abney  
Rep. Mia Ackerman  
Rep. Stephen Casey  
Rep. Julie Casimiro  
Rep. Susan Donovan  
Rep. Joshua Giraldo  
Rep. Raymond Hull  
Rep. John Lombardi  
Rep. Solomon Joseph Solomon, Jr.  
Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson  
Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung  
Rep. David Place

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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

**Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, and Human Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:**

**House Bill No. 5178**

**BY** Carson, Fogarty, Kazarian, Spears, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Requires food service establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose a civil penalty on those establishments that fail to include the required warnings on its menus.) {LC143/1}

01/23/2023 Committee transferred to House Small Business

**Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:**

**House Bill No. 5116**

**BY** McNamara, Donovan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Potter, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- SHORE DEVELOPMENT (Permits the director of the department of environmental management to recognize and identify public rights-of-way to shoreline and water access over land owned by a private party.) {LC206/1}

01/27/2023 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

**Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:**

**House Bill No. 5048**

**BY** Perez, Diaz, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J, Cardillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits residential rent increases to ten percent (10%) plus the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually.) {LC512/1}

01/27/2023 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Newberry and Speaker Shekarchi welcome Billy Leiva and his parents, Robert Leiva, Sr., Esther Leiva, brother, Robert Jr., and sister, Jamie on congratulating and recognizing his citizenship.

Representative Diaz congratulates Elizabeth Burke Bryant for her retirement after 28 years of service to Rhode Island Kids Count and welcomes to the House Chamber her husband, Dan and daughter, Eliza, Rhode Island Kids Count Board Chair, Dr. Marion Orr, Executive Director, Paige Clausius-Parks and staff members, Stephanie Geller, Leanne Barrett, Jessica Vega, Kelsey Bala, Kaitlyn Rabb, Katy Linwood Chu, and Wilsa Galarza.

On behalf of Representative Speakman, Representative Donovan welcomes to the House Chamber Kevin Lynch, Chief of the Bristol Police Department, who has been chosen as the President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Abney announces all members should have received an updated copy of the Budget at a Second Glance.

Representative Fellela and Speaker Shekarchi thanked Representative Baginski and Representative Fenton-Fung for the informative life-saving class.

**GUESTS**

Representative Edwards welcomes to the House Chamber Hans Xu, a Brown University student who will be his intern for this session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Veterans Affairs will meet Thursday, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Representative Morales who was featured in an article in the NCLS National Magazine about young leaders.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that session will be held this Thursday at 4 p.m. Committee hearings will be held at the Rise this Thursday: Judiciary will be meeting in Room 35, Veterans Affairs in Room 101, and Special Legislation in the House Lounge. Those agendas have been posted on the website.

Tonight is the deadline to file the Campaign Finance Report electronically with the Board of Elections.

Today is the deadline to file forms for the Secretary of State's Owner's Manual.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 5268**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Morales, Perez, Batista, Hull, Alzate, Edwards, Kennedy, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JENNIE JOHNSON ON BEING NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THANKING HER FOR SIXTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATION AND DILIGENCE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY YEAR PROVIDENCE {LC814/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5269**

**BY** Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Knight, Ajello, Alzate, Fenton-Fung  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 9TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" ON JANUARY 29TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2023, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1182/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5270**

**BY** Speakman, Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Lima, Fenton-Fung, Edwards, Bennett, Giraldo

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KEVIN M. LYNCH ON BEING NAMED THE PRESIDENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION {LC724/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Donovan and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5271**

**BY** Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Edwards, Chippendale, Messier, Kazarian, Ackerman, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING ELIZABETH BURKE BRYANT FOR TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RHODE ISLAND KIDS COUNT {LC355/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Diaz and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5272**

**BY** Shekarchi, Newberry, Blazejewski, Place, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Bennett, Edwards, Kennedy, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING BILLY A. LEIVA ON ACHIEVING HIS UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND FOR HIS DEDICATION AND TREMENDOUS WORK ETHIC AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS {LC1092/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Newberry discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5273**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1178/1}

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 Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5274**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1179/1}

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 Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

**DESK HELD OPEN**

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

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5275**

**BY** Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Cardillo, Brien, Noret, Lima, Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSE REINSTATEMENT ACT (Provides for the reinstatement of any license suspended because of noncompliance with a COVID-19 mandate.) {LC401/1}  
02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5276**

**BY** Phillips, Knight, Morales, McEntee, Serpa, Costantino, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (A provider of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC775/1}  
02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 5277**

**BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, RETIREMENT PLANS AND OTHER TRADITIONAL EMPLOYER PROVIDED BENEFITS ARE ACCORDED TO UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS, SELF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (Creates a 5 member commission to study how health, disability, and unemployment plans, and other benefits are accorded to individuals providing services to the public, and would report back by January 5, 2024, and expire on March 5, 2024.) {LC463/1}  
02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5278**

**BY** McNamara, Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Donovan, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Increases the number of lockdown drills required to be done in every school from two (2) per school year to four (4) per school year. This act would also eliminate the requirement for two (2) yearly evacuation drills.) {LC613/1}  
02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5279**

**BY** Perez, Lombardi J, Lima, Hull, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Prohibits discrimination in postsecondary education of students, faculty and staff based upon medical or religious vaccine exemptions.) {LC504/1}  
02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5280****BY** McNamara, Solomon, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Mandates an additional five (5) year period of air quality monitoring, after completion of the freight terminal, of the area surrounding the Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport.) {LC640/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5281****BY** Kennedy, Kazarian, Edwards, Diaz, Azzinaro, Serpa, Morales, McEntee, Ackerman, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2024.) {LC1061/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5282****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Morales, Diaz, Lima, Donovan, Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.) {LC1123/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5283****BY** Fogarty, Kazarian, Carson, Tanzi, Lima, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Henries, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- MAMMOGRAMS AND PAP SMEARS -- COVERAGE MANDATED (Mandates insurance coverage for any additional screenings deemed medically necessary for any person who has received notice of dense breast tissue.) {LC686/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5284****BY** Bennett, Baginski, Kislak, Noret, McNamara, Corvese, Solomon, Casey, Lombardi J, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.) {LC921/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5285****BY** Nardone, Quattrocchi, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Authorizes issuance of P.J.F. limited HVAC service person's license upon examination for work on or repair of electric wiring/equipment located on heating/AC systems.) {LC1131/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5286****BY** Ackerman, Voas, McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS (Expands the definition of fire fighter to a member of a fire department or a city, town or fire district emergency medical services unit.) {LC485/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5287****BY** Phillips, Casey, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Woonsocket city council to increase the period of exemption or stabilization of taxes on qualifying property located in designated districts in the city from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years.) {LC1090/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5288****BY** Voas, Ackerman, Marszalkowski, Phillips, Alzate, Giraldo, Potter, Solomon, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing, commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.) {LC819/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5289****BY** Ajello, Lombardi J, Kislak, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Authorizes the Providence board of licenses to exempt from the prohibition regarding proximity to schools and churches any proposed retailer Class B or Class BV license located at 225 Waterman Street, Providence tax assessment map.) {LC1122/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5290****BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE (Amends the Burrillville Town Charter.) {LC400/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5291****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE ACT (Allows the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any newspaper located within their municipalities and would also allow publication in other designated platforms selected by their city or town councils.) {LC468/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5292****BY** Place, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ACT (Authorizes municipalities to publish public notices in any newspaper in circulation in the municipality or on any other platform designated by ordinance.) {LC497/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5293****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the operation of a home-based business, which meets criteria for home office IRS income tax deduction, without securing approval from the municipality with no storage of chemicals/park heavy equipment/not more than 10% of premises used for parking.) {LC469/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5294****BY** Hull, Lombardi J, Tanzi, Felix, Newberry, Slater, McNamara, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS (Requires those vehicles traveling on any roadway or highway to move over to the left lane or slow down upon approaching a nonemergency vehicle that is stationary on the side of any roadway or highway.) {LC817/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5295****BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Shanley, Slater, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Corvese, Cardillo, Solomon, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.) {LC816/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5296****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.) {LC478/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5297****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Prohibits prosecutions for violations in this state if violation arises from same facts or acts for which defendant has been acquitted in another jurisdiction, unless there exists new evidence substantially warranting prosecution in this state.) {LC483/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5298****BY** Edwards, Ajello, Potter, Kazarian, Slater, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES -- INTEREST IN CIVIL ACTIONS (Provides that pre- and post-judgment interest on civil actions begin on the date of the filing of the civil action and be calculated based upon a rate equal to the coupon issue yield equivalent.)

{LC397/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5299****BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Shanley, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Corvese, Azzinaro, Cardillo, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.") {LC815/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5300**

(Governor/Lt. Governor/General Treasurer/ Secretary of State/Attorney General)

**BY** Knight, Caldwell, Batista, Felix, Craven, McEntee, Kazarian, Ajello, Giraldo, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS (Bans the possession, sale, and transfer of assault weapons. Possession of assault weapons owned on the effective date of this act would be "grandfathered". Violations are punishable by a fine or imprisonment.) {LC870/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5301****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Adds pickles and relish to those foods, not requiring refrigeration, which are permitted to be manufactured and sold as a farm home food product.) {LC472/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 5302****BY** Tanzi, Morales, Ajello, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Cortvriend, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC1038/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-23-2023, page 3.)****House Bill No. 5303****BY** Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC1130/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5304**

(By request)

**BY** Casimiro, Craven, Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF FARM, FOREST, AND OPEN SPACE LAND (Prohibits the director of environmental management from setting the minimum acreage requirement for taxation of farms higher than three and one-half (3½) acres.) {LC906/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5305**

(By request)

**BY** Carson, Donovan, Ackerman, Dawson, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Shanley, Fogarty, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.) {LC1096/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5306**

**BY** Place, Rea

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Administrative hearings to follow superior court rules of procedure and evidence. Provides for subpoena of witnesses and evidence.) {LC487/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5307**

**BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides for the authorized taking of mushrooms from lands under control of the director of DEM for personal use.) {LC475/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5308**

**BY** Brien, Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Chippendale, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Reduces the time by which an elector could obtain an emergency mail ballot from within twenty (20) days prior to any election to within six (6) days prior to any election.) {LC987/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5309**

**BY** Place, Rea, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES (Requires that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.) {LC484/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 5310****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- JURY NULLIFICATION AS PROPER TRIAL DEFENSE ARGUMENT (This joint resolution would propose to the voters a constitutional amendment which would allow a criminal defendant to argue jury nullification as a defense.) {LC476/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Resolution No. 5311****BY** Kislak, Potter, Ajello, Spears, Cortvriend, McGaw, Morales, Boylan, Donovan, McEntee**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO THE LABOR OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE (This Joint Resolution would ratify a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would provide that the Congress of the United States would have the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age.) {LC371/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5312**

(Governor)

**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Provides tax relief on electricity and natural gas for the months of December 2022 through March 2023.) {LC978/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5313****BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Dawson, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE MEDICAID REENTRY ACT (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or provided to all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions within the department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration.) {LC1160/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5314****BY** Serpa, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Amends the reimbursement the executive office of health and human services makes to home care providers, home nursing care providers and hospice providers not less than free-for-service rates.) {LC632/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5315****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Provides medical assistance coverage for medical services provided to qualifying eligible recipients for community-based care. The department of human services on EOHHS would seek federal approval to implement the provisions of the act.) {LC480/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5316****BY** Serpa, Fellela, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Donovan, Phillips, McNamara, O'Brien, Shanley, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Provides

teachers/state employees retired prior to June 30, 2012, a one-time stipend in the amount of 3% of the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the \$30,000 of the member's retirement allowance.) {LC857/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5317****BY** Chippendale, Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Biah, Cardillo, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Allows any peace officer working in a Rhode Island school as a full or part-time resource officer to work in excess of the seventy-five (75) working days in a calendar year, and not have an interruption in their benefits.) {LC550/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5318****BY** Morales, Kislak, Carson, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Giraldo, Hull, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING

PREVENTION ACT (Establishes a lead service line replacement program, using federal funds provided by IJA for public and private service lines.) {LC920/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5319****BY** Place, Rea**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.) {LC649/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5320****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Provides a scholarship allowing a student in the care and custody of DCYF to attend RIC without the payment of tuition and room and board as long as they meet the eligibility requirements of the program and the admission criteria of Rhode Island College.) {LC462/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5321****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows volunteer firefighters who pay for their own training and equipment to receive an income tax credit.) {LC482/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5322****BY** O'Brien, Brien, Caldwell, Dawson, Slater, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Corvese, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the term "extraordinary costs" for the purposes of excess costs associated with special education students. The new definition of extraordinary costs would be educational costs that are over 3 times the average statewide special education cost.) {LC823/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5323****BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, McNamara, Fogarty, Speakman, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Biah, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC199/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 5324****BY** Chippendale, Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Cardillo, Brien, Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ITS THREE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$180,000 to the RI State Conservation Committee and its three Conservation Districts.) {LC718/1}

02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:50 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Louis Franco Jr. and Vincent P. Confreda; on motion of Representative Place, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph F. Raymond; on motion of Representative Ackerman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alice Susi seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN R. DONOVAN**

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to all things that speak the truth. Inspire us to always be noble in our actions, and humble in our thoughts and deeds. Amen