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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Thirteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, and is called to order at 4:10 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 71 members present and 4 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 4: Representatives Ackerman, Carson, Quattrocchi, Vella-Wilkinson.

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 Thursday, February 9, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023:**1. 2023-H 5223**

BY Casimiro

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman McNamara, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips and Bennett offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2023 -- H 5223
JOINT RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5223, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE", as follows:

1. On page 1, in the title of the bill, by deleting the language:

" JOINT RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE"

and by inserting in place thereof the language:

" HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS AND IMPACT THAT HYBRID AND VIRTUAL LEARNING EMPLOYED DURING THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD ON THE ACHIEVEMENT RATES OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McNamara

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Chairman McNamara discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails 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, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2023-H 5179

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIFORM MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Sanchez, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, and Representative Bennet.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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 Abney announces that all members should have received the latest publication of the Governor's Budget. The full budget publication with agency analysis will be on the web this week.

GUESTS

Representative Kislak welcomes to the House Chamber her spouse, Dr. Joanna Brown, and their son, Simon Kislak Brown and she wishes Joanna a Happy Birthday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rep. Kislak announces that she hosted a ranked-choice chocolate election, the demonstration is part of her efforts to introduce a ranked-choice voting bill. She thanked all who participated today.

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health, & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Sanchez would like to congratulate Derek Silva, on becoming the new Providence Fire Chief.

Representative Sanchez would like to honor the victims of the earthquake that occurred in Syria and Turkey.

GUESTS

Representative Sanchez welcomes to the House Chamber his good friend, Yusef Bahara.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Casey announces that the Committee on Housing & Municipal Government will meet on Thursday, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next House session is Thursday, February 16th, at 4 p.m. There are 4 committees meeting tomorrow.

As a reminder, the deadline to introduce bills is this Thursday, February 16th, members should have them drafted by Legislative Council and entered by Thursday. Today all members should have received a pamphlet listing Rhode Island's 2023-2024 Elected Officials.

As a reminder, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon is tomorrow at noon at the Convention Center.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representative Finkelman, a belated Happy Birthday, and wishes Representative Handy a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 5528**

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McGaw, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2023, TO BE "CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1507/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5529

BY Abney, Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRAD READ ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAIL NEWPORT, INC. {LC1430/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Abney discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5530

BY Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Baginski, Lombardi J, Chippendale, Sanchez, Fellela, Cruz, Giraldo

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING COLONEL OSCAR PEREZ ON BEING NAMED POLICE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE {LC1797/1}

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

There is no objection.

Deputy Speaker Hull and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Speaker Hull, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5531

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Kislak, Tanzi, Cortvriend, McNamara, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EUGENE LEE {LC1707/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representatives Ajello and Kislak discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5040

BY O'Brien, Biah, Slater, Serpa, Carson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Spears, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Permits retired teachers to substitute teach in a school for up to one hundred twenty (120) days in a school year, without any loss, forfeiture, or reduction in retirement benefits, through June 30, 2025.)

{LC448/1}

02/14/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/16/2023)

TRANSFER OF BILLS

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

House Bill No. 5366

BY Baginski, Solomon, Finkelman, Dawson, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Increases the civil penalty from \$100 to a maximum of \$1,000, whenever a seller or their real estate agent fails provide a completed seller disclosure form to the buyer.)

{LC807/1}

02/15/2023 Committee transferred to House Corporations

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health and Human Services:

House Bill No. 5458

BY Casimiro, Kislak, Noret, Lima, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Cotter, Diaz, Chippendale, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires that each child under the supervision of DCYF be provided a team of educational advocates which would be required to attend meetings on a regular basis to ensure the child's educational planning, progress and success.)

{LC1394/1}

02/15/2023 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 18

BY Ruggerio, Tikoian, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THE RENOVATION OF TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 79.8% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT (Authorizes the Town of North Providence to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$125,000,000.) {LC543/1}

02/15/2023 Referred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5532

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION ACT (Amends the Real Estate Appraiser Certification Act and the Real Estate Appraisal Management Company ("AMC") Registration Act.) {LC1627/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5533

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS (Amends outdated provisions of the banking statutes and the home loan protection act, adds consumer protections, including minimum capital requirements and limits on investments, for currency transmitters, including crypto currency..) {LC1625/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5534

BY Diaz, Felix, Slater, Giraldo, McNamara, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE (Enables undocumented immigrants to obtain a professional license as long as all other requirements for licensure are met.) {LC1935/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5535

BY Bennett, Corvese, Noret, Morales, Henries, Costantino, Hull, Cardillo, Slater, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELEVATORS, ESCALATORS AND DUMBWAITERS (Provides for a registration process for private elevators to include a database of all private elevators to be maintained by the chief inspector.) {LC1288/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5536

BY Batista, Alzate, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Increases the amount requiring an appraisal of motor vehicle damage by a licensed appraiser from (\$2,500) to (\$5,000) or more.) {LC620/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5537

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Enables Rhode Island licensed new motor vehicle dealers to conduct vehicle identification number inspections and submits them for an NCIC check by the chiefs of police or designees.) {LC1696/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5538**BY** Kennedy, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THIRD PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS (Repeals requirement that at least one of the insurer's semiannual reviews be an on-site audit of the operations of the administrator of benefits.) {LC1899/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5539**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Roberts, Cotter, Diaz, Chippendale, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurers to provide coverage to children under court appointed guardianship of an insured.) {LC1319/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5540**BY** Cotter, Speakman, Cortvriend, Place, Morales, McGaw, Tanzi, Donovan, Bennett, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Amends various sections of the public utilities and carriers statute, including the net metering definitions and policies as well as the renewable energy growth program purpose definitions, tariffs and incentive payments.) {LC1651/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5541**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Extends property damage coverage for a rented motor vehicle without regard to negligence for a period not to exceed ninety (90) consecutive days.) {LC542/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5542**BY** Cruz, Boylan, Voas, Potter, Craven, Kazarian, Batista, Alzate, Tanzi, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE GENERALLY -- LIQUID FUEL COVERAGE (Requires that casualty insurance policies provide coverage for property damage on the insured's property caused by or in response to a release of heating oil from a residential liquid fuel tank.) {LC1002/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5543**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (Provides amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code for emerging technologies. Effective 1/1/2024.) {LC1292/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5544

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY Donovan, Cortvriend, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Amends the provisions of law relative to eligibility for attendance for kindergarten students.) {LC1614/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5545

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Voas, Potter, Diaz, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL (Requires that certain quarterly reports required to be filed by district charter schools, mayoral academies and independent charter schools be submitted to the commissioner of elementary and secondary education.) {LC1709/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5546

BY Diaz, Slater, Bennett, Craven, O'Brien, DeSimone, McGaw, Batista, Voas, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows schools to maintain on-site an undesignated supply of glucagon for emergency purposes. Provides for training of all school employees in the basics of diabetes care and allows for further training of delegated care aides for students with diabetes.) {LC1765/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5547

BY Morales, Casimiro, Kislak, Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, McNamara, Lombardi J, Henries, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the student advisory council to meet at least quarterly, provides the chairperson with equal voting powers as members on the council, and provides that a student under eighteen (18) years is exempt from the senate advise and consent process.) {LC1347/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5548

BY Boylan, Kislak, Cruz, Cortvriend, Stewart, Ajello, Donovan, Morales, Potter, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires all state licensed health care facilities to convert the powering of their operations from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. DOH would promulgate rules and regulations to implement the requirements.) {LC1591/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5549**BY** Kislak, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ZERO-EMISSION LAWN CARE DEVICES (Mandates that by January 1, 2025, all lawn care devices sold in the state have zero emissions and that by January 1, 2028, all lawn care devices used in the state have zero emissions. DEM to promulgate rules and regulations.) {LC1429/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5550**BY** Handy, Bennett, Edwards, Craven, McNamara, Morales, Cortvriend, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT (Prohibits the sale: eff. 1/1/24 of screw/bayonet base compact fluorescent lamps; eff. 1/1/25 of pin-base type compact and linear fluorescent lamps with civil penalties for violations.) {LC841/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5551**BY** Cortvriend, Kislak, Morales, Bennett, Edwards, McGaw, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Authorizes and empowers the department of transportation to plant pollinator-friendly species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants.) {LC1364/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5552

(Dept. of Health)

BY Serpa, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Provides that no employee or agent of the department of health participate in any healthcare facility inspection if the employee or agent has, in the past two (2) years, had an ownership or employment or consultant interest in the facility.) {LC1621/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5553**BY** Fenton-Fung, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Provides that nursing home facilities that have achieved 70% compliance with the staffing requirements that commenced in January 2023, are granted a 12 month grace period to achieve 100% compliance without being penalized.) {LC1276/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5554**BY** Morales, Batista, Cruz, Stewart, Voas, Giraldo, Brien, Donovan, Speakman, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription asthma inhaler to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.) {LC133/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5555**BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Kislak, Cotter, Spears, Cruz, Boylan, Potter, Giraldo, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies.) {LC1957/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5556**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNIFORM TELEHEALTH

ACT (Allows an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in this state if the services are consistent with the practitioner's scope of practice and state and federal professional standards.) {LC1081/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5557**BY** Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE

(Permits and legalizes the sale of raw milk.) {LC1771/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5558**BY** Edwards, McGaw, Serpa, Kennedy, Chippendale, Kazarian, Casimiro, Casey, Potter, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY

TO ANIMALS (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.) {LC380/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5559**BY** Serpa, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY

TO ANIMALS (Adds several definitions to the cruelty to animals statute. It also identifies the cosmetic testing which is deemed unnecessary cruelty.) {LC1732/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5560

(By request)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Corvese, Serpa, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE

WARRANTIES (Enhances the rights of consumers by adding the requirement that the vendor or manufacturer maintain records of any reported defects or repairs of a device, making it easier for a consumer to enforce their rights under the law.) {LC1731/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5561**BY** Speakman, Ajello, Sanchez, Morales, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.) {LC1170/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5562

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Diaz, Slater, Edwards, Perez, DeSimone, Batista, Voas, Giraldo, Hull, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Provides additional earned time for good behavior or program participation or completion for prisoners not serving a life sentence.) {LC1615/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5563**BY** Felix, McEntee, Batista, Craven, Kislak, Alzate, Cruz, Potter, Morales, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Prohibits the courts from setting cash or surety bail on any misdemeanor offense but permits the court to set reasonable non-monetary conditions of bail to assure the defendant's presence in court as required and to protect the community.) {LC1043/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5564**BY** Craven, O'Brien, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Adds immunity from liability and provide compensation for certain injuries for employees whose position within school directly involves work with students.) {LC1125/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5565**BY** Chippendale, Brien, Casey, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOTELS AND PUBLIC PLACES (Prohibits any public accommodation, employer, or financial institution from discriminating against any individual based on COVID vaccination status, requires employer to re-hire penalized employees and prohibits governor from mandating COVID vaccines.) {LC1460/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5566**BY** Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES (Prohibits the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of an order by the presiding justice of the superior court.) {LC1770/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5567

BY Stewart, Sanchez, Morales, Potter, Henries, Cruz, Ajello, Kislak, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Repeals the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights, Chapter 42-28.6 of the General Laws, in its entirety.) {LC1947/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-2-2023, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5568

BY Batista, Tanzi, Potter, Alzate, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT INTEGRITY ACT (Specifies and restricts use of excessive physical force by peace officers and creates a civil action for constitutional rights violations as well as impose a duty to intervene on officers on scene. Requires reporting of incident information.) {LC622/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5569

BY Batista, Knight, Dawson, McEntee, Felix, Craven, Slater, Giraldo, Potter, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Allows persons who are on parole, a suspended sentence or on probation to serve on juries.) {LC633/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5570

BY Noret, Hull, Casey, Corvese, O'Brien, Place, Baginski, Kazarian, Casimiro, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for the violation of second degree sexual assault.) {LC1954/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5571

BY Batista, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the court to release probation violators on their own recognizance unless it determines that some reasonable surety is required to ensure the defendant's appearance in court.) {LC799/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5572

BY Batista, Craven, Knight, Potter, Cruz, Alzate, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Requires conduct that creates an actual public disturbance that includes a gathering of people drawn to and watching the conduct, stopping, impeding or causing traffic, or creating similar public disturbances in order to constitute disorderly conduct.) {LC621/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5573

BY Perez, Diaz, Lima, Morgan P, Corvese, Phillips, Costantino, Azzinaro, Hull, Fellela
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Extends the statute of
limitations for certain wrongful death actions involving a child to six (6) years.) {LC1735/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5574

BY Place, Rea, Roberts, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows
reciprocal concealed carry permits from out of state to be valid in Rhode Island, which is either
authorized by the attorney general or subject to other reciprocal restrictions.) {LC1913/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5575

BY Place, Roberts, Rea, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides the
review and appeal process for individuals applying for a permit or license to carry a handgun with
the licensing authority or attorney general.) {LC1907/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5576

BY Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Permits the open
and concealed carrying of weapons by certain persons in the act of evacuating the area pursuant to
an order of the governor or local authority under chapter 15 of title 30.) {LC1776/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5577

BY Kislak, Potter, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION OF
BICYCLES--HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT (Amend several chapters regarding the operation of bikes
on state highways and interaction with motor vehicles, reckless driver accountability program &
speed limits in thickly settled areas/business districts.) {LC557/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5578

BY Serpa, Edwards, Cardillo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR
REVOCAION OF LICENSES (A judge would have discretion to allow a hardship exception to
keep license plates of a person convicted of this offense.) {LC1549/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5579**BY** Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Lima, Cardillo, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Allows termination of a residential lease by a domestic abuse victim, sexual assault victim or a stalking victim.) {LC1267/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5580**BY** Morales, Speakman, Caldwell, Cruz, Knight, Phillips, Handy, Fogarty, Craven, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord and others from requiring application fee from a prospective tenant or tenant. Violations punishable as a misdemeanor with a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC1116/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5581**BY** Edwards, Shanley, Bennett, Newberry, Kazarian, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Casey, Potter, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates house committee of the repealer to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received from citizens, businesses, and government agencies, including, but not limited to, those that are archaic and out of date.) {LC387/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5582**BY** Batista, Potter, Cruz, Alzate, Felix, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Makes possession of controlled substances civil violations punishable by a one hundred dollar (\$100) fine for a first offense and up to three hundred dollars (\$300) for subsequent offenses. Repeat offenders would also have to complete drug counseling.) {LC623/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5583**BY** Batista, Knight, Potter, Cruz, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides that imposition of fine only is not conviction under Rhode Island law and straight probation is not conviction, absent violation and specific findings, but probation is conviction for sentencing enhancements as mandated by law.) {LC1422/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5584**BY** Messier, McNamara, Potter, Diaz, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Amends the definition of employee to remove apprenticeships and interns and any other individuals pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. Section 203 et seq.) {LC993/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5585

BY Chippendale, Brien, Casey, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Place, Nardone, Noret, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Requires the employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier to cover all of an employee's associated medical expenses from any adverse medical event resulting from the employer mandating that the employee receive the COVID-19 vaccine.) {LC1391/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5586

BY Phillips, Costantino, Dawson, Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Exempts Penske Truck Leasing located at 65 Amflex Drive in Cranston, from the Sunday work law requiring the payment of one and one-half (1½) times the normal rate of pay for work performed on Sunday.) {LC1546/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5587

BY Morales, Hull, Stewart, Potter, Giraldo, Kislak, Henries, Cardillo, Cruz, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Sets the minimum wage for public school crossing guards at eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per hour and also defines a crossing guard as a person who safely assists school students to cross the street.) {LC481/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5588

BY Morales, Speakman, Kislak, Kazarian, Handy, Tanzi, Fogarty, Henries, Sanchez, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Raises minimum wage on January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, by the percentage increase in the CPI-U, as published by the US Dept. of Labor Statistics, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year.) {LC1505/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5589

BY Morales, Henries, Felix, Kislak, Cruz, Sanchez, Stewart, Potter, Speakman, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Raises the minimum wage for the years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, to \$15.50, \$17.00, \$18.50, \$20.00, and \$21.00, per hour, respectively.) {LC1103/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5590

BY Felix, Morales, McNamara, Kazarian, Kislak, Potter, Alzate, Batista, Henries, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Commencing 1/1/24, gradually increases the minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities from the current (\$3.89) to (\$14.95) by 1/1/28 and on 1/1/29 the minimum wage shall be no less than the minimum wage established by the minimum wage law.) {LC1039/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5591

BY Edwards, Bennett, Handy, Craven, Kislak, Shanley, Kazarian, Casimiro, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Eliminates repealed statute references and create a mechanism for employees to enforce their existing right to continuation of medical benefits.) {LC1006/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5592

BY Batista, Potter, Alzate, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- INSPECTION OF PERSONNEL FILES (Amends the definitions of the inspection of personnel files. The act would also amend the penalties by increasing them to not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500).) {LC626/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5593

BY Morales, Fellela, McEntee, Felix, Kislak, Cortvriend, McNamara, Henries, Speakman, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees/ asking questions about the applicant's financial past during its interviews/including credit history questions within the job applications.) {LC128/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5594

BY Edwards, Bennett, Diaz, Kazarian, Casimiro, Casey, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Requires a contractor, subcontractor or public body to include offsite fabrication work in weekly certified prevailing wage records.) {LC396/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5595

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Bennett, Kazarian, Casimiro, Casey, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Provides that offsite fabrication work for public works projects be subject to the prevailing wage and reporting requirements thereto.) {LC1811/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5596

(Dept. of Business Regulation)
BY Voas, Potter, Diaz, Alzate, Solomon, Giraldo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Provides that road abandonments by municipalities be properly recorded in land evidence records.) {LC1623/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5597**BY** McEntee, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows town of Narragansett to sell highway or driftway to abutting owner at fair market value.)

{LC1268/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5598**BY** Morales, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Limits the annual fees in the city of Providence for overnight parking permits to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for residents and one hundred dollars (\$100) for non-residents.) {LC111/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5599**BY** Casey, Hull, Lombardi J, Phillips, Craven, Dawson, Finkelman, Baginski, Edwards, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Prohibits the offering or renting of accessory dwelling units for tourist or transient use or through a hosting platform, and enables municipalities to fine property owners and hosting platforms a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC1341/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5600**BY** Cortvriend, Potter, Handy, McGaw, Carson, Kislak, Donovan, Speakman, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ALL-ELECTRIC BUILDING ACT (Provides that no city or town would issue a permit for the construction of new buildings that are not an all-electric building, if the initial application for a permit was submitted after December 31, 2024, unless certain circumstances apply.) {LC719/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5601**BY** Newberry, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Repeals § 3-7-19 which prohibits retail liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools and religious institutions.) {LC1656/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5602**BY** Slater, Diaz, Potter, Cruz, Brien, Solomon, Bennett, Felix, Hull, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables all municipalities to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods during fiscal years 2024 or 2025 for the waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments.) {LC1589/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5603

BY Morales, Lombardi J, Hull, Sanchez, Chippendale, Newberry, Slater, Diaz, Kislak, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Allows the host city or town to impose a two percent (2%) tax on the endowment of a private institution of higher education, to be used only for the host's public school district.) {LC123/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5604

BY Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Require in-person bidding at tax sales.) {LC539/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5605

BY Kazarian, Dawson, Henries, Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Adopts a new tax rate for Class 2 property. Requires tax rate change to be applied at the same percentage rate change for all classes.) {LC1491/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5606

(Office of Healthy Aging)
BY Messier, McNamara, Potter, Diaz, 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.) {LC1407/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5607

(Dept. of Revenue)
BY Edwards, Shanley, Kennedy, Bennett, Casimiro, Casey, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Changes the definition of "street rod" motor vehicle to include a reference to its registration certificate and not its title. It also changes the meaning of "custom vehicle" by adding a reference to its registration certificate.) {LC389/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5608

(By request)
BY Morales, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Amends from fifty (50) feet to one hundred (100) feet the distance which must be maintained by people at polling location entrances.) {LC114/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5609**BY** Handy, Cortvriend, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES (Changes the title of the executive officer of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities from "executive secretary" to "executive director".) {LC1730/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5610**BY** Serpa, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES - MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SUBMITTED NOMINATION SIGNATURES (Limits the number of signatures that a candidate may submit for certification, to one hundred (100) if fifty (50) signatures are required and to one hundred fifty (150) when one hundred (100) signatures are required.) {LC1339/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5611**BY** Serpa, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Removes the requirement that unopposed candidates who file valid declarations of candidacy need to file nominating signatures for certification.) {LC1340/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5612**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.) {LC1343/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5613**BY** Cruz, Potter, Slater, Stewart, Kazarian, Batista, Morales, Lombardi J, Cotter, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires state use actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state to be utilized for redistricting.) {LC1260/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5614**BY** Place, Rea, Chippendale, Newberry, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT (Expands the lobbying reform act to apply to persons who lobby municipal government executives and legislative bodies, as well as local fire districts.) {LC1772/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5615

BY Felix, Morales, Abney, Hull, Henries, Cruz, Batista, Sanchez, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARIES

(Includes all books, periodicals and papers in the keeping of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society to be placed under the care of the state librarian.) {LC1114/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5616

BY Felix, Stewart, Morales, Kislak, Alzate, Giraldo, Cruz, Diaz, Henries, Kazarian

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

MEETINGS (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.) {LC1046/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5617

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Place, Solomon, Casimiro, Serpa, Casey, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE

ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.) {LC1718/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5618

(Rhode Island Public Transit Authority)

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Dawson, Shanley, Costantino, Corvese, Baginski, Phillips, Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL

TAX (Provides that seventy-nine percent (79%) of one cent (\$0.0079) of the gas tax be directly transferred to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for the Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program.) {LC1404/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5619

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Finkelman, Noret, O'Brien, Dawson, Shanley, Hull, McEntee, Casey, Craven, DeSimone

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

(Amends the reimbursements to cities, towns and fire districts from state revenues for lost tax revenue due to any phase-out or reduction of the motor vehicle excise tax.) {LC1710/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5620

BY Phillips, Finkelman, Serpa, Brien, Casey, Cardillo, Fenton-Fung, Baginski, Solomon, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Limits the

assessment of interest to four (4) calendar years prior to the date on which notice of the delinquent payment is sent to the taxpayer.) {LC1635/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5621

BY Dawson, O'Brien, Finkelman, McEntee, Casey, Phillips, Kazarian, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE VEHICLE SURCHARGE (Implements a \$0.75 surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies and also requires that the surcharges be deposited in a restricted account to be used for street improvements in the municipality where the fare originated.) {LC1895/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5622

BY Felix, Morales, Alzate, Lombardi J, Diaz, Batista, Cruz, Sanchez, Henries, Speakman

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.) {LC1044/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5623

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Carson, Tanzi, Handy, Kislak, Donovan, Speakman, Cotter

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.) {LC590/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5624

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Dawson, Finkelman, Noret, Shanley, Costantino, Corvese, Baginski, Phillips

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, 2024.) {LC1390/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5625

BY Morales, Noret, Casimiro, Phillips, Messier, Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, Cruz, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Expands the services for special needs students by reducing the educational costs from costs that exceeds the state-approved threshold based on an amount five (5) times the core foundation amount to two (2) times the core foundation amount.) {LC1346/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5626

BY Nardone, Place, Rea, Roberts, Morgan P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SURPLUS FUNDS TAX CREDIT ACT (Mandates that any surplus state tax revenue received in any fiscal year would be refunded to the taxpayers of this state on a proportional basis in relation to the personal income tax liability incurred by the taxpayers in that fiscal ye) {LC1908/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5627

BY Handy, Bennett, McNamara, Craven, Kislak, Morales, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Tanzi, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts new or used bicycles from sale and use tax.) {LC664/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5628

BY Fenton-Fung, Biah, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Perez, Donovan, Lima, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes a new categorical funding category for school security.) {LC1281/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5629

BY Sanchez, Morales, Ajello, Knight, Newberry, Potter, Nardone, Costantino, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a state income tax credit of the lesser of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or forty percent (40%) of Medicaid earnings where a medical provider accepts Medicaid payments.) {LC907/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5630

BY Morgan P, Fenton-Fung, Rea, Nardone, Roberts, Azzinaro, Lima, Perez, Messier, Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Eliminates the gross earnings tax for every corporation whose principal business is manufacturing, selling, distributing and/or transmitting currents of electricity and natural gas to be used for light, heat, or motive power.) {LC1485/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5631

BY Morgan P, Fenton-Fung, Nardone, Roberts, Rea, Serpa, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates the estate tax in Rhode Island.) {LC1426/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5632

BY Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Increases the motion picture tax credit to \$10,000,000, and then again to \$15,000,000 for 2025. Increases total available credits to \$50,000,000 for 2025 and \$60,000,000 for 2026. Eliminates the sunset provision.) {LC1279/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5633

BY Spears, Cotter, Donovan, Dawson, O'Brien, Caldwell, Azzinaro, Knight, Tanzi, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Adjusts the state's monthly share of Supplemental Security Income to equal the federal Supplemental Security Income benefit in January of that calendar year.) {LC1333/1}
02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5634

BY Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Spears, Casimiro, Potter, Giraldo, McNamara, Baginski, Hull, Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF
CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS (Repeals the provision
that requires new applicants for employment under this section to pay the expense for their
background checks.) {LC1665/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5635

BY Casimiro, Noret, Diaz, Roberts, Chippendale, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES' HIGHER EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITY INCENTIVE GRANT (Improves educational attainment related outcomes for
current former foster youth at the post-secondary level from 14 yrs. to 21 years up to 26 years of
age under certain circumstances from funds appropriated by the general assembly.) {LC1320/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5636

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Dawson, Kislak, Morales, Donovan, Casimiro, Speakman, Shallcross
Smith, Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (Establishes the Higher Education
Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.) {LC1101/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5637

BY Chippendale, Rea, Brien, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP
AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT (Establishes a new educational program that
allows students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.) {LC1911/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5638

BY Chippendale, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Nardone, Roberts, Casimiro, Brien, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- LANGUAGE ACADEMIES ACT
(Establishes language academies for non-English proficient students and also establishes the Rhode
Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the language academies.) {LC1875/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5639

BY Caldwell, McNamara, Potter, Knight, Ajello, Speakman, Kazarian, Donovan, Fogarty, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Establishes new
programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.) {LC1539/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5640

BY Felix, Knight, Batista, Craven, Potter, McEntee, Casey, Henries, Kazarian, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the amount forwarded to Rhode Island Legal Services from court
filing fees for the entry of every petition, complaint or action in district, superior and family court.)
{LC1035/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5641

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Noret, McEntee, Serpa, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides state employee public
safety professionals with parity to municipal public safety employees in the state/municipal
retirement systems eff. 7/1/23 with 10% contribution.) {LC1378/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5642

BY Chippendale, Brien, Costantino, Nardone, Casey, Quattrocchi, Lima, Roberts, Caldwell,
Cardillo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY
AND COMPUTATION (Reduces the sales tax rate to five percent (5%).) {LC1309/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5643

BY Casimiro, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM-CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Permits retired state employees
to receive mileage and wages equal to that of full-time members of the board or commission but in
no event shall it be greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per year.) {LC1238/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5644

BY Handy, Giraldo, Stewart, Boylan, Cruz, Potter, Slater, Diaz, Morales, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS
PROGRAM (Amends the Rhode Island Works Program to expand and increase benefits under the
program.) {LC838/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5645

BY Sanchez, Morales, Kislak, Potter, Ajello, Cortvriend, Henries, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM
AND DEVELOPMENT (Imposes a ten percent (10%) surcharge on rental property offered on a
hosting platform, to be deposited in a restricted receipt account established pursuant to § 42-128-
2(3) to provide for homelessness initiatives.) {LC1398/1}

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5646**BY** Potter, Morales, Tanzi, McGaw, Cotter, Sanchez, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires EOHHS working with the auditor general to develop a plan within two (2) years of the passage of this act to transition to a fee-for-service state-run Medicaid program.) {LC1785/1} 02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Resolution No. 5647****BY** Biah, McEntee, Morales, Baginski, Kennedy, Noret, Slater, Bennett, Casey, Batista**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDING TO JUSTICE ASSISTANCE HABITAT FOR JUSTICE (Allocates \$212,500 from the general fund to Justice Assistance Habitat for Justice to fund the position of psychiatric--mental health nurse and the position of victim centered licensed clinical social worker.) {LC1699/1} 02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Resolution No. 5648****BY** Baginski, Solomon, Casimiro, Donovan, Bennett, Potter, Cruz, Boylan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS (This joint resolution would approve an amendment to the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.) {LC1746/1} 02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5649****BY** Kislak, Dawson, Potter, Handy, Sanchez, Cotter, Speakman, Donovan, McGaw, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Establishes the Ranked Choice Voting for Rhode Island Presidential Primaries and provides for new sections on Ranked Choice Voting Tabulation and Results Reporting.) {LC869/1} 02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:38 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Knight, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the school shooting victims five years ago at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Parkland, Florida; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Anna Maria Di Mattino; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Eugene Lee seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JACQUELYN M. BAGINSKI

Dear Lord: As we continue Black History month we call upon you today to help us recognize just how different we are from one and other, yet we are all your children. Guide us to always remember that in our diversity lies our strength. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5040**
BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, February 14, 2023