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Thursday, February 16, 2023

Fourteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 16, 2023, and is called to order at 4:25 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Craven, Handy, Perez, Quattrocchi.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Teresa Ann Tanzi who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, February 14, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Edith H. Ajello is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 16, 2023.
Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr. is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 16, 2023.
Representative Arthur B. Handy is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 16, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi announces that yesterday Rhode Island Superior Court Judge and former Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor Richard Licht was struck by a car. The Speaker asks that members pray for his recovery.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2023 -- H****AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5040, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -
- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 16, after the language "full days", by inserting the language:
"; but in no case shall the total number of half and full days exceed one hundred twenty (120) days".

2. On page 2, lines 20 and 21, by deleting the language: "The numbers in this subsection shall be expanded accordingly during the one hundred twenty (120) day period."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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LC000448/2
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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Kislak, Tanzi, Corvese and McNamara, continue the discussion on the act as amended.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Caldwell welcomes to the House Chamber Alan Resnick, Vice President for Strategic Planning at New England Institute of Technology and William Collis, Chair of the Rhode Island Digital Games Institute Advisory Board, which oversees the game institute at New England Institute of Technology, in East Greenwich, RI. They will provide a presentation to the House of Representatives today at the Rise.

Representative Speakman welcomes to the House Chamber Grant Wosencroft, her intern for this session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

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

GUESTS

Whip Kazarian and on behalf of Representative Casimiro, in recognition of Black History Month, welcome to the House Chamber former Representative Maria J. Lopes, who was the first African American female elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives and to serve as Chair of the Special Legislative committee (1989-2001), and her two sons, Leonard and his wife Diane, Antonio Jr. and his daughter Zhuri, and brother-in-law, Dr. Isadore Ramos.

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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces all efforts are appreciated in meeting today's bill deadline. Due to the extremely heavy amount of bills, Speaker Shekarchi has agreed to extend the bill deadline to Tuesday, February 28th, which is the day the House return from recess. All bills must be submitted to Legislative Council by the close of business tomorrow. This will enable Legislative Council to draft bills during the recess week. Only bills that are in the legislative pipeline by 4:30 p.m. tomorrow will be accepted for introduction on Tuesday, February 28th. Due to the high volume of bills that are being submitted today, please be patient in watching for them on the legislative website. Some of the bills will be posted tomorrow, but others will appear throughout the recess week.

As Representative Caldwell announced, New England Institute of Technology's Rhode Island Digital Games Institute officials will be making an interactive presentation at the Rise in the Chamber. Members are encouraged to stay for the presentation.

The next session day will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 4 p.m. Enjoy the Recess Week!

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Chairwoman Diaz, Representatives Marszalkowski, Carson, and Henries a Happy Birthday!

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5650

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, DeSimone, Hull, Lombardi J, Slater, Biah, Marszalkowski, Diaz, Batista
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DEREK SILVA ON BEING NAMED
THE NEW FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE {LC1917/1}

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 Speaker Shekarchi and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5651

BY Shallcross Smith, Costantino, Ackerman, Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Serpa, Lima, Tanzi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING LINCOLN FIRE CHIEF RICHARD
ANDREWS FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS OF DEVOTED AND DEDICATED SERVICE
{LC1361/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Shallcross Smith discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5652

BY Edwards, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Phillips, Bennett, Serpa, Alzate, Shallcross Smith
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON LIONS CLUB ON
THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY {LC1859/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Floor Manager Edwards requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Floor Manager Edwards discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Floor Manager Edwards, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5653

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Noret, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR RICHARD A. WINKELMAN {LC1694/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family.

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

House Resolution No. 5654

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1962/1}

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. 5655

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1961/1}

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. 5656**

BY Kazarian, Solomon, Potter, Cruz, McNamara, McEntee, Casimiro, Dawson, Carson, Serpa **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- TREE WARDENS (Requires an electric distribution company, pursuant to a vegetation management plan approved by the DPUC, to carry out vegetation management activities for vegetation clearing around utility infrastructure along public and private rights of way.) {LC1215/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5657

BY Tanzi, Speakman, Cortvriend, Morales, Cotter, Batista, Kislak, Shanley, McGaw, Boylan **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Requires that healthcare entities and network plans, eff. 1/1/24, include provision in every contract with a provider of mental health/substance use disorders that rates paid pursuant to the contract would be subject to a rate increase at least annually.) {LC1955/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5658

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Cotter, Carson, Speakman, Henries, McGaw **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COUNSELING COMPACT (Adopts a counseling compact for the interstate practice of licensed professional counselors by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses.) {LC2016/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5659

BY Morales, Henries, Giraldo, Biah, Sanchez, DeSimone, Cruz, Felix, Alzate, Stewart **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits auto insurance companies from using certain race and geographical locations criteria when determining insurance rates.) {LC1024/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5660

BY Edwards, Carson, Chippendale, Potter, Alzate, Solomon, Cortvriend, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Brings state law into federal compliance by prohibiting or otherwise limiting this use of refrigerant designated as acceptable pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7671k as long as the refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance therewith.) {LC2001/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-28-2023, page 3.)

House Bill No. 5661

BY Cruz, Boylan, Shekarchi, Potter, McNamara, Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Biah, DeSimone

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

UTILITIES COMMISSION (Provides that utility services not be terminated for the period from

November 1 to April 15 to property being used as a warming center, drop-in center, shelter, or similar facility providing emergency services to drop-in residents or unhoused individuals.) {LC2102/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5662

BY O'Brien

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

ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Creates an exception to the requirements of § 39-18-

4.2, which requires preparation of a neighborhood impact statement and a public hearing for alteration of a bus route and would direct the RIPTA to alter bus route 58 and bus route 27.)

{LC1375/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5663

BY Rea, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Roberts, Phillips, Noret, Morgan P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLAR PANELS

(Requires that all sales representatives selling or leasing solar panels are licensed by the department of business regulation and that a statement be provided to homeowners setting forth pertinent

information pertaining to the solar panels.) {LC1180/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5664

BY Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED-LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Permits a member or members of a limited-liability company to avoid dissolution by buying the units owned by the other member or members seeking dissolution.) {LC1774/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5665

(by request)

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Donovan, Abney, Finkelman

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

AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (Creates a doing business as for Discover Newport as a short title for the bureau.) {LC1315/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 5666

BY Cortvriend, Morales

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK {LC716/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5667

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Donovan, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to adopt standards which take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students across municipal boundaries and promotes maximum efficiency in other programs.) {LC2011/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5668

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Dawson, Kislak, Cotter, Handy, Donovan, O'Brien, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Would require public school districts to take certain actions to promote notice and disseminate information regarding the district's special education local advisory committee.) {LC1102/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5669

BY Casimiro, Noret, Cortvriend, McNamara, Lima, Cotter, Batista, Donovan, Serpa, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a "504" plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).) {LC1728/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5670

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION ACT (Requires all school districts to have an athletic training, or similarly trained person, at all recreational and athletic events of the school district.) {LC2004/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5671

BY Baginski, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Repeals the requirement that the school committee policy manual be kept in the school library, public library and administrative building and require that the manual be available on the school district website.) {LC1985/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5672

BY McGaw, Bennett, Boylan, Kislak, Tanzi, Carson, Voas, Speakman, Donovan, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS
(Mandates that food service establishments only provide single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments to a customer upon request.) {LC2037/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5673

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Bennett, Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Cotter, Tanzi, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE PFAS
BAN ACT OF 2023 (Prohibits the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or "PFAS" in various products including carpets, cookware, cosmetics, ski wax, and various other items.)
{LC1187/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5674

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Cotter, Donovan, Spears, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND GREENWAYS ACT OF 1995 (Requires the installation of signs indicating locations of
greenway areas.) {LC2018/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5675

BY Morgan P, Kennedy, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SOLAR PANEL DISPOSAL
(Requires disposal of solar panels at the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation facility along
with the payment of a disposal fee.) {LC1438/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5676

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Bennett, Morales, Marszalkowski, Carson,
Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETENTION OF X-RAYS
(Amends the retention of x-ray statute by eliminating retention for the life of the individual to
retention for whatever period is required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.)
{LC1351/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5677

BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND
QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Provides that dental services and treatment rendered to patients in
Rhode Island would be reimbursed by standards governed by the general laws of Rhode Island.)
{LC1698/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5678

BY Potter, Kislak, Casey, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Carson, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 – HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.) {LC1788/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5679

BY Potter, McNamara, Cruz, Cotter, Batista, Kislak, Casey, Giraldo, Stewart, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT (Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative engaged by the manufacturer and to pay an annual fee for each name on list.) {LC1787/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5680

BY Caldwell, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits healthcare entities from interfering with a patient's right to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from their provider or pharmacy of choice.) {LC1837/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5681

BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Requires any person who transports a patient by a stretcher in a vehicle to be licensed as an emergency medical services provider through the director of health.) {LC1894/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5682

(Dept. of Health)
BY Giraldo, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides DOH multidisciplinary team review of drug overdose deaths may gather info of deaths from family willing to do so to help identify prevention/intervention strategies.) {LC1618/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5683

(by request)
BY Casimiro, Noret, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires individual or group health insurers to provide coverage for medically necessary dental implants.) {LC1427/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5684**BY** Cortvriend, Fogarty, Tanzi, Phillips, Edwards, Solomon, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Provides identity theft protections by requiring reporting of breaches by certain municipal and state agencies, and requires notice to collective bargaining agents where required and requires an explanation of remediation services.) {LC194/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5685**BY** Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Henries, Tanzi, Morales, McNamara, Kazarian, Casimiro, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Requires the clerk of the court to return any bail money posted to the defendant or the person who provided the bail money at the time of judgment of the case and that the money shall not be used to pay costs, fines or restitution or any other assessment.) {LC1767/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5686**BY** Cruz, Potter, Batista, Speakman, Tanzi, Stewart, Boylan, McNamara, Giraldo, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires sentencing court to consider whether defendant is parent of child, or caregiver of elderly, disabled or terminally ill person whose well-being would be adversely affected by the person's incarceration and if so, shall impose a non-jail sentence.) {LC1500/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5687**BY** Kislak, Tanzi, Potter, McNamara, Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Cotter, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC1619/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5688**BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.) {LC1592/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5689**BY** Giraldo, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Cruz, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT--IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.) {LC1748/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5690

BY Cruz, Potter, Batista, Speakman, Tanzi, Stewart, Boylan, McNamara, Biah, Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.) {LC1305/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5691

BY Stewart, Cruz, Henries, Morales, Caldwell, Batista, Alzate, Kislak, Cotter, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from increasing the rent for a residential property more than once annually. Violation of this provision would be deemed a deceptive trade practice and subject to penalties.) {LC1431/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5692

BY Solomon, Cardillo, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Noret, Casey, Lima, Chippendale, Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Adds the Rhode Island capitol police to those people exempt from the necessity of possessing a firearm under § 11-47-8 and repeals the exemption for state marshals, which no longer exist.) {LC2014/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5693

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson, Finkelman, Place, Dawson, Azzinaro, Lima, Costantino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Increases the number of minimum rounds fired from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) during the qualification and training of police officers.) {LC1140/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5694

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson, Finkelman, Place, Dawson, Azzinaro, Costantino, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms in both daylight and nighttime conditions two (2) times per year and that correctional officers qualify every year instead of once every two (2) years.) {LC1141/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5695

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson, Finkelman, Place, Dawson, Azzinaro, Costantino, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms two (2) times per year instead of one time annually and correction officers qualify annually under lowlight/no light conditions.) {LC1142/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5696

BY Noret, Place, Dawson, O'Brien, Corvese, Phillips, Solomon, Casey, Bennett, Baginski
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.) {LC1150/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5697

BY Felix, Batista, Kislak, Giraldo, Henries, Morales, McNamara, Kazarian, Casimiro, Lombardi J
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Mandate that the clerk of the district court automatically also seal individual counts of criminal complaints upon dismissal pursuant to rule 48(a) of the rules of criminal procedure for district court.) {LC1768/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5698

BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME (Allows for a civil action against parents of a student who demonstrate willful or wanton disregard for the duty to supervise their child who has committed the offense of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.) {LC1349/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5699

BY Noret, Casimiro, Corvese, Finkelman, O'Brien, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Baginski, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THE MATTHEW O'GARA ACT OF 2022 (Increases the penalties for a first offense of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death to a minimum five (5) years in incarceration, a minimum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and a minimum license revocation of five (5) years.) {LC1143/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5700

BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Defines an obstruction to a public right-of-way to include signage that deters the public from using a public right-of-way and subjects such violation to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC1931/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5701

BY Noret, Craven, Phillips, Casimiro, Corvese, Hull, Kazarian, Casey, Brien, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Clarifies that the use of a wireless communication device for the purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to the vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.) {LC1153/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5702**BY** Baginski, Alzate, Kazarian, Casimiro, McEntee, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides the office of attorney general with the authority to prosecute any violation of a protective order.) {LC1487/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5703**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY – TRAVELING CIRCUSES PROHIBITED (Makes it unlawful to conduct/sponsor/walk/exhibit/or operate a traveling show or circus with live wild or exotic animals in the state of R.I. Violators punished fine from \$50 up to \$500 per animal and up to 30 days imprisonment for each day in violation.) {LC1371/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5704**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Corvese, Bennett, Craven, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Knight, Solomon, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Makes threats of mass violence and false reports of threats to educational, religious, social institutions or civic or fraternal associations a misdemeanor.) {LC1154/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5705**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CONTESTED PET OWNERSHIP (Creates a legal process by which formerly cohabitating parties could seek a determination as to ownership of any pet from the district court.) {LC1387/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5706**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits a person convicted of killing an animal or of unnecessary cruelty to animals amounting to torture from owning or exercising control of an animal for life and would be subject to fine of \$1000 for each violation of this act.) {LC1381/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5707**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Cruz, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires employer to furnish items and conditions of employment and a pay stub explaining how wages were calculated/reasons for deductions/allows the employee to file a court action against employer for violation.) {LC1759/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5708

BY Morales, Giraldo, Potter, Stewart, Slater, Sanchez, McGaw, McNamara, Felix, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires employers in Rhode Island with thirty (30) or more employees would be required to list competitive salary ranges on their job postings on the company's hiring page or third-party websites like Glassdoor, LinkedIn, Indeed or other job boards.) {LC1685/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5709

BY Shanley, Craven, Casey, McNamara, Fellela, Solomon, Edwards, Alzate, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAREHOUSE WORKER PROTECTION ACT (Requires employers to provide each employee of a warehouse distribution center, upon hire, with written description of quotas applicable to the employee within defined time periods and adverse employment action for failure to meet the quota.) {LC1397/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5710

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Noret, Biah, Costantino, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Requires person who is considered an independent contractor to file a designation form by January 31 of each year and requires department of labor and training to provide a list of independent contractors to department of revenue by April 1 of each year.) {LC1535/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5711

BY Voas, Giraldo, Solomon, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.) {LC1989/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5712

BY Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Includes non-owner-occupied residential properties used for short-term rentals for tourist or transient use to be assessed as Class 2 properties on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2023.) {LC2108/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5713

BY Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Baginski, Costantino, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the waiver of interest on overdue taxes for commercial properties.) {LC1990/1}
02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5714**BY** Serpa, Costantino, Azzinaro, Brien, Carson, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Enable cities and towns to require notification to the municipal building department and residences within 1,000 feet of a residence being listed for short term rental for tourist or transient use through a hosting platform.) {LC2005/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5715**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Requires that all cities and towns file all ordinances and amendments to those ordinances with the secretary of state. Such ordinances or amendments to those ordinances would become effective upon filing with the secretary of state.) {LC1377/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5716**BY** Baginski, Lima, Brien, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends what can be considered an individual household for purposes of zoning ordinances.) {LC1924/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5717**BY** Morales, Biah, Sanchez, Cruz, Felix, Speakman, Fellela, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL (Prohibits a city or town from requiring residents to pay for curbside mattress pickup or disposal.) {LC1688/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5718**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, McEntee, Cardillo, Cotter, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Casey, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN (Clarifies that qualification to vote in elections of the Kingston Fire District extends to those residents of the District qualified to vote in the town of South Kingstown elections.) {LC1352/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5719**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Prohibits all manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding a wholesaler's license and from having any interest in a wholesaler's license.) {LC1726/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5720

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Corvese, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the contents of what is to be displayed on a motor vehicle registration plate.) {LC1713/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5721

(Secretary of State)

BY Alzate, Kazarian, Cruz, Potter, Casimiro, Ajello, Giraldo, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Amends the period for declarations of candidacy and changes the date of primary election.) {LC1076/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5722

BY Caldwell, Shanley, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- OPEN MEETINGS (Amends the Open Meetings law to permit members of some public bodies to participate using videoconferencing technology.) {LC1842/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5723

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS (Provides that a driver privilege card shall not be a valid form of identification for municipal voting purposes.) {LC1994/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5724

BY Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.) {LC1258/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5725

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Requires the department of transportation to establish a schedule of all landscaping and mowing of lawns on state roads, and provide a copy of said schedule to the department of public works in any city or town where the state road is located.) {LC2012/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5726**BY** Morgan P

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - PROVISIONS OF STATE CONSTITUTION DECLARED TO BE PRESUMPTIVELY JUDICIALLY ENFORCEABLE BY PARTIES ALLEGEDLY AGGRIEVED BY VIOLATIONS THEREOF (Proposes to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment that the provisions of the state constitution are presumptively judicially enforceable by parties allegedly aggrieved by violations thereof.) {LC877/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5727**BY** Sanchez, Henries, Morales, Cruz, Alzate, Batista, Cotter, Tanzi, Fellela, Stewart

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SAFEGUARD RHODE ISLAND AGAINST NUCLEAR WEAPONS (This resolution creates an eleven (11) member special legislative commission to study and provide recommendation to safeguard Rhode Island against nuclear weapons.) {LC1769/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5728**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EXTENSION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS (Includes Hmong or Lao veterans who served in military operations in support of the United States during the Vietnam Conflict any time between 2/28/1961 to 5/7/1975 within the definition of "active conduct of and/or fighting in the Vietnam Conflict".) {LC1282/1}

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5729

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)

BY Corvese, O'Brien, Noret, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DRIVER NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (Provides a criminal background check procedure for for-hire intrastate passenger transportation services.) {LC1617/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5730**BY** Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Requires the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) to conduct a study on the feasibility of installing as many benches as possible in front of RIPTA bus stops with its report due on March 1, 2024.) {LC1781/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5731**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PARTS (Defines a used part and creates standards for use of used parts in damaged motor vehicles, for motor vehicle replacement parts.) {LC1987/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5732**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD (Requires sellers of gift cards to post notice warning of scams/instructing consumers what to do as victims/train employees to identify/respond to fraud/violations punishable by a civil fine of \$500.) {LC1807/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5733**BY** Giraldo, Morales, Alzate, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS (Prohibits financial institutions from investing in private detention centers or any entity that owns or invests in a for-profit institution that owns or contracts with a government entity to manage or run a prison.) {LC1717/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5734**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION (Prohibits the use of certain information sources, and algorithms and predictive models that use external data, to unfairly discriminate based on race and other matters in regard to any insurance practice.) {LC39/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5735**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Prohibits Retailer's Class B, C, N and other liquor licenses from being issued to retailers operating within two hundred feet (200') of pre-kindergarten schools and establishments.) {LC639/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5736**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.) {LC2030/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5737**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Abney, Kazarian, Diaz, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.) {LC1983/1} 02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5738****BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires that schools develop a program for in-school suspension that sets aside and equips a specialized learning areas in each school.) {LC1428/1} 02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education**House Bill No. 5739****BY** Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires that both curriculum and teaching practices in Rhode Island schools protect and respect the civil rights of all members of the school community.) {LC1432/1} 02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education**House Bill No. 5740****BY** Giraldo, Morales, Cruz, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Assigns additional duties to the commissioner of on postsecondary education, including preparing strategic plan for public higher education provides for equitable distribution of public funds and adopts an outcomes based model.) {LC1721/1} 02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education**House Bill No. 5741****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Incorporates the department of elementary and secondary education's SurveyWorks school climate indicators for evaluating the performance of LEAs and individual public schools.) {LC2336/1} 02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education**House Bill No. 5742****BY** Noret, Chippendale, Corvese, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS (Adds additional species to the prohibition of hunting, shooting or trapping except in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department of environmental management governing hunting seasons and limits.) {LC1542/1} 02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5743**BY** Place, Chippendale, Nardone, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS (Repeals the certificate of need process statutes which are used by the department of health to determine the need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services.) {LC1949/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5744**BY** Morales, Alzate, McGaw, Carson, Cruz, Kislak, Tanzi, Giraldo, Donovan, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for the treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV infection, commencing January 1, 2024.) {LC252/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5745**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- RHODE ISLAND PERSONAL DATA AND ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island personal data and online privacy protection act.) {LC15/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5746**BY** Baginski, Biah, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Prohibits state agency contract for licensing of software applications designed for generally available desktop/server hardware cannot limit agency choice to install/run software on hardware.) {LC1793/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5747**BY** Morales, McNamara, Felix, Speakman, Henries, Brien, Alzate, Fellela, Cruz, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Provides employees with civil administrative remedies against contractors, subcontractors involved in the contract with joint/severable liability imposed on contractors or subcontractors. Effective 9/1/2023.) {LC1673/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5748**BY** Giraldo, Cruz, Morales, Henries, Sanchez, Felix, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Increases the minimum required awarded to minority business enterprises to 20% and of that, require a minimum of 10% be awarded to minority owned businesses and that a minimum of 10% be awarded to women owned businesses.) {LC1723/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5749**BY** Speakman, Morales, Henries, Alzate, Felix, Giraldo, Potter, Cruz, Tanzi, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT (Grants a right of first refusal to qualified nonprofits for the purchase of certain multi-family residential properties at market prices, within a reasonable period of time to promote the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing..) {LC1470/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5750**BY** Speakman, Knight, Alzate, Tanzi, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Changes the form of public notice requirement for a hearing from certified mail return receipt requested, to certificate of mail (form 3817).) {LC1901/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5751**BY** Speakman, Alzate, Cruz, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the zoning enabling statute to provide for the allowance of redeveloping more minimum housing options as permitted uses.) {LC1838/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5752**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES {LC720/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5753**BY** Rea, Costantino, Edwards, Casey, Chippendale, Hull, Roberts, Fellela, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SMALL BUSINESS TANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Exempts from taxation up to a maximum of \$250,000 of tangible personal property of small businesses. Allows cities, towns, fire districts to increase tax rates on property assessed over excess \$250,000.) {LC1666/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5754**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Corvese, Kennedy, Brien, Lima, Abney, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real, tangible and personal property of Wood River Health Services, Inc., a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, with locations in Westerly and Hopkinton, Rhode Island.) {LC1720/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5755

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Replaces terms "mentally retarded"/"retarded" or "alcoholic"/"drug abuser" used in general laws with "intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with substance use disorder.") {LC1634/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5756**BY** Roberts, Rea, Chippendale, Casey, Cardillo, Phillips, Lima, Costantino, Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.) {LC1909/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5757**BY** Roberts, Kazarian, Craven, Chippendale, Casimiro, Donovan, Cortvriend, Speakman, McNamara, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases minimum sentence for first and second degree sexual assault and provides first 10 years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault and first 5 years for second degree sexual assault, not be subject to a suspension or deferment of sentence.) {LC710/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5758**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Alzate, Solomon, Craven, Lima, Casey, Lombardi J
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Requires that all vehicle model years prior to 2002 would not be required to be issued a title certificate until ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security interest in the vehicle.) {LC1155/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5759**BY** Morgan P, Morales, Roberts, Rea, Messier, Cruz, Handy, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Requires two (2) tax sale notices to taxpayer. Requires in-person or zoom notice. Requires departments of revenue, tax and other state agencies to assist in locating the taxpayer. Prevents a tax sale if a payment schedule has been negotiated.) {LC1447/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5760

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Speakman, Morales, Henries, Alzate, Felix, Giraldo, Potter, Cruz, Tanzi, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR CHANCE IN HOUSING ACT

(Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants, provides fines for failure to comply and requires notice of denials be sent to the prospective tenants.) {LC461/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5761

BY Felix, Henries, Kislak, Giraldo, Tanzi, Morales, McNamara, Fogarty, Kazarian, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND

SALE -- MEDIATION CONFERENCE (Removes the sunset provision relative to mediation coverage prior to mortgage foreclosures.) {LC1796/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5762

BY Sanchez, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Stewart, Potter, Alzate, Chippendale, Roberts, Fellela, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE --

HOLIDAYS (Creates a state holiday for the last day of Ramadan in accordance with the Islamic calendar.) {LC2040/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5763

BY Kislak, Henries, Alzate, Stewart, Hull, Morales, Cotter, Sanchez, Felix, Speakman

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

IMPACT STATEMENT ACT (Creates the "equity impact statement act", requiring that all legislation submitted in the general assembly include an equity impact statement.) {LC1833/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5764

BY Stewart, Potter, Morales, Tanzi, Sanchez, Henries, Cruz

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

ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act as a new article in the state building code.) {LC1360/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5765

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Cotter, Spears, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC2013/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5766

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Cotter, Spears, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND

CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Authorizes driver education schools to offer the driver training curriculum in a classroom setting or an instructor-led virtual format.) {LC2015/1}

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5767**BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Requires the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to prescribe or approve power-of-attorney forms to be used in connection with vehicle registrations.) {LC1982/1}
02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5768****BY** Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Noret, Alzate, Solomon, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires an Automobile Association of America (AAA) program entitled "Shifting Gears: The Blunt Truth About Marijuana and Driving" to be added to the curriculum for driver education once it has been approved by the state board of education.) {LC1188/1}
02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5769****BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Kennedy, Noret, Biah, Costantino, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.) {LC1942/1}
02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Resolution No. 5770****BY** Alzate, Ajello, Cortvriend, Batista, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Boylan, Giraldo, Voas**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF SUFFRAGE (Would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.) {LC1645/1}
02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Resolution No. 5771****BY** Messier, Kislak, Fenton-Fung, Knight, Cortvriend, Morales, Ajello, Speakman, Biah, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.) {LC1345/1}
02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections**House Bill No. 5772****BY** Kislak, Morales, Cotter, Donovan, Spears, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Requires parental consent prior to conducting an initial evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program, as well as prior to changes being made to any IEP services or placement.) {LC1328/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5773**BY** Kislak, Morales, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to ratify any collective bargaining agreement entered into on behalf of the Providence public school district.) {LC2033/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5774**BY** Chippendale, Brien, Nardone, Costantino, Rea, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT (Establishes the Failing School Choice Act, to permit students at failing schools to enroll in any public school. It also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.) {LC1873/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5775**BY** Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Permits local communities to adopt an all-charter school public school model for public education.) {LC1952/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5776**BY** Shanley, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Provides for a Kosher option for school lunches for public elementary and secondary schools in Rhode Island upon the request of the local school districts.) {LC1216/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5777**BY** Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Henries, Morales, Tanzi, McNamara, Kazarian, Casimiro, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT (Creates a new chapter for the support and access to bilingual education. It creates a dual language program fund to be administered by the department of education. Local education agencies would be eligible to apply to the department for funding.) {LC1766/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5778**BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Bennett, Edwards, Caldwell, Dawson, Finkelman, Sanchez, Lombardi J, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE – COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES (Repeals the insurance of multipurpose vessel licenses.) {LC1882/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5779

(By Request)

BY Knight, Speakman, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires the executive director of the coastal resources management council to hire a hearing officer if the position is vacant for more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.) {LC1792/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5780

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Alzate, Diaz, Giraldo, Batista, Biah, Henries, Felix, Morales, Abney, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- DRIVER PRIVILEGE CARDS AND PERMITS (Reduces the fee for an original driver privilege card from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).) {LC1712/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5781**BY** Kazarian, Giraldo, Carson, Cotter, Donovan, Serpa, Batista, O'Brien, Shanley, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Includes siblings/grandchildren/care recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's allowances from \$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2047/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5782

(City of Providence)

BY Biah, Hull, Lombardi J, Morales, DeSimone, Batista, O'Brien, Diaz, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Subjects to taxation real property owned by non-profit institutions of higher education/nonprofit hospitals also amends charters issued by the general assembly to non-profit institutions/hospitals.) {LC1798/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5783

(City of Providence)

BY Batista, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the city of Providence to enter into a thirty (30) year tax exemption agreement relating to the Port of Providence.) {LC1802/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5784

BY Cotter, Edwards, Potter, Baginski, Speakman, Casimiro, Kazarian, Chippendale, McNamara, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PRODUCT OPERATIONS (Sales tax exemption for commercial forest product operations. Creates motor vehicle forestry plate registration.) {LC1650/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5785

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Henries, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibits contracts with private, for-profit prison facilities or with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the purposes of housing and detaining people.) {LC1715/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5786

BY Giraldo, Morales, Alzate, Henries, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY CORPORATIONS (Repeals the municipal detention facility corporations and prohibits the operation of private detention facilities and private public partnerships within the state. Those currently in operation may continue to do so until December 31, 2030.) {LC1716/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5787

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Raises the maximum age of eligibility for pediatric palliative services from eighteen (18) to twenty-six (26) and would raise of eligibility for enhances services from age eight (8) to age twenty-six (26).) {LC73/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5788

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Caldwell, Vella-Wilkinson, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Removes requirement for payment of 5% hotel tax to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau and redistributes the tax to the regional tourism district where hotel or residential unit is located.) {LC1976/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5789

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi J, Carson, Spears, Donovan, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated.) {LC2009/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5790

BY Cotter, Baginski, Morales, Speakman, Tanzi, Casimiro, Kazarian, Kislak, McNamara, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PRE-KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Creates public, high quality pre-kindergarten education programs which are available to all children ages three (3) and four (4) throughout Rhode Island to increase children's school readiness.) {LC1545/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5791

BY Giraldo, Morales, Cruz, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Expands the promise scholarship program to allow a student who is eligible to receive funds under the Rhode Island promise scholarship to use the same funds at most public or private institutions of postsecondary education in Rhode Island.) {LC1719/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5792

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, McGaw, Abney, Tanzi, Fogarty, Caldwell, Boylan, Edwards, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Amends the computation of school housing-aid for school housing projects and would provide that construction of certain projects commence in June, 2024, rather than December, 2023 in order to align such projects with the fiscal year.) {LC1813/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5793

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Cruz, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Requires that the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by five percent (5%) for projects that ensure Rhode Island based minority business enterprises reach a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the dollar value of the bid.) {LC1999/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5794

BY Giraldo, Morales, Kislak, Casimiro, Cruz, Potter, Voas, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2023.) {LC1757/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5795

BY Rea, Chippendale, Place, Newberry, Cardillo, Brien, Casey, Edwards, McNamara, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS PROGRAM (Requires general treasurer upon request from RIDE to establish education savings account to assist remote-learning students with educational support exempt from state income tax.) {LC1877/1}
02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5796**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Provides that certain dental procedures be covered by Medicaid and dental insurance.) {LC1697/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5797**BY** Alzate, Ajello, Giraldo, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Increases eligibility, beginning July 1, 2023, for the three (3) federal Medicare Savings Programs and eliminates the asset test for these programs.) {LC1503/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5798**BY** Slater, Kazarian, Edwards, O'Brien, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Increases the daily rate of payments to nursing facilities by twenty percent (20%) for single occupancy rooms to include private bathrooms.) {LC1590/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5799**BY** Morales, Cruz, Cotter, Giraldo, Stewart, McGaw, McNamara, Speakman, Henries, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

(Directs the department of human services commencing July 1, 2023, to pay an additional SNAP benefit of \$95.00 per month, through to December 1, 2023, to recipients of SNAP benefits.)

{LC1786/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5800**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Phillips, Edwards, Caldwell, Dawson, Finkelman, Lombardi J, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATEWIDE TANGIBLE PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPTION (Exempts up to a maximum of \$250,000 of tangible personal property of businesses from taxation. Provides reimbursement to cities, towns, fire districts from state revenues, for the amount of lost taxes resulting from the exemption.) {LC1779/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5801**BY** Carson, Edwards, Kazarian, O'Brien, Cortvriend, Baginski, Fogarty, McNamara, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL

PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Add a "national touring production" to the productions that are considered an "accredited theater production" for purposes of musical and theatrical production tax credits and extends the sunset of the credits to July 1 2027.) {LC1981/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5802**BY** Costantino, Lima, Cardillo, Rea, Fellela, Baginski, Noret, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Phases in an annual increase of the net taxable estate exemption over an eight (8) year period until the state exemption equals the federal exemption.) {LC1587/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5803**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Edwards, Bennett, Morales, Caldwell, Dawson, Sanchez, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FOOD DONATION (Provides a tax credit for food donations by qualified taxpayers to nonprofit organizations.) {LC1865/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5804**BY** Rea, Hull, Brien, Casey, Edwards, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Place, Nardone, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the aggregate amount of tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations to \$5,000,000 for 2024) {LC1310/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5805**BY** Brien, Corvese, Baginski, Chippendale, Serpa, Cardillo, Phillips, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Creates a sales and use tax holiday for the second week in July, annually.) {LC1775/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5806**BY** Casey, Newberry, Brien, Phillips, Costantino, Morgan P, Place, Solomon, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from, and were taxed in another state.) {LC235/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5807

(by request)

BY Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification for charitable contributions to any federally recognized organization pursuant to IRC 501(c)(3).) {LC712/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5808

BY Donovan, Kazarian, Speakman, Alzate, Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Carson, Caldwell, Tanzi, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S EQUITY INCENTIVE ACT OF 2023 (Creates the Rhode Island Women's Equity Incentive Act of 2023 to address the inequalities experienced by women in the workforce by offering tax credits up to \$2,500 per year to eligible businesses which create full-time jobs for women.) {LC1744/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5809

BY Morgan P, Fenton-Fung, Roberts, Rea, Nardone, Kennedy, Casey, Shanley, Baginski, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SUPPLY CHAIN RELOCATION (Provides tax credits to an entity that relocates any part of the United States supply chain to Rhode Island. This act also provides tax credits and incentives to an entity that re-shores manufacturing production lines to Rhode Island.) {LC1938/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5810

BY Giraldo, Morales, Cruz, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME-VISITING ACT (Makes the Medicaid rate increase permanent for the first connections family home-visiting program and requires additional information to be added to the annual family home-visiting report.) {LC1745/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5811

BY Stewart, Potter, Morales, Tanzi, Sanchez, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - DIVESTMENT OF STATE PENSION FUNDS FROM MILITARY CONTRACTORS (Requires the state investment commission to identify pension fund investments in military weapon manufacturers whether held directly and indirectly with certain exceptions.) {LC1937/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5812

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Effective July 1, 2023, entitle environmental police officers to the benefits provided by chapter 21.2 of title 45 entitled "Optional retirement for members of police force and firefighters.") {LC1389/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5813

BY Casey, Brien, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Chippendale, Costantino, Kazarian, Lombardi J, Cardillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Extends the time for an inspection of a new motor vehicle from two (2) years to seven (7) years.) {LC1827/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5814

BY Costantino, Alzate, O'Brien, Lima, Cardillo, Bennett, Rea, Fellela, Sanchez, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OFFENSES AGAINST REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE LAWS (Decreases the amount of the reinstatement fees for a motor vehicle registration or certificate of title which was revoked, denied or suspended and reduced reinstatement fees for suspension or revocation of registration or certificate of title.) {LC1585/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5815

BY Costantino, Phillips, Serpa, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Noret, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes DMV to issue one year renewal registrations for vehicles leased for thirty-six months and enables DMV to refund, to a registrant of leased vehicle, who cancels registration that portion of registration fee paid that represents 6 months of fee.) {LC1586/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5816

BY Morales, Caldwell, Biah, Tanzi, Kislak, Cruz, Felix, Speakman, Carson, Alzate
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000 TO THE HAUS OF CODEC (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,500,000 to the Haus of Codec.) {LC1794/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5817

BY Rea, Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Phillips, Noret, Finkelman, Morgan P
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.) {LC1703/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5818

BY Speakman, Giraldo, Morales, Tanzi, Alzate, Cotter, Cruz, Henries, Hull, Batista
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING FUND {LC1819/1}

02/22/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5819

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.) {LC2230/1}

02/23/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TRANSFER OF BILLS

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

House Bill No. 5736

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.) {LC2030/1}

02/23/2023 Committee transferred to House Labor

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

House Bill No. 5688

BY Morgan P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.) {LC1592/1}

02/22/2023 Committee transferred to House Education

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health & Human Services:

House Bill No. 5687

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Kislak, Tanzi, Potter, McNamara, Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Cotter, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Amends provisions of law relative to the disclosure of confidential healthcare information and records and the disclosure thereof occurring through electronic means.) {LC1619/1}

02/22/2023 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5755

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Replaces terms "mentally retarded"/"retarded" or "alcoholic"/"drug abuser" used in general laws with "intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with substance use disorder.") {LC1634/1}

02/22/2023 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

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

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}

02/22/2023 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

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

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}

02/23/2023 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

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

House Bill No. 5016

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Tiverton, adopted and approved on November 8, 2022.) {LC156/1}

02/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/28/2023)

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}

02/24/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/28/2023)

House Bill No. 5121**BY** Cotter, Spears, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Richmond, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of Richmond on November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2022.) {LC563/1}

02/27/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/02/2023)

House Bill No. 5263**BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Provides a tax abatement of up to \$2,000 to Jamestown firefighters based upon years of service, quantity of calls responded to and number of training hours and is transferrable to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.) {LC1087/1}

02/27/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/02/2023)

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}

02/27/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/02/2023)

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:**House Bill No. 5784****BY** Cotter, Edwards, Potter, Baginski, Speakman, Casimiro, Kazarian, Chippendale, McNamara, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PRODUCT OPERATIONS (Sales tax exemption for commercial forest product operations. Creates motor vehicle forestry plate registration.) {LC1650/1}

02/26/2023 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Kazarian, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Diane Rose; on motion of Representative Voas, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sara Laboissonniere; on motion of Representative Morales, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Pierre Sasha Michael Lipton; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Maria Alves; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Sgt. Major Richard Winkelman; on motion of Representative Serpa, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the 100 victims of the Station Nightclub fire seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE TERESA ANN TANZI

Almighty God: We pray you to bless us with your wisdom, tolerance, and patience as we work to solve the needs of all those who are struggling in our communities. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5016**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

2. **2023-H 5288**
BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5121**
BY Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

2. **2023-H 5263**
BY Finkelman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. **2023-H 5287**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, February 27, 2023