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Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Ninth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 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 74 members present and 1 member absent as follows:

PRESENT – 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, 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, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 1: Representative Finkelman.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Brandon T. Voas who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 25, 2024, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024:**1. 2024-H 7085**

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND BIBLE DOCTRINE CHURCH

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Read and passed, 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, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, 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

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, Representative Marszalkowski gives a heartfelt welcome and congratulates Mount St. Charles Academy President Alan Tenreiro, Principal Julie Beauvais, and Chaplain Brother Nelson Dionne on the school's 100th anniversary.

Representative Tanzi is pleased to welcome to the House Chamber in recognition of Food Insecurity Awareness Day, Rhode Island Food Bank Chief Executive Officer Andrew Schiff, Rhode Island Department of Human Services Director Kimberly Brito, and her constituent, Kate Brewster, the Executive Director of Jonnycake Center for Hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representative Morales warmly welcomes to the House Chamber award-winning writer, actress, and storyteller Dr. Amina Blackwood Meeks, who is the Founder and Artistic Director of Ntukuma and Storytelling Foundation of Jamaica and former Rhode Island State Representative Marcia Ranglin-Vassell, and her husband, Van Vassell. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces that all members should have received copies of the budget at a second glance today and that the Committee on Finance will begin meeting next week.

Chairwoman Alzate announces that the Committee on Special Legislation will meet today, at the rise, in Room 135 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will meet on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Members who have yet to acquire an updated official portrait for the Rhode Island General Assembly website are invited to Room 205 at the Rise for a new photograph.

Majority Leader Blazejewski reminds the House members that their Campaign Finance Reports are due at the Board of Elections by tomorrow, January 31, 2024.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 7346**

BY Shekarchi, Marszalkowski, Blazejewski, Phillips, Casey, Brien, Chippendale, Tanzi, Solomon, Fellela

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT SAINT CHARLES ACADEMY {LC3270/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Marszalkowski and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7347

BY Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Chippendale, Kazarian, Casey, Bennett, Morales, Handy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" ON JANUARY 28TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4467/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7348

BY Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kislak, Speakman, Lombardi J, Hull, Felix, Ajello

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2024, TO BE "RHODE ISLAND FOOD INSECURITY AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3621/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 7349

BY Lombardi J, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Felix, Newberry, Craven, Shanley, Batista

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM P. RAMPONE {LC4399/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Lombardi discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the entire Rampone family.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Lombardi, seconded by many others, 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Chairwoman Alzate, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7068

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, McEntee, Carson, Phillips, Serpa, Dawson, Caldwell, Spears, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Provides that the center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences building at the University of Rhode Island be named as "Joseph '56 Ruby DeChristofaro Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences.") {LC3914/1}
01/30/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/01/2024)

Senate Bill No. 2033

BY Sosnowski, DiMario, Valverde, Felag, Gu
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Provides that the center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences building at the University of Rhode Island be named as "Joseph '56 Ruby DeChristofaro Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences.") {LC3949/1}
01/30/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/01/2024)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 7116

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino, Noret, Finkelman, Newberry, Lima, Cardillo, Casey, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Would amend certain signature requirements and deadlines regarding primaries for election of delegates to national conventions for presidential preference.) {LC3821/1}

01/30/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/01/2024)

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7350**

BY Caldwell, Fogarty, Serpa, McGaw, Speakman, Kislak, Morales, Potter, Edwards, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT (Adopts model legislation facilitating the interstate practice of regulated social workers.) {LC4007/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7351

BY Place, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT (Establishes an economic growth blockchain act, which would regulate virtual and digital assets, and establish depository banks for these purposes.) {LC4114/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7352

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.) {LC4379/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 7353

BY McGaw, Lombardi J, Boylan, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Kislak, Donovan, Handy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING RHODE ISLAND ENERGY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR NEW, MULTI-YEAR ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAMMING {LC4519/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7354

BY Place, Roberts, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS -- CHARTER SCHOOL REFORM (Allows charter schools to engage in nontraditional approaches to learning, permits local communities to adopt all-charter school public school model for public education.) {LC4102/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7355

BY Speakman, Carson, Henries, Knight, Alzate, Donovan, Morales, Caldwell, Ajello, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Prohibits colleges and universities from withholding a student's transcript due to the student failing to pay any expenses owed to the college or university but permits the withholding of a student's academic credits and grades or diploma or degree.) {LC4232/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 7356

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Bennett, McGaw, Carson, Kislak, Boylan, Spears, McEntee, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Enacts the Comprehensive PFAS Ban Act of 2024, prohibiting the intentional addition of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances of PFAS in products offered for sale or manufactured in the state as of January 1, 2027.) {LC4096/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7357

BY McGaw, Spears, Kislak, Cortvriend, Carson, Ajello, Cotter, Henries, DeSimone, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT (Provides for a prohibition on the licensing of any new high-heat waste facility.) {LC4383/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7358

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Bennett, Edwards, Donovan, Cotter, Handy, Cortvriend, Serpa, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Modifies reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and wildlife where the vehicle has been substantially damaged.) {LC4328/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7359

BY Carson, Handy, Casimiro, Boylan, McGaw, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Knight, Donovan, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Prohibits the application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of any public or private pre-school or public or private school with students in grade twelve (12) or lower, except in an emergency situation.) {LC3980/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Resolution No. 7360

BY Carson, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (RIRRC) TO CONDUCT A RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY {LC4639/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Resolution No. 7361

BY Azzinaro, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Spears, Cotter, Cortvriend, Carson, McEntee, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIES TO THE EROSION OF RHODE ISLAND BEACHES (Creates a 9 member commission to study and provide recommendations for remedies to the erosion of RI beaches, and would report back by January 5, 2025 and expire on March 5, 2025.) {LC4575/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 7362

BY Casimiro, Serpa, Fellela, Craven, Baginski, Voas, DeSimone, Carson, Messier, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Establishes general caseload limits for DCYF workers similar to those contained in the Council on Accreditation standards.) {LC4446/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7363

BY Kennedy, Spears, Donovan, Serpa, Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, O'Brien, Cotter, Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health and provides guidance and recommendations to educate health care providers and the citizens of the state.) {LC4516/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7364

BY Kennedy, Kazarian, Edwards, Diaz, Azzinaro, Morales, Serpa, Ackerman, O'Brien, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2025.) {LC4658/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7365

BY Caldwell, Casimiro, McGaw
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.) {LC4054/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7366

BY Place, Rea, Roberts
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.) {LC4113/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 7367**BY** Baginski, Boylan**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 its hardware.) {LC4686/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 7368

(by request)

BY DeSimone, Craven, Slater, Hull, Abney, Carson, Noret, Dawson, Baginski, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NOISE LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (Enables municipalities to install and use automated systems to detect noise limit violations in order to enhance enforcement abilities and reduce noise violations state-wide.) {LC4424/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7369**BY** Perez, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Prohibits the division of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year.) {LC4630/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7370**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Costantino, Azzinaro, Serpa, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive as a felony.) {LC4635/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7371**BY** Caldwell, Craven, Batista, Dawson, Speakman, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.) {LC4013/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7372**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits residential rent increases to ten percent (10%) plus the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually.) {LC4633/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7373

BY Caldwell, Knight, Fellela, Batista, Boylan, Kazarian, Fogarty, Stewart, McEntee, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires safe storage of firearms/provides civil and criminal penalties for violations/adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms requiring a trigger lock to be included with purchase/requires firearms dealers post signs regarding safe storage.) {LC4005/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7374

BY Place, Brien, Rea
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- CONCEALED CARRY REFORM {LC4104/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7375

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Azzinaro, Serpa, Corvese, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Expands the statute of limitations with respect to any wrongful act resulting in the death of a child in utero or within six (6) months after the birth of the child, to ten (10) years after the death of the child.) {LC4631/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7376

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Spears, McNamara, Knight, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Boylan, Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Requires written acknowledgment from any buyer of oceanfront or shoreline property that they have been informed of the public's rights and privileges of the shore.) {LC3647/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7377

BY Stewart, Handy, Cortvriend, Felix, Cruz, Boylan, Alzate, Tanzi, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act as a new article in the state building code.) {LC4235/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7378

BY Voas, Casimiro, Messier, Giraldo, Ackerman, Alzate, Slater, O'Brien, Dawson, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits every municipality in the state to offer a homestead tax exemption of up to 20% of assessed value on residential properties, and also provides that municipalities that grant greater exemptions not be limited by this section.) {LC4611/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7379

BY Voas, Giraldo, Ackerman, Potter, Alzate, Solomon, Slater, Baginski, O'Brien, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits municipalities to enact ordinances that provides them the authority to organize local tax amnesty events once every three (3) years.) {LC4610/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7380

BY Place, Newberry, Rea, Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE ACT (Allows the towns of Burrillville and Glocester to publish notices in any newspaper located within their municipalities and would also allow publication in other designated digital or print platforms selected by their city or town councils.) {LC4106/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7381

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Costantino, Corvese, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Places a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2024, and every December 31 thereafter.) {LC4629/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7382

BY Baginski, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provide the maximum number of unrelated persons living together that could be constitute an individual household would not be less than one person per bedroom.) {LC4693/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7383

BY Voas, Solomon, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Finkelman, Batista, McNamara, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) with respect to municipal taxes.) {LC4609/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 7384

(Dept. of BHDDH)
BY Slater, Diaz, Hull, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the "Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center" as the "Roosevelt Benton Center".) {LC4426/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7385

BY Donovan, Chippendale, Fogarty, Tanzi, Carson, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, Henries, Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (This act would amend the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation special plate law to include an annual ten-dollar (10.00) surcharge for plate renewals.) {LC4256/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 7386

BY Stewart, Morales, Potter, Boylan, Sanchez, Cruz, Kazarian, Ackerman, Voas, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES -- FREEDOM TO READ (Encourages and protects the freedom of public libraries to acquire materials without limitations and prohibits materials being removed from public libraries due to partisan or doctrinal disapproval.) {LC4415/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7387

BY Baginski, Brien, Corvese, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Prohibits synthetic media within ninety (90) days of an election.) {LC4624/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7388

BY Place, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RIGHT TO EARN A LIVING ACT (Establishes procedures to ensure agency regulations don't restrict individuals from businesses and professions, including home-based businesses, barbers, hairdressers and manicurists.) {LC4212/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7389

BY Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Rea
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.) {LC4117/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7390

BY Place, Rea, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Roberts
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.) {LC4112/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7391**BY** Place, Nardone, Roberts, Rea, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES (Requires that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.) {LC4108/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7392**BY** Place, Roberts, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Creates a new additional post-election risk-limiting audit of voted mail ballots, focusing on voter signature verification.) {LC4110/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7393**BY** Messier, Fogarty, Donovan, Speakman, Brien, Fellela, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases role of division of motor vehicles in voter registration and addresses verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual application to register to vote.) {LC4071/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7394**BY** McGaw, Boylan, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Tanzi, Ackerman, Fellela, Stewart, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY CALLING FOR PUBLICATION AND AFFIRMATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (Requests that the President, Joseph R. Biden, publish without delay the Equal Rights Amendment as our Twenty-Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.) {LC3591/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7395**BY** Place, Sanchez, Knight, Brien**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- JURY NULLIFICATION AS PROPER TRIAL DEFENSE ARGUMENT (This joint resolution would propose to the voters a constitutional amendment which would allow a criminal defendant to argue jury nullification as a defense.) {LC4109/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 7396

BY Messier, Knight, Kislak, Morales, Handy, Serpa, Fellela, Donovan, Speakman, Spears
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.) {LC4072/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7397

BY Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that the permanent foundation educational aid program would provide state funding for school-based mental health services pursuant to specified conditions.) {LC3910/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7398

BY Morales, Giraldo, Kislak, Potter, Henries, Alzate, Sanchez, Felix, Diaz, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Provides the state would cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for persons who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status.) {LC4238/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7399

BY Solomon, Casey, Casimiro, Lima, Costantino, Noret, Corvese, Cardillo, Baginski, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday on August 10 and 11, 2024.) {LC4123/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7400

BY Caldwell, Batista, Stewart, Handy, McNamara, McGaw, Speakman, Kislak, Ajello, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.) {LC4012/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7401

(by request)

BY Slater, Diaz, Hull, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Permits a school to calculate its maintenance of effort on a per-pupil basis and to deduct any nonrecurring expenditure from its maintenance of effort.) {LC4227/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7402

(by request)

BY Slater, Diaz, Hull, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID (Exempts schools or school districts subject to an intervention for failing schools from the withholding of aid provisions for infractions related to nonpayment of tuition owed by one community to another.) {LC4228/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7403

(by request)

BY Slater, Diaz, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Allocates, to the cities and towns of the state, a portion of state income taxes for new employees of not-for-profit healthcare institutions and private educational institutions.) {LC4229/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7404

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Casimiro, Serpa, Phillips, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Craven, Fellela, Baginski, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Relocates certain provisions of the general laws relating to child care assistance from the Rhode Island Works Program to the chapter on child care state subsidies.) {LC4430/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7405

BY Place, Morales, Sanchez, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.) {LC3582/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7406

BY Morgan P

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SUPPLY CHAIN RELOCATION INCENTIVES (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.) {LC3978/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7407

BY Donovan, Edwards, Potter, Carson, Tanzi, Speakman, Cotter, Fogarty, Kennedy, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ORGAN DONATION LEAVE TAX CREDIT (Provides tax credits to any private entity that gives paid time off to an employee who is an organ donor.) {LC4584/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7408

(by request)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC4088/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7409

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides that any benefit that a
beneficiary is entitled to shall be exempt from lien, attachment or garnishment and would not be
transferable or assignable and provides provisions for disclaiming any such benefit.) {LC4625/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7410

BY Ackerman, Kennedy, Edwards, Hull, Newberry, Voas, Potter, McNamara, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS
(Prohibits subscription or access fee charges for public access to recorded real estate
instruments/limits recording and copying fees to amounts provided by statute with regards to
cities/towns/third-party providers.) {LC3597/1}
01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:37 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Cardillo, and as a further mark of respect to the
memory of Robert Brooks; on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to
the memory of Bobby Joe Harris; on motion of Representative Lombardi, and as a further mark of
respect to the memory of Hon. William Rampone seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale
the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE BRANDON T. VOAS

Dear God, We give thanks to you for giving us another day to serve your people. Send your spirit this day and every day to guide us as we work to make life better for all Rhode Islanders. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024:

1. 2024-H 7068

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

2. 2024-S 2033

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

3. 2024-H 7116

BY Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, January 30, 2024