

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Second Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

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Thursday, February 1, 2024

Tenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 1, 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 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT**—72: 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, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, 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** – 3: Representatives Felix, Finkelman and Kazarian.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Nathan W. Biah, Sr., 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, January 30, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Alex Finkelman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 1, 2024.  
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 1, 2024.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Casey, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, McEntee, Ajello, and Deputy Speaker Hull.

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, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**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.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and several others.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent (24-H7068 and 24-S2023), on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate forthwith.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**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.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Lima, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, McNamara, Corvese, Bennet, Floor Manager Edwards, Representatives Slater, Cardillo, McGaw, Speakman, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Costantino, Lombardi, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Potter, and Alzate.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: 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, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales,

Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### Senate Bill No. 2245

BY Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Ryan Pearson to join Alyssa Poirier and Justin Ledo in marriage on or about February 14, 2024, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC4590/1}

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

There is no objection.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Representative Casey, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representative Bennett and Floor Manager Edwards.

On a machine vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, 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, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent (24-H7116), on the Clerk's desk, it is ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate forthwith.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Minority Leader Chippendale invites all members to attend The Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts Legislative meet and greet on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the House Lounge.

Representative Cotter shared a personal note with House members. It's the 8th anniversary of her father's passing from colon cancer. In light of this, she emphasizes the importance of prioritizing our health and encourages everyone to schedule routine colonoscopies.

Majority Leader Blazewski announces that the House will meet next week on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, and Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. All members are reminded to check their mailboxes before or after every session.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 7411**

**BY** McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazewski, Biah, Donovan, Chippendale, Potter, Cruz, Ackerman, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK" ON FEBRUARY 5-9, 2024, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4464/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7412**

**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McEntee, Tanzi, Fellela, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING DR. AMINA BLACKWOOD MEEKS TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND COMMENDING HER FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING COMMUNITY

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7413**

**BY** Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McEntee, Tanzi, Bennett, Fellela, Kennedy, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 4, 2024, AS "TRANSIT EQUITY DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND IN HONOR OF ROSA PARKS AND HER HISTORIC FIGHT FOR EQUITABLE PUBLIC TRANSIT {LC4463/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7414**

**BY** Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Batista, Shanley, Diaz, Slater, Giraldo, Hull

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2024, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4402/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Alzate and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7415**

**BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Morales, Dawson, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF  
DR. DONNA LOUISE GILTON {LC4682/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7416**

**BY** Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Sanchez, Henries, Abney, Biah, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2024, AS "BLACK  
HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4016/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Henries discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7417**

**BY** Ackerman, Finkelman, Boylan, Shekarchi, Knight, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Kennedy, Edwards,  
McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND AND BEYOND {LC3851/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Representative Lima discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7418**

**BY** Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Casimiro, Hull, Lima, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", THE FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE {LC4645/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7419**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4616/1}

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. 7420**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC4707/1}

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. 7421****BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4617/1}

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.

**House Resolution No. 7422****BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC4706/1}

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:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Corvese announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 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.

**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.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 2246**

**BY** Gallo, Miller, Lombardi F, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE (Authorizes the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$40,000,000 general obligation bonds.) {LC4265/1}  
02/02/2024 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2091**

**BY** Valverde, Sosnowski, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS (Authorizes town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$150,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition/construction/improvement/renovation/furnishing/equipping of a new high school/athletic facility/other school facilities in the town.) {LC3574/1}  
02/02/2024 Referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION**

Chairwoman Alzate, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 2099**

**BY** Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Timothy Conlon to join Sarah Conlon and Andrew Proulx in marriage on or about March 22, 2024, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3915/1}  
02/02/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/06/2024)

**COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS**

Chairwoman McEntee, for the Committee on Small Business, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 7064 SUB A**

**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Carson, Diaz, Phillips, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OUTDOOR DINING ACT

(Establishes standards governing the municipal regulation of outdoor dining at food service establishments.) {LC3431/A/1}

02/02/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/06/2024)

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 7423**

(Div. of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, O'Brien, Phillips, Hull, Biah, Brien, Fellela, Slater

**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.) {LC4381/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7424**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name" and centralizes the filing, administration and regulation process of trade names to the secretary of state and requires an annual renewal of the trade name.) {LC4668/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7425**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Solomon, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (Requires certain limited liability partnership providing professional services to carry liability insurance.) {LC4665/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7426**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY** Solomon, Casey

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

DECOMMISSIONING PLANS (Requires that developers of ground-mounted solar systems submit a plan for decommissioning to be held on file by the municipality and requires DEM, with the office of energy resources, make publicly available model decommissioning plans.) {LC4331/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7427**

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY** DeSimone, Cardillo, Biah, McEntee, Ackerman, Corvese, Slater, Azzinaro, Dawson, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- EXCAVATION  
NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Amends the provision of notice to be provided  
for the release of any hazardous gas or liquid as determined by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety Administration.) {LC4380/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7428**

**BY** Place, Rea, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION (Replaces time to time language with staggered for acquisitions,  
commission would review the acquisition plan, and requires an annual review. Repeals §§ 39-1-  
27.3.1 and 39-1-27.8 dealing with standard offer service.) {LC3579/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7429**

**BY** Chippendale, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Brien, Fenton-Fung, Vella-  
Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION (Changes the requirements of quarterly meetings of the board to  
monthly meetings. The chairperson of the board would be the commissioner or acting commissioner  
of the office of energy resources.) {LC3487/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7430**

**BY** Chippendale, Costantino, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Cardillo, Newberry, Nardone, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE  
ENERGY STANDARD (Restores several provisions of the Renewable Energy Standards chapter  
which were repealed in 2022.) {LC4570/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7431**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET  
METERING (Modifies the definition of "core forest" to refer to unfragmented forest blocks or single  
or multiple parcels totaling 250 acres or greater and at least 25 yards from mapped roads.)  
{LC4786/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7432**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND  
LIQUIDATION ACT (Provides that no person, for over ten days, shall be restricted from enforcing a  
right under any pledge, security, credit, guarantee agreement, arrangement or other agreement credit  
enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.) {LC4268/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7433**

**BY** Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, McGaw, Tanzi, Handy, McEntee, Chippendale, Donovan, Newberry, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES (Amend the standards for issuing Medicare supplemental insurance policies.) {LC3753/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7434**

**BY** Sanchez, Place, Morales, Hull, Shanley, Stewart, Craven, Phillips, Slater, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Amends the current law to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the bottle to be consumed on the premises of a licensee.) {LC3533/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7435**

(Dept. Business Regulation)

**BY** Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Lima, Costantino, Messier, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Enacts a chapter to regulate pet insurance.) {LC4386/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 7436**

**BY** Place, Rea, Brien

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, RETIREMENT PLANS AND OTHER TRADITIONAL EMPLOYER PROVIDED BENEFITS ARE ACCORDED TO UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS, SELF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (This resolution creates a 5 member commission to study various insurance and benefit plans provided to Uber, Lyft, and self-employed drivers, and would report back by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.) {LC4105/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7437**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY** Tanzi, Felix, Cotter, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.) {LC4375/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7438**

(by request)

**BY** Carson, Donovan, Giraldo, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Diaz, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Establishes a task force managed by the children's cabinet to develop recommendations to improve access to early intervention and early childhood special education services.) {LC4774/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7439**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Delays from June 1, 2024, until June 1, 2025, the necessity to conduct monitoring for the maximum number PFAS in drinking water and would amend the type of water systems to which the requirement applies.) {LC4457/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7440**

**BY** Boylan, Cotter, Bennett, Chippendale, Edwards, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, Knight, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER

CRUSTACEANS (Amends the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during the hours of darkness.) {LC4596/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7441**

**BY** Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Adds pickles and relish to foods not requiring refrigeration, the sale of raw milk and the taking of mushrooms for personal use.) {LC4098/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7442**

**BY** Chippendale, Hull, Ackerman, Costantino, Lombardi J, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2024, and restores access to telemedicine for all residents and allows treatment by out-of-state providers.) {LC3603/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7443**

**BY** Tanzi, Boylan, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.) {LC4052/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7444**

**BY** Tanzi, Boylan, Spears, Ajello, Handy, Alzate, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Stewart  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.) {LC4055/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7445**

**BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Giraldo, Alzate, Spears, Henries, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation/drug therapies, programs approved by the state board of pharmacy. The cessation therapies would be covered by all health insurance carriers on or after 1/1/25.) {LC4644/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7446**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Substitutes the current lists of controlled substances in the general laws with the current version of title 21 of the code of federal regulations.) {LC4458/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7447**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Dawson, McGaw, Shanley, O'Brien, McEntee, Noret, Craven, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.) {LC4663/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7448**

(Dept. of BHDDH)

**BY** Kislak, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Potter, Edwards, Donovan, Cotter, Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.) {LC4427/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7449**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Casimiro, Alzate, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Allows victims of sexual assault to submit a medical forensic exam performed by a licensed health care provider in lieu of a police report in order to establish eligibility for funds under the State Crime Victim Compensation Program.) {LC4582/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7450**

**BY** Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS -- BILL OF RIGHTS ENHANCEMENT (Requires law enforcement to obtain consent before placing audio or video recorders on the private property of another.) {LC4097/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7451**

**BY** Solomon, Stewart, Slater, Giraldo, Bennett, Voas, Potter, Handy, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Establishes a program within the adult correctional institution to permit medication assisted treatment approved by the FDA to be provided for the treatment of opioid use disorder to any incarcerated individual.) {LC4214/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7452**

**BY** Ajello, Craven, Tanzi, Cruz, Kislak, Sanchez, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals provisions that assess costs for women in the community corrections program for women offenders and repeals the crime of loitering for prostitution.) {LC3633/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7453**

**BY** Place, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires search warrant for electronic information, prohibits stingray cell-site simulators.) {LC4095/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7454**

**BY** Serpa, Solomon, Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT (Prohibits the sale of new fur products and provides graduated civil penalties for violations of the act.) {LC4595/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-27-2024, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 7455****BY** McNamara, Potter, Solomon, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION

(Denies the right of footway, except within one hundred (100) yards of the Pawtuxet River in the cities of Warwick and Cranston and except in connection with a right to pass with carriages to be acquired by prescription or adverse use.) {LC4660/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7456****BY** Slater, Diaz, Edwards, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

(Amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them more consistent with applicable federal regulations and makes said laws more comprehensible and consistent with each other.) {LC4556/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7457****BY** Sanchez, Morales, Hull, Stewart, Henries, Handy, Speakman, Serpa, Ajello, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF

WAGES -- FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT (Eliminate all exceptions to the provision that all employees are to be paid weekly except for employees of the state and its political subdivisions, municipal governments, and non-profit organizations with less than twenty-five (25) employees.) {LC4178/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7458****BY** Tanzi, Boylan, Spears, Felix, Morales, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Henries, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Fair employment practices to include individuals appointed, contract for hire of apprenticeships.) {LC4077/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7459****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Casimiro, Lima, Hull, Fellela, Lombardi J, O'Brien, Shanley, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES (Requires that if state employee unions are engaged in contract negotiations and/or utilizing the dispute resolution process, all terms and conditions in the collective bargaining agreement shall continue to remain in effect.) {LC4720/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7460**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Marszalkowski, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT

FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Requires municipalities managing their own pension system to submit a statutorily required actuarial experience study to the advisory council to locally administered pension plans, rather than to a since-dissolved study commission.)

{LC4578/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7461****BY** Craven, Noret, Dawson, O'Brien, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Allows the presumption of in-the-line-of-duty illness unless contrary evidence is presented.) {LC4640/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7462****BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases the membership of the energy facility siting board from 3 to 5 members and would revise the process of energy facility siting to mandate inclusion/participation of the host community of the facility as well as of the public and cities and towns.) {LC4115/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7463****BY** Tanzi, Felix, Ajello, Cruz, Morales, Cortvriend, Potter, Henries, Speakman, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides for code blue and code red alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities must follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with shelter.) {LC4653/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7464****BY** Baginski, Edwards, Hull, Shanley, Casimiro, Fellela, DeSimone, Lima, McEntee, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Extends injured-on-duty (IOD) benefits to police officers and firefighters that suffer from diagnosed post-traumatic stress disorders, except under certain conditions.) {LC4626/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7465****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Casimiro, Hull, Lima, Fellela, Lombardi J, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number and its expiration date.) {LC4721/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7466****BY** Morgan P, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Replaces the tax sale auction process with a real estate broker listing of the land for fair market value and any surplus proceeds realized upon sale shall be paid to the owner of the real estate at the time of the sale.) {LC3977/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7467**

**BY** Azzinaro, Baginski, Casey, Noret, Kennedy, Hull, Lombardi J, Place, Corvese, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE --  
DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Directs the governor to select a day and annually order the  
lowering of flags to half-mast on any state buildings to honor the passing of first responders.)  
{LC4730/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7468**

(Adm/Emergency Management Agency)

**BY** Casey, Noret, Hull, O'Brien, Shanley, McEntee, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION  
FEES (Exempts the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. from payment of certain  
vehicles registration fees.) {LC4326/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7469**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT  
ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS (Repeals the Interstate Compact on  
Industrialized/Modular Buildings in its entirety.) {LC4390/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7470**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Cardillo, Azzinaro, Noret, Finkelman, Shanley, Felix, Phillips, Serpa, O'Brien, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD  
LIMITS (Adds "loose material" to the contents of a vehicle that must be covered by a covering that  
must remain in place until the vehicle's contents are purged from the vehicle.) {LC4411/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7471**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Tanzi, Felix, Potter, Cotter, Donovan, Lombardi J, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND  
CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Amends several provisions relative to motorcycles and motor scooter  
license and educational requirements including deleting the learners permit requirement for  
motorcycles.) {LC4451/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7472**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Dawson, McGaw, Knight, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE-SPEED-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ACT OF 2016 (Amends the provision relative to the measurements for signs identifying school zone areas with speed enforcement systems.) {LC4413/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7473**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (Updates public records administration act, modifies records control schedule, designates records officer, establishes procedures for retention of records. Provides administrator submit yearly reports, establishes public reporting compliance.) {LC4669/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 7474**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Alzate, Giraldo, Stewart, Voas, Cruz, Potter, Boylan, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales

**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.) {LC4661/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7475**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE LIBRARY (Modernizes all state library laws by eliminating the clearinghouse advisory committee, updating how the clearinghouse publishes its list of publications, reducing the number of physical copies and facilitating digital publication.) {LC4670/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7476**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Shanley, Dawson, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.) {LC4673/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7477**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Casimiro, Hull, Lima, Fellela, Lombardi J, Henries, O'Brien, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Recognizes the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe as a Native American Indian tribe for the limited purpose of assisting this tribe in establishing eligibility for federal benefits and privileges.) {LC4718/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7478**

(Executive Office of Commerce)

**BY** Solomon, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 (Provides that a business unable to meet its first year employment level under the qualified jobs tax credit program established by chapter 48.3 of title 44 would not lose eligibility for tax credits in the remaining years of an award under the program.) {LC4456/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7479**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Hull, Biah, Vella-Wilkinson, Lombardi J, Phillips, DeSimone, Fogarty, Solomon, Abney, Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.) {LC4579/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7480**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Fogarty, Spears, Carson, Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Cotter, Hull, Boylan, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a tax credit to individual taxpayers who convert their gas-powered vehicle into a vehicle propelled by an alternative fuel source.) {LC4577/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7481**

(Dept. of Corrections)

**BY** Dawson, Knight, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Includes the deputy chief of inspection and inspector within the provision of law related to retirement on service allowance relating to correctional officers.) {LC4376/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7482**

**BY** Biah, Hull, McEntee, Cruz, Baginski, DeSimone, Henries, Batista, Morales, Sanchez  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the Rhode Island Black Business Association.) {LC4796/1}  
02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7483**

**BY** Slater, O'Brien, Batista, Diaz, Biah, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 TO WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$750,000 to WaterFire Providence.) {LC4709/1}  
02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7484**

**BY** Place, Quattrocchi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSITION OF FIRE DISTRICT AND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS -- VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT ACT (Allows anyone receiving a state pension to serve on fire district boards and the Pascoag utility board. Authorizes for volunteer firefighters municipal approved real/personal property tax exemptions and income tax credits for training/ equipment costs.) {LC4100/1}  
02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7485**

**BY** O'Brien, Baginski, Solomon, Edwards, McEntee, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Dawson, Cardillo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification for all taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.) {LC4716/1}  
02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7486**

**BY** Ajello, Kislak, Speakman, Potter, Handy, Lombardi J, Alzate, Tanzi, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CAPITAL GAINS (Amends the capital gains tax rates and holding period from 5 years to 1 year. Imposes a non-owner occupied tax on homes assessed at more than \$1,000,000.) {LC4089/1}  
02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7487**

**BY** Costantino, Azzinaro, Baginski, Corvese, Solomon, Hull, Rea, Chippendale, Cardillo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the net taxable estate exemption to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for deaths that occur on or after January 1, 2025.) {LC4250/1}  
02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance  
**(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-8-2024, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 7488****BY** Shanley, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.) gross weight.) {LC3583/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7489****BY** Solomon, Voas, Finkelman, Baginski, Casey, O'Brien, Lima, Costantino, Brien, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the corporate minimum tax to three hundred fifty dollars (\$350).) {LC4554/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7490****BY** Donovan, Carson, Spears, McNamara, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.) {LC4715/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7491****BY** O'Brien, Edwards, McEntee, DeSimone, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Dawson, Shanley, Cardillo, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to enter into certain projects and procure related services including the transit center project, using design build contracting and progressive design build contracting.) {LC4412/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7492****BY** Costantino, Hull, Lombardi J, Rea, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Purchaser or lessee of vehicle that cancels registration within the period of registration, any portion of the two (2) year registration fee not used.) {LC3433/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7493****BY** Slater, Diaz**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.) {LC4797/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7494****BY** Solomon, Casimiro, McGaw, Casey, Messier, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.) {LC4762/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7495****BY** Boylan, Kislak, Ajello, Bennett, Spears, Carson, McGaw, Tanzi, Cruz, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2025

BATTERY-POWERED LEAF BLOWER PILOT REBATE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

(Establishes a new chapter for the 2024 Battery Powered Leaf Blower Pilot Rebate and Education Program.) {LC4676/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7496****BY** Boylan, Cortvriend, Alzate, Spears, Bennett, Carson, Edwards, Diaz, McGaw, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE

ISLAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION YOUTH EDUCATION AND

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Climate Change and Ocean Protection Youth Education and Workforce Development Act.) {LC4367/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7497****BY** McNamara, Donovan, Cruz, Alzate, Solomon, Casey, Bennett, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN

EDUCATION ACT (Establishes guidelines for the continued implementation and expansion of high quality public prekindergarten education programs in the state.) {LC4490/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7498****BY** Chippendale, Hull, Noret, Costantino, Lombardi J, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL

EMPLOYEES (Allows any peace officer working in a Rhode Island school as a full or part-time resource officer to work in excess of the seventy-five (75) working days in a calendar year, and not have an interruption in their benefits.) {LC3580/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7499****BY** Shanley, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, Corvese, McNamara, Baginski, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired public safety officers to seek secondary employment with the state or any municipality without any reduction or forfeiture of retirement benefits.) {LC4758/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7500**

**BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Felix, Hull, Ajello, Donovan, Kislak, Diaz, Speakman, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND

WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement and provides for a one time appropriation of \$1,000,000 to inform patrons of the smoke free policy within the casino.) {LC3929/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:43 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Alexander Cote; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Santa DeLeon seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE NATHAN W. BIAH, SR.**

Dear Lord: Black History Month was started in 1915, 50 years after the passage of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment. February was chosen because Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born this month. Let us pray that we use this time to recognize and honor the great contributions made by African Americans throughout our history. Amen.

**APPENDIX**

**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR**

**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}

02/01/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 2245**

**BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Ryan Pearson to join Alyssa Poirier and Justin Ledo in marriage on or about February 14, 2024, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC4590/1}

02/01/2024 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-H 7064 SUB A**  
**BY** McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OUTDOOR DINING  
ACT

Committee on Small Business recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

- 2. 2024-S 2099**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 2, 2024**