

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Fifteenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, February 29, 2024, and is called to order at 4:24 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, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, 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** – 6: Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Cotter, Dawson, Lima and Shallcross Smith.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Brianna E. Henries 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 27, 2024, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Matthew S. Dawson is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 29, 2024.  
Representative Edith H. Ajello is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 29, 2024.  
Representative Charlene M. Lima is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 29, 2024.  
Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 29, 2024.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024:****1. 2024-H 7058**

**BY** Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS - 68:** The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

**NAYS - 0:**

**RECUSED - 0:**

2. **2024-H 7112**  
**BY** Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Noret, and Cardillo.

Chairman Casey, Representatives Sanchez, and Noret discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Speaker Shekarchi welcomes the President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association, Colonel Bradford Connor of Warwick, along with his esteemed members, Colonel Michael Winquist of Cranston, Chief Thomas Oates of Woonsocket, Chief Kevin Lynch of Bristol, Chief Michael Correia of Barrington, Chief Mark Vieira of Johnston, and the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Police Chief Association, Sid Wordell, to the House Chamber. The Speaker thanked all of them for their exemplary services.

Representative Knight welcomes Terrence James Boylan Jr., husband of Representative Jennifer Boylan, to the House Chamber.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Messier invites all members to attend the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pawtucket St. Patrick's Day Parade this Saturday, March 2, 2024.

Vice Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

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

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 that the next House session will be Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Please be advised that due to the high volume of bills introduced this week, they will be posted online incrementally over the next several days. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as we work to make these bills available to you.

Moving forward, notice must be given under House Rule 7(d) to introduce bills on the next legislative day. Additionally, there is a limit of three (3) bills per member using this rule. After the three-bill limit is reached, permission must be obtained from the Speaker to introduce any further bills. This provision does not apply to city or town bills, reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations and budget bills, bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions, and ceremonial resolutions of congratulations or condolences.

Representative Fellela wishes her granddaughter Mia a Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi wishes Mia a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi reminds members to give notice under House Rule 7(d) for introducing bills on the next legislative day. There is a limit of 3 bills per member using this rule. Members wanting to introduce more than 3 bills must get permission.

### **IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

#### **House Resolution No. 7803**

**BY** Shekarchi, Fellela, Cardillo, Costantino, Blazejewski, Corvese, Chippendale, Brien, Hull, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE FRANK LOMBARDO, III {LC5539/1

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

There is no objection.

Representative Fellela, Speaker Shekarchi and Representative Cardillo discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the entire Lombardo family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7804**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Knight, Chippendale, Fogarty, Kislak, Donovan, Lombardi J, Corvese, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TERRENCE J. BOYLAN, SR. {LC5586/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Knight discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi, on behalf of the House of Representatives, extends his deepest condolences to Representative Jennifer Boylan and her entire family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7805**

**BY** Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, McGaw, Potter, Bennett, Phillips, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR ROBBINS {LC5548/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7806**

**BY** Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Place, Fenton-Fung, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY OF 2024 AS "AMERICAN HEART MONTH" TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING ONE'S CHOLESTEROL {LC5593/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Felix discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7807**

**BY** Henries, Shekarchi, Blazjewski, Chippendale, Speakman, Kennedy, McGaw, Bennett, Cortvriend, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE THETA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR THEIR SERVICE, SISTERHOOD, AND SCHOLARSHIP NATIONALLY AND IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC4724/1}

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.

**RULE 7D**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Felix-An Act relating to Elections–General Provisions

Representative Fogarty-An Act relating to Taxation-Sales and Use Taxes

Representative Hull-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses-Weapons

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to Health and Safety-Reproductive Tissue Safety and Storage Act

Representative O’Brien-An Act relating to Alcoholic Beverages

Representative Vella-Wilkinson-An Act relating to Health and Safety–Rights of Nursing Home Patients

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  
TRANSFER OF BILLS****COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

**House Bill No. 7738**

**BY** Baginski, Bennett, Corvese, Finkelman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS (Relocates the chapter relating to licensing of massage therapists from the health and safety title to the businesses and professions title with multiple amendments.) {LC5293/1}

02/29/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

**House Bill No. 7301 SUB A**

**BY** Ackerman, Donovan, Edwards, Serpa, McNamara, Finkelman, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Allows the healthcare facility to conduct human-subject research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent of human subjects.) {LC4560/A/1}

03/01/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/05/2024)

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Labor:

**House Bill No. 7883**

**BY** Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE NICK ARJOMAND NO WEIGHT DISCRIMINATION ACT (Creates the Nick Arjomand no weight discrimination act. The purpose of this act would be to prohibit weight discrimination.) {LC4719/1}

03/04/2024 Committee transferred to House Labor

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 7808**

**BY** Potter, Boylan, Solomon, Cotter, Knight, Tanzi, McGaw, Cortvriend, Felix, Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Prohibits utility companies from limiting eligibility of net metering site based on prior consumption and requires excess energy not consumed to be credited to consumer. Also amends definition of excess renewable net-metering credit.) {LC5420/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7809**

**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, McGaw, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Cotter, Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- VEGETATION PLANNING AND MAINTENANCE ACT (Establishes the Vegetation Planning and Management Act to provide guidelines for utilities to manage and maintain vegetation near power lines.) {LC5445/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7810**

**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, Brien, Lima  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by January 1, 2025 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability for the current electric grid to handle the electrification load need to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes.) {LC4959/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7811**

**BY** Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ajello, Tanzi, Kislak, Shanley, Batista, McEntee, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2024 ENERGY STORAGE ACT (Requires the office of energy resources to initiate the process of developing programs and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy storage resources connected to the electric distribution system.) {LC5069/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7812**

**BY** Voas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Requires a New England transmission project to determine if long-term transmission service agreements appear commercially reasonable for Rhode Island.) {LC5061/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7813**

**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, Brien, Lima  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Makes several amendments relative to the affordable clean energy security act establishing the act's priority over chapter 6.2 of title 42 (the "2021 act on climate").) {LC4961/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7814**

**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, Brien, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Requires the PUC to make public notification of any changes in eligibility or production of energy, and would direct the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to allow and facilitate the prompt public disclosure of this information.) {LC4955/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7815**

**BY** Morgan P, Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Provides that any renewable energy project that cannot certify a net reduction of carbon emissions through scientific studies, using the best practices as defined in ISO LCA standards 14040 and 14044, be prohibited or discontinued by the PUC.) {LC5457/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7816**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Incorporates ethical energy standards to the 2021 Act on Climate.) {LC4066/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 7817**

**BY** Casey, Noret, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Finkelman, Marszalkowski, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY (Creates a 5 member commission to recommend legislative proposals for blockchain and cryptocurrency, and submit an interim progress report by January 5, 2025, and a final report by January 5, 2026, and expire on February 5, 2026.) {LC5367/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7818**

(Dept. of Executive Office of Health and Human Services)

**BY** Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third party payor such as Medicare.) {LC4429/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7819**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman, Donovan, Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and would provide penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.) {LC4574/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7820****BY** Baginski, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Provides that licensed health care facilities be prohibited from using a patients photograph for any office use.) {LC5098/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7821****BY** Bennett, Baginski, Solomon, Noret, Casimiro, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Newberry, McNamara, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND OLMSTEAD PLAN COMMISSION ACT (Creates an Olmstead Plan for people vulnerable to unnecessary institutionalization to update a continuum of care to receive services and supports in the least restrictive environment.) {LC5140/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7822****BY** McGaw, Tanzi, Donovan, Potter, Morales, Stewart, Alzate, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Limits the use by insurers of step therapy, a protocol that establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are covered by an insurer, by allowing medical providers to request step therapy exceptions.) {LC5553/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7823****BY** Casimiro, Roberts, Noret, Serpa, Solomon, Cruz, Diaz, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires the department of children, youth and families (DCYF) to conduct periodic comprehensive needs assessments to determine whether the department's programs and services meet the needs of children and families.) {LC5128/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7824****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Diaz, Roberts, Chippendale, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires DCYF to place a locked suggestion box in its facilities and create a digitally secured suggestion box into which residents may place comments and/or concerns to be addressed by the Rhode Island Child Advocate.) {LC5177/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7825****BY** Bennett, Casimiro, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, McNamara, Donovan, Carson, Craven, Diaz, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CERTIFIED SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTS (Allows for the licensing of certified surgical first assistants to assist in surgeries through the department of health and a seven (7) member board of licensure.) {LC3422/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7826****BY** Casey, Fenton-Fung, Bennett, Dawson, Finkelman, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice, before taking and receiving results of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).) {LC5187/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7827**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.) {LC5087/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7828**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Craven, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.) {LC5573/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7829**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Boylan, Knight, Caldwell, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Specifies that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess a firearm.) {LC5085/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7830**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Morales, Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Allows the attorney general to investigate and bring an enforcement action against persistent fraud or illegality in the carrying on, conducting, or transaction of business or governmental activity.) {LC5558/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7831**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Craven, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Amends the jury list and jury qualification statutes to add individuals receiving public assistance benefits.) {LC5121/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7832**

(Parole Board)

**BY** Knight

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Allows the sexual offender board of review to use, in addition to applicable validated risk assessment tools, a structured professional judgment approach to determine the level of risk a registered sex offender poses to the community.) {LC4953/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7833**

**BY** Henries, Morales, Giraldo, Cotter, Felix, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Sanchez, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer and also provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than three (3) years.) {LC5372/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7834**

**BY** Brien, Solomon, Chippendale, Noret, Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY (Amends the penalty for violating the provisions of the personal watercraft safety act from a misdemeanor to a violation and reduce the fine from five hundred dollars (\$500) to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).) {LC3362/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7835**

**BY** Finkelman, Shanley, Baginski, O'Brien, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RAILROAD, STEAMBOAT, AND BRIDGE POLICE (Provides any police report involving a railroad fatality and all communications between railroad employees not be made public. Additionally, it makes a violation of this section a misdemeanor.) {LC5248/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7836**

**BY** Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Casimiro, Rea, Roberts, Brien, Casey, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Penalizes as a misdemeanor for the first two offenses and a felony for any third or subsequent offense for obstructing the free, convenient, and normal use of any municipal, state or interstate road or highway.) {LC5146/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7837**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the current law on workers' compensation to require any person who is considered an independent contractor to file annually with the director of labor and training and removes the requirement that the form be in writing.) {LC5514/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7838****BY** Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED (Amends charter of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown by renaming "Reserve Capital Expenditures" to "Capital Projects Fund" and allows the board of wardens to grant tax exemptions to current and retired volunteer firefighters and their spouses.) {LC5261/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7839****BY** Casey, Casimiro, Craven, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Authorizes retired police officers and firefighters to earn income in addition to their earnable compensation; provided that, the amount would not exceed 5 times the rate of earnable compensation currently in force.) {LC5190/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7840****BY** Brien, Serpa, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS (Revises the procedures followed when a vicious dog is seized and delivered to the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.) {LC4642/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7841****BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Sanchez, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts the property located at 94 Carpenter Street in Providence from the general law prohibiting liquor licenses within a certain proximity to schools or churches.) {LC5137/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7842****BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Knight, Handy, Casimiro, Finkelman, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to sell one one-sixth (1/6) barrel key of malt beverage, produced on the premises, per day.) {LC5189/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 7843****BY** Finkelman, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Handy, McEntee, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to transport beer, spirits or wine between its satellite taprooms.) {LC5192/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 7844**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Knight, Finkelman, Handy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Speakman, McNamara, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Replaces the coastal resources management council with a state department of coastal resources and transfers all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.) {LC5571/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7845**

**BY** Morales, Giraldo, Donovan, Tanzi, Stewart, Alzate, Diaz, Kislak, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--HUMAN SERVICES FTE ACCOUNTABILITY PORTAL (Directs the department of administration to establish a human services transparency FTE portal.) {LC5144/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7846**

**BY** Lima, Cardillo, Costantino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Makes any record of any person, firm, or corporation that successfully competes for state contract or business, a public record, including those records that are considered proprietary or otherwise confidential.) {LC5566/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7847**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Includes political action committees that register with the Federal Election Commission within the definition of political action committees for the Rhode Island elections.) {LC5442/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7848**

**BY** Place, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Amends the current law so that it would no longer mandate, but rather simply allows local boards to annually conduct a voter registration drive at each high school within the city or town.) {LC5313/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7849**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day, and twenty (20) days prior to special elections.) {LC5579/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7850**

**BY** Morgan P, Quattrocchi, Rea, Nardone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes election day as a day of special observation in the State of Rhode Island. The act would also restrict the use of mail ballots in elections.) {LC4566/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7851**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Stewart, Henries, Cruz, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND TRUST (Creates the Rhode Island baby bond trust to provide investment funds to children born to families with public health insurance or no insurance living in Rhode Island.) {LC5301/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7852**

(by request)

**BY** Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Provides for an annual increase of supplemental income for individuals and couples living alone, in accordance with the consumer price index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar year, commencing July 1, 2025.) {LC5406/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7853**

**BY** Diaz, Morales, Alzate, Slater, Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Increases the minimum wage amount for any person committed to the adult correctional institution from three dollars to five dollars a day for every day the person shall labor.) {LC5361/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7854**

**BY** Morales, Giraldo, Handy, Sanchez, Cotter, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Kislak, Henries, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Provides eligibility for an additional forty dollars (\$40.00) per month in food stamp benefits to certain qualifying persons or households eligible for food stamp benefits, commencing July 1, 2024.) {LC3450/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7855**

**BY** Felix, Slater, Morales, Sanchez, Henries, Batista, Lombardi J, Kislak, Potter, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Provides amendments to the cannabis act relating to the definition of a social equity applicant and the required fee to maintain such status as a social equity applicant.) {LC5430/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7856**

**BY** Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Kislak, Handy, Tanzi, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants  
related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.) {LC4977/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7857**

**BY** Boylan, Carson, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw, Bennett, Alzate, Kislak, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE  
PURCHASES -- LEAD BY EXAMPLE ACT (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles and also  
requires state funds to be used to lease or purchase electric vehicles and renewable energy efficient  
technologies for use on state property.) {LC5100/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7858**

**BY** Solomon, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Knight, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND  
BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Directs the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority (RITBA) design a  
safety barrier or netting system on the several bridges within its authority.) {LC5391/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7859**

**BY** McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, Fogarty, Alzate, Kislak, Kazarian, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MOTOR  
VEHICLES OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY (Requires that any government owned  
vehicle that is to be replaced, be replaced with a zero-emission vehicle, defined as a vehicle which  
produces no emissions from the on-board source of power.) {LC5321/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7860**

**BY** Costantino, Lima, Phillips, Cardillo, Kennedy, Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION  
FEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's motor vehicle registration,  
that person would receive a partial refund of the registration fee that had been paid.) {LC5205/1}  
03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7861**

**BY** Craven, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires that  
insurance policies for property damage, personal injuries, and indemnification other than payment of  
compensation for workers compensation, state policy limits and no amount of the policy may be used  
to pay costs to defend a claim.) {LC4814/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7862****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates a process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.) {LC5381/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7863****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Allows unit owners to participate in association meetings remotely through the use of digital platforms such as zoom or googlemeet.) {LC5387/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7864****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "rights of secured lenders" provision from § 34-36.1-2.19 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982.) {LC5614/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7865****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "meetings" requirements from § 34-36.1-3.08 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and would permit remote participation in condominium meetings.) {LC5613/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7866****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires associations to provide unit owners with thirty (30) days notice of any increase in the deductible application to the association's policy ensuring that unit owners will have coverage relating to their responsibility.) {LC5383/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7867****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires the recording of the bylaws and rules of the association in the land evidence records of the city or town the condominium is located in and require amendments to the original filings to be certified by 2 or more members of the executive board.) {LC5385/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7868****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Eliminates unreasonable and fiscally irresponsible constraints of budget caps created in some condominium documents by developers to help sell units.) {LC5358/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7869****BY** Morales, Diaz, Kislak, Lombardi J, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Mandates that school districts provide culturally competent, de-escalation, and trauma-informed methods to minimize classroom disruptions and improve student learning.) {LC5365/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7870****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Updates repealed chapter by requiring school district to develop concussion guidelines; students/parents brochure; removal/return procedures after student removal/return to practice/competition; mandatory training for coaches/officials.) {LC5073/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7871****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all school districts to have an athletic trainer at each high school within the district.) {LC5075/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7872****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games.) {LC5074/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7873****BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION ACT (Enables parents to review public school learning materials/object if the parent decides that the material is harmful. Also a parent may withdraw their student from the activity or class where the material is used and request an alternative assignment.) {LC5219/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7874**

**BY** Tanzi, Donovan, Henries, Morales, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Fogarty, Diaz, Lombardi J  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and  
stabilization services to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary.) {LC5278/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7875**

**BY** Tanzi, Carson, Cruz, Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Kislak, Hull, Cotter, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for all community health workers' services to  
include health and promotion coaching, health education and training, health system navigation and  
resource coordination services, care planning and follow-up care recommendations.) {LC5279/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7876**

**BY** Tanzi, Carson, Boylan, McGaw, Speakman, Cortvriend, Kislak, Hull, Cotter, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Outlines the insurance coverage  
standards, protocols and guidelines for medically necessary treatment of individuals with mental  
health or substance abuse use disorders.) {LC5107/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7877**

**BY** Alzate, Felix, Tanzi, Giraldo, Stewart, Kislak, Cruz, Fogarty, Boylan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates all insurance contracts, plans or policies provide insurance  
coverage for the expense of testing and treating infertility, including preimplantation genetic testing  
(PGT), in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).) {LC5359/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7878**

**BY** Alzate, Kazarian, Casimiro, Caldwell, Tanzi, Felix, Spears, Boylan, McGaw, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates insurance policies, provides coverage to diagnose & treat  
infertility for women between 25 & 42 years, including pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in  
conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).) {LC3903/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7879**

**BY** Brien, Fenton-Fung, Baginski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING  
AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy  
benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating  
in a drug discount program.) {LC5416/1}  
03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7880****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Morales, Giraldo, Cruz, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DISCLOSURE OF PRICES -- MEDICAL FACILITY ITEMS (Provides a procedure requiring that healthcare facilities maintain a list with all standard charges for all Medical facility items.) {LC5117/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7881****BY** Lima, Cardillo, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BLOOD DONATIONS AND VACCINATIONS ACT (Requires person collecting blood for transfusions to require donor disclose whether they had COVID/messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine, requires blood be labeled and permits recipient to request certain blood.) {LC5567/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7882****BY** Henries, Stewart, Felix, Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Alzate, Lombardi J, Cotter, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LACTATION CONSULTANT PRACTICE ACT OF 2014 (Specifies the requirements and procedures for licensing lactation consultants as well as the renewal, expiration, termination, refusal, revocation and suspension of licenses.) {LC5373/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7883****BY** Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE NICK ARJOMAND NO WEIGHT DISCRIMINATION ACT (Creates the Nick Arjomand no weight discrimination act. The purpose of this act would be to prohibit weight discrimination.) {LC4719/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7884****BY** Morgan P, Quattrocchi, Rea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND'S CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT -- MINOR'S GENDER TRANSITION (Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds for that purpose, discipline for health care providers for providing same, a thirty (30) year statute of limitation, right to a civil action for damages.) {LC5368/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7885****BY** Lima, Cardillo, Costantino, Baginski, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires the department of health, in conjunction with the department of education, to conduct a cost-benefit analysis before a mandate relating to the health and safety of children in schools would be issued.) {LC5562/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7886**

**BY** Lima, Cardillo, Costantino, Phillips, O'Brien, Solomon, Baginski, Brien, Fenton-Fung, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.) {LC5561/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7887**

**BY** Stewart, Morales, Tanzi, Casimiro, Kislak, Cortvriend, Bennett, Ajello, Ackerman, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICARE FROM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE {LC5134/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7888**

**BY** Kislak, Morales, Speakman, Ajello, Cotter, Potter, Cruz, Tanzi, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT (Requires every public school in Rhode Island to have a school library or library media center in a permanent and dedicated space available to students in grades K-12 with a librarian available.) {LC5425/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7889**

**BY** Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the real property exemptions of veterans and the elderly residing in the Town of West Warwick.) {LC5355/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7890**

**BY** Stewart, Morales, Felix, Cruz, Potter, Sanchez, Batista, Lombardi J, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Requires a municipality to disclose on their official website the specific issues, details and costs of any legal action of which the town or city is a named defendant.) {LC5489/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7891**

**BY** Sanchez  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RENT CONTROL IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the city of Providence to adopt rent control ordinances subject to certain exemptions.) {LC3532/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7892**

**BY** Carson, Craven, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES (Permits towns and cities to regulate all houseboats within their jurisdiction.) {LC4473/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 7893****BY** Speakman, Giraldo, Cortvriend, Potter, Morales, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Establishes building safety code standards for multi-dwelling buildings and requires the development of recommendations for resolving any conflicts between fire safety codes and the building codes.) {LC5221/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 7894**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOINT ENTERPRISE (Removes the attorney general's oversight of interlocal agreements.)

{LC5089/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7895****BY** Felix, Henries, Morales, Batista, Hull, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Kislak, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Codifies the Katie Beckett Program pursuant to federal guidelines.) {LC4025/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7896****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Solomon, Roberts, Serpa, Cruz, Diaz, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Increases the number of state child care licensing inspectors to meet the national recommended average of one inspector for every fifty (50) to sixty (60) child care providers.) {LC5090/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7897****BY** Casey, Potter, Speakman, Donovan, Fenton-Fung, Kislak, Serpa, Cortvriend, Phillips, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Defines step therapy and prohibits certain groups and agreements from requiring prior authorization or a step therapy protocol when prescribing certain medications.)

{LC4226/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7898****BY** Stewart, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Batista, Lombardi J, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Imposes requirements on a managed care organization

(MCO) and pharmacy benefit manger (PBM) in order to control Medicaid prescription drug prices.)

{LC5277/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7899****BY** Giraldo, Boylan, Alzate**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.) {LC5347/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7900****BY** Fogarty, Cortvriend, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Henries, Hull, Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Requires the EOHHS to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under the age of six years (6) and their families.) {LC5318/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7901****BY** Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, Morales, Caldwell, Carson, Speakman, Cotter, Potter, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to concurrent review during the first 28 days.) {LC5255/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7902****BY** Fogarty, Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM (Establishes the primary care training sites program and appropriates \$2,700,000 for implementing the program.) {LC5296/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7903****BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, McEntee, Carson, Kazarian, Kislak, Cotter, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.) {LC5297/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7904****BY** Casimiro, Cruz, Noret, Serpa, Diaz, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SUPPORT OF CHILDREN (Repeals the law requiring a parent to pay support and maintenance to agencies having custody of their child) {LC4873/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7905****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Caldwell, Boylan, McGaw, Kazarian, Diaz, Tanzi, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TUITION WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (Establishes the tuition waiver program for children in Rhode Island foster care program. The purpose would be to increase the number of youths in foster care enrolling in and obtaining degrees in a timely fashion from Rhode Island college.) {LC5066/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7906****BY** Giraldo, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2024.) {LC5302/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7907****BY** Felix, Henries, Morales, Batista, Hull, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Kislak, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Adds multilingual learners into the determination of high-need students and provides a student success factor of twenty-five percent (25%) of the core instruction per-pupil amount and repeals the categorical funding for these students.) {LC5431/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7908****BY** Casey, Brien, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.) {LC5151/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7909****BY** Casey, Brien, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.) {LC5152/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7910****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.) {LC5185/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7911****BY** Newberry, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Prohibits total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous fiscal year.) {LC5324/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7912****BY** Giraldo, Morales, Stewart, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Requires that the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by ten percent (10%) for projects that ensure Rhode Island based minority business enterprises reach a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the dollar value of the bid.) {LC5353/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7913****BY** Baginski, Edwards, Shanley, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Modifies the current law to allow for approval of construction projects within school districts, rather than needing the project to be commenced by a certain date, permitting the municipality to take advantage of the state's enhanced school bonuses.) {LC4791/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7914****BY** Chippendale, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT (Establishes the Failing School Choice Act and permits students at failing schools to enroll in any public school and also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.) {LC4965/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7915****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Amends the definition of "domestic partner" for purposes of the retirement system -- contributions and benefits chapter.) {LC5178/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7916****BY** Casey, O'Brien, Casimiro, Craven, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC5183/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7917****BY** Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days.) {LC5325/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7918****BY** Tanzi, Ajello, Cortvriend, Handy, Potter, Stewart, Kislak, McGaw, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2024 BOND REFERENDA (Submits 2024 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 5, 2024, general election.) {LC4079/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7919****BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM {LC5268/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7920****BY** Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Extends the historic tax credit to June 30, 2029.) {LC5333/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7921****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING (Provides for increases or decreases in the amount of foundation level school support that a community would receive, based upon a community's ability to meet and surpass its minimum low- and moderate-income housing requirements.) {LC5184/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7922****BY** Speakman, Giraldo, Potter, Cotter, Donovan, McGaw, Henries, Morales, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM (Establishes a housing land bank program with the goal of creating affordable housing in the State of Rhode Island. The housing land bank would have the authority to buy, receive and hold property in furtherance of this goal.)

{LC5104/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7923**

**BY** Speakman, Giraldo, Knight, Carson, Tanzi, Potter, Cotter, Donovan, McGaw, Henries  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING PRODUCTION REVOLVING FUND ACT (Authorizes the department of housing to issue bonds in the amount of \$50,000,000 with a maturity date not to exceed 20 years, to establish the housing production revolving fund, to promote the development of housing and ensuring more affordable housing.) {LC5224/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7924**

**BY** Tanzi, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Henries, Bennett, Morales, Fogarty, McGaw, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CHILD TAX CREDIT (Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.) {LC4764/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7925**

**BY** Fenton-Fung, Phillips, Donovan, Perez, Place  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS (Creates a tax credit for family caregivers in an amount up to \$5,000 for eligible family members and \$6,000 for veterans based on 50% of the amount of eligible expenditures spent on eligible family members commencing January 1, 2025 and thereafter.) {LC5443/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7926**

**BY** Lima, Cardillo, Costantino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Removes state-owned property from the exemption from local property taxes.) {LC5559/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7927**

**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF BANKS (Provides banks with an election to use the allocation and apportionment method of income for purposes of taxation.) {LC5388/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7928**

**BY** Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Phillips, Fenton-Fung, Brien, Chippendale, Dawson, Costantino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Repeals the corporation minimum tax.) {LC5374/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7929****BY** Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Authorizes a retroactive tax credit for tax yr 2022/thereafter/allowing investment tax credits to be passed through to the personal income tax returns of eligible Sub-S corporation shareholders/limited liability company members who meet certain conditions) {LC5191/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7930****BY** Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale, Dawson, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Reduces the minimum interest rate on delinquent payments from eighteen percent (18%) per annum to twelve percent (12%) per annum.) {LC5376/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7931****BY** Brien, Solomon, Chippendale, Noret, Newberry, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAX HOLIDAY (Creates a sales and use tax holiday for the second Saturday and Sunday in July, annually.) {LC5417/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7932****BY** Slater, Diaz**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO COMPLETE THE INITIAL PHASE OF HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL'S NEW HEADQUARTERS (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$450,000 to Higher Ground International to support their new headquarters located in Providence.) {LC5196/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7933****BY** Stewart, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 (Sunsets/discontinues the Jobs Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2024.) {LC5175/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 7934****BY** Caldwell, Donovan, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FOCUS AND ACTIONS FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS {LC5304/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:50 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Fellela and Cardillo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Frank Lombardo; on motion of Representative Knight, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Terrance J. Boylan Sr.; on motion of Representative Kislak, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Arthur Robbins; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph R. Masson seconded by Leaders Blazjewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE BRIANNA E. HENRIES**

Dear God: As we come to the end of Black History Month, help us to never forget the full history of African Americans. Instill in all of us the willingness to acknowledge and share this history within ourselves and with all future generations. Amen

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024:**

1. **2024-H 7301 SUB A**  
**BY Ackerman**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF**  
**HEALTHCARE FACILITIES**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 1, 2024**