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Forty-Sixth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Friday, June 20, 2025, and is called to order at 3:07 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Brien and Handy.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Stephen M. Casey, 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 Wednesday, June 18, 2025, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Arthur B. Handy is unable to attend session today, Friday, June 20, 2025.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 816 SUB A

BY DiPalma, Gallo, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Patalano, Appollonio, Raptakis, McKenney, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT
SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent
synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in
elections.) {LC2300/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 893 as amended

BY Raptakis, Morgan, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
(Authorizes the town council of West Greenwich to provide an exemption and/or stabilization of tax
agreement on qualified property used for residential purposes inclusive of low- and moderate-income
housing in the town of West Greenwich.) {LC2608/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 945 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY DiPalma, Lauria, de la Cruz, Raptakis, McKenney, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Lawson, Sosnowski,
Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- RHODE ISLAND
ANTI-BID-RIGGING ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Bid Rigging Act.) {LC2535/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Resolution No. 984 SUB A

BY Britto, McKenney, Dimitri, Ciccone, Felag, Murray, Patalano, Thompson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CANNABIS CONTROL
COMMISSION PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON
LEGISLATION TO REGULATE AND LICENSE CANNABINOIDS AND HEMP-DERIVED
BEVERAGES (Authorizes the sale of THC-infused beverages to be regulated by the DBR division of
commercial licensing. It also establishes licensing and an endorsement process for wholesale and
retail THC-infused beverages.) {LC2704/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1125

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES-
CENTRAL FALLS (Allows Central Falls to exempt the property located at 913-915 Dexter Street,

AP 7, Lot 156 from the law that prohibits any proposed retailers' license of any class located within two hundred feet (200') of the premises of a school or place of worship.) {LC2985/1}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1142

BY Raptakis, Rogers, Morgan, Burke

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

(Allows the town council of Coventry to make exemptions from taxation on real and personal property that has undergone environmental remediation. This act is subject to conditions as provided in this section.) {LC2990/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1152

BY Tikoian, McKenney, Patalano, Appollonio, Dimitri, Thompson, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.) {LC3064/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Resolution No. 1156

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RETURN OF CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOLS TO LOCAL

GOVERNANCE (Creates a seven (7) member joint legislative commission to study and prepare a report on the return of Central Falls schools to local governance.) {LC3066/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5625 SUB A

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.) {LC1991/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 136

BY Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Euer, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING

DEVICES (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.) {LC298/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 229 SUB A**BY** Quezada, Thompson, Bissaillon, Bell, Mack, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

(Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.") {LC645/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 439 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Lawson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Establishes that a renewable energy resource shall pay \$5.00 per kilowatt of alternating current nameplate capacity for tangible property and \$3.50 per kilowatt of alternating nameplate capacity for real property.) {LC1672/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 497**BY** Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Kallman, Gu, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Center for Southeast Asians.) {LC1156/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 513**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

(Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 and provide for existing polling places that exceed the maximum number of voters, not be required to be changed until the next decennial redistricting.) {LC2178/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 600 SUB A

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- VOLUNTARY RESTRUCTURING OF

SOLVENT INSURERS (Makes numerous technical corrections related to insurance, provides a definition for "cybersecurity insurance", and would repeal the chapter relating to reciprocal exchanges and interinsurers.) {LC1777/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 603 SUB A

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Britto, McKenney, Sosnowski, Gu, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

(Provides standards for developing, implementing, and maintaining reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of customer information.) {LC1327/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 761 SUB A

(General Treasurer)

BY Murray, Sosnowski, Valverde, DiPalma, Felag, Acosta, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND

TRUST (This pilot program would create a \$3,000 trust for each Rhode Island child ages zero to one year born to a family enrolled in the Rhode Island Works Program ("RI Works") during the preceding calendar year.) {LC1697/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 783**BY** Vargas, DiPalma, Britto, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION

BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the threshold limit for charitable organizations with an annual gross income of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more.) {LC1682/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 901 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

PROVISION (Changes the process by which a dispute between the insured and their insurance company, concerning property damages and requires that the umpire appraisers shall be disinterested and the cost shared equally.) {LC2598/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 6054 as amended**BY** Baginski, Kazarian, Corvese, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

(Changes the process by which a dispute between the insured and their insurance company, concerning property damages and requires that the umpire appraisers shall be disinterested and the cost shared equally.) {LC2260/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5892 SUB B

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protects the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1481/B/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 581 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as

judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1656/A/3}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5017 SUB A

BY Diaz, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.) {LC432/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 884

BY McKenney, Britto, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS (Provides that original power wheelchair equipment manufacturers would be required to provide to independent service providers repair information and tools to maintain and repair original power wheelchair equipment.) {LC2542/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5043 SUB A

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection from and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees by, anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.) {LC40/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 71 SUB A as amended

BY Felag, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevents the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees, by anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs, except as authorized by federal law.) {LC238/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5300 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Dawson, Shanley, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan

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.) {LC1107/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 729 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Britto, DiMario, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson**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.) {LC1332/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5640 as amended

(Judiciary)

BY Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way

highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.) {LC1498/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 529 as amended

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way

highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.) {LC1663/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 359 SUB A

(Governor)

BY DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Felag, Murray, Vargas, McKenney, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF

PROHIBITED FIREARMS (Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.) {LC1183/A/2}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1147**BY** Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, DiPalma, Felag, de la Cruz, Thompson, Patalano, Quezada, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the Senate Chamber after the former Senate President

Dominick J. Ruggiero.) {LC2904/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 114 SUB A as amended**BY** Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, manufacturer or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.) {LC843/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 471 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.) {LC1528/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 476**BY** Kallman, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, Murray, Ujifusa, Bell, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.) {LC1476/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 481**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, DiMario, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.) {LC1532/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 692 SUB A**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern to perform technology-assisted dispensing process validation for medications prepared for distribution by another pharmacy technician or intern within an institutional pharmacy.) {LC2231/A/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 790**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.) {LC2414/1}

06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 792 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Sosnowski, Thompson, Burke, Murray, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.") {LC2405/A/1}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)**Senate Bill No. 998 SUB A****BY** Sosnowski, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Reforms the composition of the coastal resources management council to seven (7) members.) {LC2728/A/2}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)**Senate Bill No. 749 SUB A****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING (Requires that, beginning January 1, 2028, all contractors structurally remodeling or building new residential structures with 1 to 4 family dwelling units be licensed by the contractors' registration and licensing board.) {LC1869/A/1}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)**Senate Bill No. 120****BY** Raptakis, Patalano, DiMario, Ciccone, Appollonio, Burke, Urso, Rogers, Paolino, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.) {LC1038/1}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)**Senate Bill No. 996 SUB A as amended****BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Lawson, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Murray, Gu, Vargas, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION, PACKAGING, AND RECYCLING PLAN (Provides extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, recycling of beverage containers, and provides general provisions for oversight of single-stage producer organizations.) {LC2805/A/1}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)**Senate Bill No. 1155 as amended****BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Glocester to levy a supplemental tax, by voter referendum, that exceeds the current tax cap by three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2026, to fund school operations and avoid the loss of critical town services.) {LC3060/1}
06/20/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

ORDERED TO CALENDAR**Senate Resolution No. 174 as amended**

(General Treasurer)

BY Urso, Britto, Burke, Tikoian, Rogers, LaMountain, Zurier, Gu, Felag, Vargas

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the formal establishment of “Main Street Rhode Island”.) {LC611/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Resolution No. 5477 as amended

BY Handy, Cortvriend, McEntee, Fogarty, Kislak, Cruz, Stewart, Kazarian, Paplauskas, Caldwell

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the formal establishment of “Main Street Rhode Island”.) {LC1131/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 957

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Dimitri, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY (Extends the incentive pay plan to all full-time court clerks, including the traffic tribunal, who meet the eligibility requirements. It would also repeal § 8-4.1-6 regarding additional credit for a master's degree.) {LC2648/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 17 SUB A

BY Ujifusa, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provide that advertising goods that don't include a price referencing all mandatory fees and charges shall be a deceptive trade practice.) {LC141/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 314 SUB A

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.) {LC145/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1006 SUB A

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Allows the director of the department of health to authorize the state registrar of vital records to change a person's race designation on their birth certificate, if justified.) {LC2557/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1083 SUB A**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2881/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5798 SUB A as amended**BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2158/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1084 SUB A**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2879/A/2}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5795 SUB A**BY** Spears, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Knight, Cotter, Boylan, Caldwell, Dawson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2155/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1085**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.) {LC2882/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1086 SUB A as amended**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2875/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5794 SUB B as amended**BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, McEntee, Bennett, Solomon, Casimiro, Fogarty, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD

OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2154/B/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1087**BY** Britto, Bissaillon, Burke, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Provides for the establishment and operation of an electronic permitting platform for all state and local permitting.) {LC2874/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1088**BY** Mack, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Amends several definitions relating to low- or moderate-income housing as well as the procedure for the approval of low- or moderate-income housing.) {LC2876/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1089 SUB A as amended**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2885/A/2}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5804 SUB B as amended**BY** Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2164/B/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1090 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds

"providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2880/A/2}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5800 SUB A**BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds

"providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2160/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1091**BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Amends the provisions under which a city or town may exceed the maximum levy for the

assessment of local taxes.) {LC2878/1}
06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1092

BY DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.) {LC2935/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 1163

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Hopkinton, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Hopkinton.) {LC3085/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

House Bill No. 5570 SUB B

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits casualty insurers from assessing any premium surcharge or penalty against an insured solely for inquiring about the terms of the insured's policy.) {LC2103/B/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

Senate Bill No. 84 SUB A as amended

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Zurier, Urso, Paolino, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits casualty insurers from assessing any premium surcharge or penalty against an insured solely for inquiring about the terms of the insured's policy.) {LC493/A/1}

06/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/20/2025)

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025:**1. 2025-S 170 SUB A**

BY Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

2. 2025-S 179 SUB A**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES
TEACHERS GENERALLY -- SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

3. 2025-S 458 SUB A**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS
FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

4. 2025-S 809 SUB A**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

5. 2025-S 926**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN
OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. 2025-S 932**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage in concurrence.

7. 2025-S 944**BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

8. 2025-S 1018**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL
LICENSES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

9. **2025-S 1123**
 BY Tikoian
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
 TAXATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

10. **2025-S 1140**
 BY Tikoian
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
 - FAMILY COURT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

11. **2025-S 1145**
 BY Murray
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --
 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

12. **2025-S 606**
 BY Zurier
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

13. **2025-S 675 SUB A**
 BY Acosta
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
 LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

14. **2025-S 671 SUB A**
 BY Bissaillon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

15. **2025-S 672 SUB A**
 BY Bissaillon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
 ARCHITECTS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025:

1. 2025-H 5104 SUB A

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

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

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

Chairman Solomon and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read,

Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Casimiro.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5555 SUB A

BY J. Brien

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
VETERINARY PRACTICE**

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

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5590

BY Solomon

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE
MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 6032 SUB A

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE

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

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

Chairman Solomon and Representative Santucci discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Casimiro, Fascia, Knight, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-H 5422 SUB A**BY Carson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL**

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

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO**

2025 -- H 5422 SUBSTITUTE A/2

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE
DISPOSAL

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5422 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL", as follows:

1. Page 5, line 25, by striking the language "16-110-1" and inserting in place thereof the language "16-111-1".

2. Page 5, line 32, by deleting the language "16-110-1" and inserting in place thereof the language "16-111-1".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McNamara

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Chairman McNamara discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry,

Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Boylan discusses the amended act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Costantino, Lima, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2025-H 5594 SUB A

BY DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY
RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

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

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2025-H 5493 SUB A

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING
DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2025

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Bennett, Kislak and many others.

Chairman Bennett, Representatives Casey, Kislak, Minority Whip Place, Representatives Boylan, Carson, Santucci, Lima, Spears and Nardone discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 48 members voting in the affirmative and 20 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 48: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 20: Representatives Baginski, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Slater.

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2025-H 6207 SUB A

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE
NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO**

2025 -- H 6207 SUBSTITUTE A/2

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 6207 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN", as follows:

1. On page 1, for the heading delete the language "RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN" and inserting in place thereof the language " RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION, PACKAGING, AND RECYCLING PLAN".

2. On page 1, line 4, by deleting the language "NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN" and inserting in place thereof the language "IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION, PACKAGING, AND RECYCLING PLAN".

3. On page 1, lines 6 and 7, by deleting the language "Needs Assessment for a Redemption and Recycling Plan" and inserting in place thereof the language "Implementation Analysis for a Beverage Container Redemption, Packaging, and Recycling Plan".

4. On page 1, line 8, by deleting the language "Statewide needs assessment for a redemption and recycling plan", and inserting in place thereof the language "Statewide implementation analysis for a beverage container redemption, packaging, and recycling plan".

5. On page 1, line 12 by deleting the language "state-wide" and inserting in place thereof the language "statewide".

6. On page 1, line 16, by deleting the language "(b) The" and inserting in place thereof the language "(b) By October 29, 2025, the".

7. On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, by inserting the following language:

"(iv) Consideration of recommendations provided in the final report of the special joint legislative bottle waste commission to study and provide recommendations to protect our environment and natural resources from plastic waste.

(v) Consideration of the program proposed in H6207/S0996 as introduced in the general assembly January session AD. 2025."

8. On page 3, between lines 12 and 13 by inserting the following language:

"(iv) An analysis of the performance targets and implementation timelines proposed in H6207/S0996 as introduced in the general assembly January session AD. 2025."

9. On page 3, line 13, by deleting the language "needs assessment" and inserting in place thereof the language "implementation analysis".

10. On page 3, line 17, by deleting the language "island" and inserting in place thereof the language "Island".

11. On page 3, lines 21 and 22, by deleting all language therein, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"(1) One representative from each of the five (5) counties of the State of Rhode Island, including Bristol County, Kent County, Newport County, Providence County and Washington County from the public works department or with waste management authority;"

12. On page 3, line 26, by inserting the language "and" after the language "operator;"

13. On page 3, line 27, by deleting all the language thereon.

14. On page 3, line 28, by deleting the language "(7)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(6)".

15. On page 3, line 29, by deleting the language "; and" and inserting in place thereof the language "."

16. On page 3, lines 30 and 31, by deleting all the language thereon.

17. On page 3, line 34 by deleting the language "needs assessment" and inserting in place thereof the language "implementation analysis".

18. On page 3, after line 34, by inserting the following language:

"(b) An interim status report shall be submitted to the governor, the speaker of the house, the senate president, and the chairs of the house and senate environment committees no later than April 1, 2026."

19. On page 4, line 1, by deleting the language "(b)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(c)".

20. On page 4, line 3, by deleting the language "December 28, 2026" and inserting in place thereof the language "December 1, 2026".

21. On page 5, for the heading delete the language "RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN" and inserting in place thereof the language "RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION, PACKAGING, AND RECYCLING PLAN".

22. On page 5, lines 2 and 3, by deleting the language " a needs assessment to support a redemption program for recycling" and inserting in place thereof the language "a statewide implementation analysis for a beverage container redemption, packaging, and recycling plan".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative McEntee

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Representative McEntee discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy,

Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Noret.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives McEntee, Carson, Spears, Speakman, Boylan and McGaw discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, O'Brien, Perez, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Baginski, Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2025-H 5078

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #10 to the bottom of today's Calendar. There is no objection.

10. 2025-H 5464 SUB A

BY Tanzi

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

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed at the bottom of the Calendar.

11. 2025-H 5534 SUB A

BY McGaw

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

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

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

Chairman Abney and Representative Lima discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2025-H 6071 SUB A**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND TRUST

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

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

13. 2025-H 5494 SUB A**BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

14. 2025-S 610 SUB B

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

15. 2025-H 5220

BY Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Lima, Morales, Santucci, Ajello and Batista discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 17 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 17: Representatives Baginski, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Fascia, Fellela, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa.

RECUSED - 0:

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:22 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, K. JOSEPH SLEKACH, State Representative, District 23, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5364
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: NO CONFLICT
but AVOIDING the APPEARANCE of one
3. (Please select one of the following):

☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island

County of: PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of JUNE, 2025

K. Egan
REPRESENTATIVE

Michael R. Egan
Notary Public

State of Rhode Island

COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026

Commission # 57679

Michael R. Egan
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative SLEKACH is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Russell J. Kennedy
SPEAKER

16. 2025-H 5364 SUB A**BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES**

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

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Cruz, seconded by Minority Whip Place, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5364 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5364 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 20, after the language "than", by striking the language "one day" and by inserting in place thereof the language "fifteen (15) days".

2. On page 2, line 28, after the language "published", by striking the language "once a week".

3. On page 2, line 29 after the language "agreement", by deleting the language "or" and by inserting in place thereof the language "and".

4. On page 2, line 29, after the language "in", by deleting the language "a".

5. On page 2, line 29, after the language "subsequent", by deleting the language "notice" and inserting in place thereof the language "notices".

6. On page 2, line 30, after the language "address", by inserting the language "and a copy to any listed alternative address, and telephonic notice provided to any listed telephone number".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Cruz

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Representative Cruz, Chairman Craven, Representative Morales and Minority Whip Place discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 32 members voting in the affirmative and 31 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 32: Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Batista, Boylan, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Fascia, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hopkins, Lima, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shanley, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 31: Representatives Abney, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Messier, Noret, Quattrocchi, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Spears.

RECUSED - 1: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi

REQUEST

Representative Voas requested to be recorded as voting in favor of the amendment.

OBJECTION

Minority Whip Place objects to Representative Voas voting on the amendment, for it will change the outcome of the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Knight rises on a point of order stating that there was a request from Representative Voas, and that his request should be honored.

The Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy rules that his name cannot be added, for it would change the outcome of the amendment.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Nardone, Noret, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 1: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests that we proceed to the next item, #17. There is no objection.

17. 2025-H 6409

BY Chippendale

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 Minority Leader Chippendale.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Casey, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 6409**

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

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 6409, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES", as follows:

1. On page 1, by deleting the language on lines 4 through 7 and by inserting in place thereof the language: "Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the town of Glocester is authorized to levy a supplemental tax, by voter referendum, that exceeds the current tax cap of four percent (4%) by not more than an additional three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2026, in order to fund school department operations and to avoid loss of critical town services. For purposes of the levy calculation required by § 44-5-2(b), supplemental taxes levied pursuant to this section shall be included in the total amount levied and certified by the town of Glocester for fiscal year 2026".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Casey

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Chairman Casey discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Edwards.

RECUSED - 0:

18. 2025-H 6126 SUB A

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

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

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Carson, Tanzi, McGaw and Majority Whip Kazarian discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 19 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese,

Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 19: Representatives Bennett, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Hopkins, Lombardi, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, K. Joseph Sheehan, State Representative, District 23, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5213
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: NO conflict
but awaiting appearance of one
3. (Please select one of the following):

☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this

20 June 2025
 REPRESENTATIVE
 Michael R. Egan
 Notary Public
 State of Rhode Island
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
 Commission # 57679 - 2025
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Sheehan is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Bradford Kennedy
 SPEAKER

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests that we proceed to the next item, #58. There is no objection.

58. 2025-S 213 SUB A

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Solomon, Corvese, and Knight.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Cruz, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Shanley, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 1: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi

19. 2025-S 123

BY Burke

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy,

Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

NOW PRESIDING

At 4:54 o'clock P.M., the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi.

20. 2025-S 126 SUB A

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT -- EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 2 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Chippendale, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

21. 2025-S 235 SUB A

BY Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

22. 2025-S 274

BY Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 2 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

23. 2025-S 278 SUB A**BY Murray****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Fascia, Lima, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

24. 2025-S 325 as amended**BY Britto****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Hopkins, Nardone.

RECUSED - 0:

25. 2025-S 487 SUB A

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 3: Representatives Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

26. 2025-S 649 SUB A

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins,

Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

27. 2025-S 828

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski several others.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Newberry, Quattrocchi, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

28. 2025-S 902 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Cortvriend, Knight, Place.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Michael W. Applegate, State Representative, District 40, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S-976
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: FINANCIAL INTEREST
3. (Please select one of the following):

☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

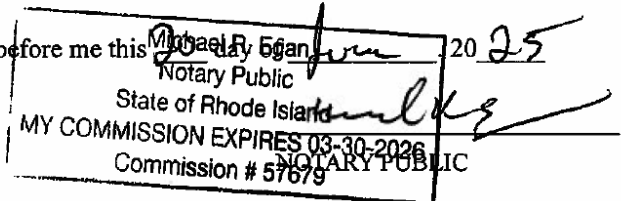
☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island

County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of June, 20 25



Representative Chapman is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
SPEAKER

29. 2025-S 976 SUB A as amended**BY Ciccone****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL SPAS SAFETY ACT**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Ajello, Place.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Chippendale.

30. 2025-S 985 as amended**BY Britto****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 4 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez,

Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Casimiro, Cortvriend, Knight, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

31. 2025-S 1011 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Costantino, Edwards, Fascia, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

32. 2025-S 1017 SUB A

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members 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, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Carson, Chippendale, Fascia, Roberts, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

33. 2025-S 1041

BY Zurier

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

34. 2025-S 1043 SUB A

BY Ujifusa

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Fascia, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

35. 2025-S 1054

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BURRILLVILLE LAND TRUST

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Carson, Edwards, Fogarty, Morales, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

36. 2025-S 1116 SUB A as amended**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

37. 2025-S 1122**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Costantino.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

38. 2025-S 519

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

39. 2025-S 576 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

40. 2025-S 887

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CIVIL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

41. 2025-S 974 as amended

BY Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE --CONTRIBUTIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- S 0974 AS AMENDED**

**AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY
INSURANCE --CONTRIBUTIONS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 0974 AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- CONTRIBUTIONS", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 22, by deleting the language "2027" and inserting in place thereof the language "2028".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Corvese

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Chairman Corvese discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Nardone.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

42. 2025-S 1128 SUB A

BY Murray

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

43. 2025-H 5050 SUB A

BY Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

44. 2025-H 5595 SUB A as amended

BY McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 2: Representatives Place, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

45. 2025-S 940 SUB A**BY Bissaillon****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- S 0940 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 0940 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013", as follows:

1. By deleting all the language after the enactment clause, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Section 42-64.20-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-64.20 entitled "Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-64.20-5. Tax credits.

(a) An applicant meeting the requirements of this chapter may be allowed a credit as set forth hereinafter against taxes imposed upon such person under applicable provisions of title 44 of the general laws for a qualified development project.

(b) To be eligible as a qualified development project entitled to tax credits, an applicant's chief executive officer or equivalent officer shall demonstrate to the commerce corporation, at the time of application, that:

(1) The applicant has committed a capital investment or owner equity of not less than twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost;

(2) There is a project financing gap in which after taking into account all available private and public funding sources, the project is not likely to be accomplished by private enterprise without the tax credits described in this chapter; and

(3) The project fulfills the state's policy and planning objectives and priorities in that:

(i) The applicant will, at the discretion of the commerce corporation, obtain a tax stabilization agreement from the municipality in which the real estate project is located on such terms as the commerce corporation deems acceptable;

(ii) It (A) Is a commercial development consisting of at least 25,000 square feet occupied by at least one business employing at least 25 full-time employees after construction or such additional full-time employees as the commerce corporation may determine; (B) Is a multi-family residential development in a new, adaptive reuse, certified historic structure, or recognized historical structure consisting of at least 20,000 square feet and having at least 20 residential units in a hope community;

or (C) Is a mixed-use development in a new, adaptive reuse, certified historic structure, or recognized historical structure consisting of at least 25,000 square feet occupied by at least one business, subject to further definition through rules and regulations promulgated by the commerce corporation; and

(iii) Involves a total project cost of not less than \$5,000,000, except for a qualified development project located in a hope community or redevelopment area designated under § 45-32-4 in which event the commerce corporation shall have the discretion to modify the minimum project cost requirement.

(4) Until July 1, 2025, pursuant to P. L. 2022 ch. 271 and P. L. 2022 ch. 272, for construction projects in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), all construction workers shall be paid in accordance with the wages and benefits required pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 with all contractors and subcontractors required to file certified payrolls on a monthly basis for all work completed in the preceding month on a uniform form prescribed by the director of labor and training. Failure to follow the requirements pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 shall constitute a material violation and a material breach of the agreement with the state. The commerce corporation, in consultation with the director of labor and training and the tax administrator, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the enforcement of this subsection. The provisions of this subsection shall expire and sunset on July 1, 2025.

(5) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, for construction projects that have executed a tax credit agreement on or after July 1, 2025, and involving a budget of direct hard construction costs (as defined in § 44-33.6-2) in excess of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), all construction workers shall be paid in accordance with the wages and benefits required pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 with all contractors and subcontractors required to file certified payrolls on a monthly basis for all work completed in the preceding month on a uniform form prescribed by the director of labor and training. Failure to follow the requirements pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 shall constitute a material violation and a material breach of the agreement with the state. The commerce corporation, in consultation with the director of labor and training and the tax administrator, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the enforcement of this subsection.

(c) The commerce corporation shall develop separate, streamlined application processes for the issuance of rebuild RI tax credits for each of the following:

- (1) Qualified development projects that involve certified historic structures;
- (2) Qualified development projects that involve recognized historical structures;
- (3) Qualified development projects that involve at least one manufacturer; and
- (4) Qualified development projects that include affordable housing or workforce housing.

(d) Applications made for a historic structure or recognized historic structure tax credit under chapter 33.6 of title 44 shall be considered for tax credits under this chapter. The division of taxation, at the expense of the commerce corporation, shall provide communications from the commerce corporation to those who have applied for and are in the queue awaiting the offer of tax credits pursuant to chapter 33.6 of title 44 regarding their potential eligibility for the rebuild RI tax credit program.

(e) Applicants (1) Who have received the notice referenced in subsection (d) above and who may be eligible for a tax credit pursuant to chapter 33.6 of title 44; (2) Whose application involves a certified historic structure or recognized historical structure; or (3) Whose project is occupied by at least one manufacturer shall be exempt from the requirements of subsections (b)(3)(ii) and (b)(3)(iii). The following procedure shall apply to such applicants:

(i) The division of taxation shall remain responsible for determining the eligibility of an applicant for tax credits awarded under chapter 33.6 of title 44;

(ii) The commerce corporation shall retain sole authority for determining the eligibility of an

applicant for tax credits awarded under this chapter; ~~and~~

(iii) The commerce corporation shall not award in excess of fifteen percent (15%) of the annual amount authorized in any fiscal year to applicants seeking tax credits pursuant to this subsection (e); and

(iv) No tax credits shall be awarded under this chapter unless the commerce corporation receives confirmation from the department of labor and training that there has been compliance with the prevailing wage requirements set forth in subsection (b) of this section.

(f) Maximum project credit.

(1) For qualified development projects, the maximum tax credit allowed under this chapter shall be the lesser of (i) Thirty percent (30%) of the total project cost; or (ii) The amount needed to close a project financing gap (after taking into account all other private and public funding sources available to the project), as determined by the commerce corporation.

(2) The credit allowed pursuant to this chapter, inclusive of any sales and use tax exemptions allowed pursuant to this chapter, shall not exceed fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for any qualified development project under this chapter; except as provided in subsection (f)(3) of this section; provided however, any qualified development project that exceeds the project cap upon passage of this act shall be deemed not to exceed the cap, shall not be reduced, nor shall it be further increased. No building or qualified development project to be completed in phases or in multiple projects shall exceed the maximum project credit of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for all phases or projects involved in the rehabilitation of the building. Provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection and no more than once in a given fiscal year, the commerce corporation may consider the development of land and buildings by a developer on the "I-195 land" as defined in § 42-64.24-3(6) as a separate, qualified development project from a qualified development project by a tenant or owner of a commercial condominium or similar legal interest including leasehold improvement, fit out, and capital investment. Such qualified development project by a tenant or owner of a commercial condominium or similar legal interest on the I-195 land may be exempted from subsection (f)(1)(i) of this section.

(3) The credit allowed pursuant to this chapter, inclusive of any sales and use tax exemptions allowed pursuant to this chapter, shall not exceed twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for the project for which the I-195 redevelopment district was authorized to enter into a purchase and sale agreement for parcels 42 and P4 on December 19, 2018, provided that project is approved for credits pursuant to this chapter by the commerce corporation.

(4) For qualified development projects involving the development of housing and mixed use projects involving housing which are restricted to require at least twenty percent (20%) of the housing units being affordable housing or workforce housing development for residents making no more than between eighty percent (80%) and one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the area median income (AMI) shall be allowed sales and use tax exemptions of up to thirty percent (30%) of the maximum project credit in addition to the maximum project credit of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) pursuant to this chapter. Any sales and use tax exemptions allowed in addition to the maximum project credit shall be for purchases made by June 30, 2028.

(g) Credits available under this chapter shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the project cost, provided, however, that the applicant shall be eligible for additional tax credits of not more than ten percent (10%) of the project cost, if the qualified development project meets any of the following criteria or other additional criteria determined by the commerce corporation from time to time in response to evolving economic or market conditions:

- (1) The project includes adaptive reuse or development of a recognized historical structure;
- (2) The project is undertaken by or for a targeted industry;
- (3) The project is located in a transit-oriented development area;

(4) The project includes residential development of which at least twenty percent (20%) of the residential units are designated as affordable housing or workforce housing;

(5) The project includes the adaptive reuse of property subject to the requirements of the industrial property remediation and reuse act, § 23-19.14-1 et seq.; or

(6) The project includes commercial facilities constructed in accordance with the minimum environmental and sustainability standards, as certified by the commerce corporation pursuant to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design or other equivalent standards.

(h) Maximum aggregate credits. The aggregate sum authorized pursuant to this chapter, inclusive of any sales and use tax exemptions allowed pursuant to this chapter, shall not exceed two hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$225,000,000), excluding any tax credits allowed pursuant to subsection (f)(3) of this section.

(i) Tax credits shall not be allowed under this chapter prior to the taxable year in which the project is placed in service.

(j) The amount of a tax credit allowed under this chapter shall be allowable to the taxpayer in up to five, annual increments; no more than thirty percent (30%) and no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the total credits allowed to a taxpayer under this chapter may be allowable for any taxable year.

(k) If the portion of the tax credit allowed under this chapter exceeds the taxpayer's total tax liability for the year in which the relevant portion of the credit is allowed, the amount that exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed for the succeeding four (4) years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first. Credits allowed to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership, or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the persons designated as partners, members, or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an executed agreement among persons designated as partners, members, or owners documenting an alternate distribution method without regard to their sharing of other tax or economic attributes of such entity.

(l) The commerce corporation, in consultation with the division of taxation, shall establish, by regulation, the process for the assignment, transfer, or conveyance of tax credits.

(m) For purposes of this chapter, any assignment or sales proceeds received by the taxpayer for its assignment or sale of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this section shall be exempt from taxation under title 44. If a tax credit is subsequently revoked or adjusted, the seller's tax calculation for the year of revocation or adjustment shall be increased by the total amount of the sales proceeds, without proration, as a modification under chapter 30 of title 44. In the event that the seller is not a natural person, the seller's tax calculation under chapter 11, 13, 14, or 17 of title 44, as applicable, for the year of revocation, or adjustment, shall be increased by including the total amount of the sales proceeds without proration.

(n) The tax credit allowed under this chapter may be used as a credit against corporate income taxes imposed under chapter 11, 13, 14, or 17 of title 44, or may be used as a credit against personal income taxes imposed under chapter 30 of title 44 for owners of pass-through entities such as a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership, or multiple owners of property.

(o) In the case of a corporation, this credit is only allowed against the tax of a corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax return.

(p) Upon request of a taxpayer and subject to annual appropriation, the state shall redeem this credit, in whole or in part, for ninety percent (90%) of the value of the tax credit. The division of taxation, in consultation with the commerce corporation, shall establish by regulation a redemption process for tax credits.

(q) Projects eligible to receive a tax credit under this chapter may, at the discretion of the

commerce corporation, be exempt from sales and use taxes imposed on the purchase of the following classes of personal property only to the extent utilized directly and exclusively in the project: (1) Furniture, fixtures, and equipment, except automobiles, trucks, or other motor vehicles; or (2) Other materials, including construction materials and supplies, that are depreciable and have a useful life of one year or more and are essential to the project.

(r) The commerce corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration and certification of additional tax credit under subsection (g), including criteria for the eligibility, evaluation, prioritization, and approval of projects that qualify for such additional tax credit.

(s) The commerce corporation shall not have any obligation to make any award or grant any benefits under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 44-33.6-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-33.6 entitled "Historic Preservation Tax Credits 2013" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-33.6-3. Tax credit.

(a) Subject to the maximum credit provisions set forth in subsections (c) and (d) below, any person, firm, partnership, trust, estate, limited liability company, corporation (whether for profit or nonprofit) or other business entity that incurs qualified rehabilitation expenditures for the substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, provided the rehabilitation meets standards consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior for rehabilitation as certified by the commission and said person, firm, partnership, trust, estate, limited liability company, corporation or other business entity is not a social club as defined in § 44-33.6-2, shall be entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed on such person or entity pursuant to chapter 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, or 30 of this title in an amount equal to the following:

(1) Twenty percent (20%) of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures; or

(2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures provided that either:

(i) At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total rentable area of the certified historic structure will be made available for a trade or business; or

(ii) The entire rentable area located on the first floor of the certified historic structure will be made available for a trade or business.

(b) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this chapter shall be allowed for the taxable year in which such certified historic structure or an identifiable portion of the structure is placed in service provided that the substantial rehabilitation test is met for such year.

(c) Maximum project credit. The credit allowed pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for any certified rehabilitation project under this chapter. No building to be completed in phases or in multiple projects shall exceed the maximum project credit of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for all phases or projects involved in the rehabilitation of such building.

(d) Maximum aggregate credits. The aggregate credits authorized to be reserved pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed sums estimated to be available in the historic preservation tax credit trust fund pursuant to this chapter.

(e) Subject to the exception provided in subsection (g) of this section, if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's total tax liability for the year in which the substantially rehabilitated property is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed for the succeeding ten (10) years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first for the tax credits. Credits allowed to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership, or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the persons designated as partners, members, or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an executed agreement among such persons designated as partners, members, or owners documenting an alternate distribution method without regard to their sharing of other tax or economic attributes of such entity.

Credits may be allocated to partners, members, or owners that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), section (c)(4) or section 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Code and these partners, members, or owners must be treated as taxpayers for purposes of this section.

(f) If the taxpayer has not claimed the tax credits in whole or part, taxpayers eligible for the tax credits may assign, transfer, or convey the credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity, including, but not limited to, condominium owners in the event the certified historic structure is converted into condominiums and assignees of the credits that have not claimed the tax credits in whole or part may assign, transfer, or convey the credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity. The assignee of the tax credits may use acquired credits to offset up to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to chapter 11, 12, 13 (other than the tax imposed under § 44-13-13), 14, 17, or 30 of this title. The assignee may apply the tax credit against taxes imposed on the assignee until the end of the tenth calendar year after the year in which the substantially rehabilitated property is placed in service or until the full credit assigned is used, whichever occurs first. Fiscal year assignees may claim the credit until the expiration of the fiscal year that ends within the tenth year after the year in which the substantially rehabilitated property is placed in service. The assignor shall perfect the transfer by notifying the state of Rhode Island division of taxation, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the division of taxation to administer and carry out the provisions of this section.

For purposes of this chapter, any assignment or sales proceeds received by the taxpayer for its assignment or sale of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this section shall be exempt from this title. If a tax credit is subsequently recaptured under this chapter, revoked, or adjusted, the seller's tax calculation for the year of revocation, recapture, or adjustment shall be increased by the total amount of the sales proceeds, without proration, as a modification under chapter 30 of this title. In the event that the seller is not a natural person, the seller's tax calculation under chapter 11, 12, 13 (other than with respect to the tax imposed under § 44-13-13), 14, 17, or 30 of this title, as applicable, for the year of revocation, recapture, or adjustment, shall be increased by including the total amount of the sales proceeds without proration.

(g) Credits allowed to partners, members, or owners that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), section (c)(4) or section 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Code, and only said credits, shall be fully refundable.

(h) Substantial rehabilitation of property that either:

(1) Is exempt from real property tax;

(2) Is a social club; or

(3) Consists of a single-family home or a property that contains less than three (3) residential apartments or condominiums shall be ineligible for the tax credits authorized under this chapter; provided, however, a scattered site development with five (5) or more residential units in the aggregate (which may include single-family homes) shall be eligible for tax credit. In the event a certified historic structure undergoes a substantial rehabilitation pursuant to this chapter and within twenty-four (24) months after issuance of a certificate of completed work the property becomes exempt from real property tax, the taxpayer's tax for the year shall be increased by the total amount of credit actually used against the tax.

(i) In the case of a corporation, this credit is only allowed against the tax of a corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax return.

(j) For construction projects that have executed a tax credit agreement on or after July 1, 2025, and involving a budget of direct hard construction costs (as defined in § 44-33.6-2) in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), all construction workers

construction workers shall be paid in accordance with the wages and benefits required pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 and all contractors and subcontractors shall file certified payrolls on a monthly basis for all work completed in the preceding month on a uniform form prescribed by the director of labor and training. Failure to follow the requirements pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 shall constitute a material violation and a material breach of the agreement with the state. The tax administrator, in consultation with the director of labor and training, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the enforcement of this subsection.

(k) No tax credits shall be awarded under this chapter unless the division of taxation receives confirmation from the department of labor and training that there has been compliance with the prevailing wage requirements set forth in subsection (j) of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Slater

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Representative Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales,

Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

46. 2025-S 843

BY Murray

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- S 0843**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 0843, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING", as follows:

1. On page 3, line 10, after the word "that" by inserting the language "for any system with a nameplate capacity in excess of twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW).".

2. On page 3, line 10, by restoring the stricken language "annually".

3. On page 3, line 10, by restoring the stricken language "in an".

4. On page 3, lines 11 through 17, by restoring all stricken language.

5. On page 3, line 17, before the language "The eligible" by inserting the language "For any system with a nameplate capacity equal to or less than twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW), eligibility shall not be restricted based on prior consumption.".

6. On page 4, lines 27, and 28 by restoring all stricken language.

7. On page 4, line 28, before the language "of the" by inserting the language:

"except for any system with a nameplate capacity equal to or less than twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW) for which excess renewable net-metering credit applies to all production of electrical energy beyond one hundred percent (100%)".

8. On page 4, line 30, by striking the language, "Such excess".

9. On page 4, lines 31 through 34, by striking all language thereon.

10. On page 5, lines 1 through 3, by striking all language thereon and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"For electrical energy produced greater than one hundred percent (100%) of the renewable self-generator's own electricity consumption at the eligible net-metering system site or the sum of the usage of the eligible credit recipient accounts associated with the community remote net-metering system during the applicable billing period, excess renewable net-metering credits shall be equal to the wholesale electricity rate, which is hereby declared to be the ISO-New England energy clearing price. When applying the ISO-New England energy clearing price to calculate the value of excess renewable net-metering credits, the electric distribution company, subject to commission approval and subject to amendment from time to time, may use an annual average, monthly average or other time increment and may use Rhode Island zone pricing or other applicable locational pricing. The commission shall have the authority to make determinations as to the applicability of this credit to specific generation facilities to the extent there is any uncertainty or disagreement."

11. On page 7, line 21, by striking the language "2050" and by inserting in place thereof the language "2060".

12. On page 8, lines 4 and 5, by deleting all language thereon.

13. On page 10, line 12, after the language "generated" by inserting the language "; provided that, for any excess electricity generated by a system with a nameplate capacity in excess of twenty-five kilowatts (25 kW), excess renewable net-metering credits shall be limited to excess".

14. On page 10, line 12, by restoring the stricken language "up to an additional twenty-five percent (25%)".

15. On page 10, line 16, after the language "(a)(2)." by inserting the language "Subject to the completion of any applicable annual reconciliation of renewable net-metering credits and excess renewable net metering credits, customers shall have the option to cash out any credit balance remaining provided that the amount of the cash out shall be the lower of:

(i) The credit balance shown from the annual reconciliation of the applicable account; or

(ii) The credit balance on the applicable account on the date the electric distribution company processes the cash out."

16. On page 11, lines 16 through 23, by deleting all language thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter,

Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

47. 2025-S 829 SUB A

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and several others.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

48. 2025-H 6065

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND BONE MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE ACT

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 6065**

**AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND BONE
MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE ACT**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 6065, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND BONE MARROW AND ORGAN DONOR LEAVE ACT", as follows:

1. By deleting all of the language in the title of the act and inserting in place thereof the following language: "RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE--BENEFITS".

2. On page 1, line 1, by deleting all of the language after the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following language :

"SECTION 1. Sections 28-41-34 and 28-41-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-41 entitled "Temporary Disability Insurance — Benefits" are hereby amended to read as follows:

28-41-34. Temporary caregiver insurance.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish, within the state temporary disability insurance program, a temporary caregiver insurance program to provide wage replacement benefits in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, to workers who take time off work to care for a seriously ill child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or to bond with a new child.

Definitions as used in this chapter:

(1) "Adopted child" means a child adopted by, or placed for adoption with, the employee.

(2) "Bonding or bond" means to develop a psychological and emotional attachment between a child and his or her parent(s) or persons who stand in loco parentis. This shall involve being in one another's physical presence.

(3) "Bone marrow transplant donor" means an individual from whose body bone marrow is taken to be transferred to the body of another person.

~~(3)~~(4) "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster son or daughter, a stepson or

stepdaughter, a legal ward, a son or daughter of a domestic partner, or a son or daughter of an employee who stands in loco parentis to that child.

~~(4)~~(5) "Department" means the department of labor and training.

~~(5)~~(6) "Domestic partner" means a party to a civil union as defined by chapter 3.1 of title 15.

~~(6)~~(7) "Employee" means any person who is or has been employed by an employer subject to chapters 39 — 41 of this title and in employment subject to those chapters.

~~(7)~~(8) "Grandparent" means a parent of the employee's parent.

~~(9)~~ "Living organ donor" means an individual who donates all or part of an organ and is not deceased.

~~(8)~~(10) "Newborn child" means a child under one year of age.

~~(9)~~(11) "Parent" means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stands in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse or domestic partner when he/she was a child.

~~(10)~~(12) "Parent-in-law" means the parent of the employee's spouse or domestic partner.

~~(11)~~(13) "Persons who stand in loco parentis" means those with day-to-day responsibilities to care for and financially support a child or, in the case of an employee, who had such responsibility for the employee when the employee was a child. A biological or legal relationship shall not be required.

~~(12)~~(14) "Serious health condition" means any illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, residential healthcare facility, or continued treatment or continuing supervision by a licensed healthcare provider.

~~(13)~~(15) "Spouse" means a party in a common law marriage, a party in a marriage conducted and recognized by another state or country, or in a marriage as defined by chapter 3 of title 15.

28-41-35. Benefits. [Effective January 1, 2025.]

(a) Subject to the conditions set forth in this chapter, an employee shall be eligible for temporary caregiver benefits for any week in which the employee is unable to perform their regular and customary work because the employee is:

(1) Bonding with a newborn child or a child newly placed for adoption or foster care with the employee or domestic partner in accordance with the provisions of § 28-41-36(c); ~~or~~

(2) Caring for a child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, spouse, or domestic partner, who has a serious health condition, subject to a waiting period in accordance with the provisions of § 28-41-12 [repealed]. Employees may use accrued sick time during the eligibility waiting period in accordance with the policy of the individual's employer; ~~or~~

(3) Participating as a bone marrow transplant donor or a living organ donor.

(b) Temporary caregiver benefits shall be available only to the employee exercising his or her right to leave while covered by the temporary caregiver insurance program. An employee shall file a written intent with their employer, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the department, with a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice prior to commencement of the family leave. Failure by the employee to provide the written intent may result in delay or reduction in the claimant's benefits, except in the event the time of the leave is unforeseeable or the time of the leave changes for unforeseeable circumstances.

(c) Employees cannot file for both temporary caregiver benefits and temporary disability benefits for the same purpose, concurrently, in accordance with all provisions of this act and chapters 39 — 41 of this title.

(d) Temporary caregiver benefits may be available to any individual exercising their right to leave while covered by the temporary caregiver insurance program, commencing on or after January 1, 2014, which shall not exceed the individual's maximum benefits in accordance with chapters 39 — 41 of this title. The benefits for the temporary caregiver program shall be payable with respect to the

first day of leave taken after the waiting period and each subsequent day of leave during that period of family temporary disability leave. Benefits shall be in accordance with the following:

(1) Beginning January 1, 2014, temporary caregiver benefits shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) weeks in a benefit year;

(2) Beginning January 1, 2022, temporary caregiver benefits shall be limited to a maximum of five (5) weeks in a benefit year;

(3) Beginning January 1, 2023, temporary caregiver benefits shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) weeks in a benefit year;

(4) Beginning January 1, 2025, temporary caregiver benefits shall be limited to a maximum of seven (7) weeks in a benefit year; and

(5) Beginning January 1, 2026, temporary caregiver benefits shall be limited to a maximum of eight (8) weeks in a benefit year.

(e) In addition, no individual shall be paid temporary caregiver benefits and temporary disability benefits that together exceed thirty (30) times the individual's weekly benefit rate in any benefit year.

(f) Any employee who exercises their right to leave covered by temporary caregiver insurance under this chapter shall, upon the expiration of that leave, be entitled to be restored by the employer to the position held by the employee when the leave commenced, or to a position with equivalent seniority, status, employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment including fringe benefits and service credits that the employee had been entitled to at the commencement of leave.

(g) During any caregiver leave taken pursuant to this chapter, the employer shall maintain any existing health benefits of the employee in force for the duration of the leave as if the employee had continued in employment continuously from the date the employee commenced the leave until the date the caregiver benefits terminate; provided, however, that the employee shall continue to pay any employee shares of the cost of health benefits as required prior to the commencement of the caregiver benefits.

(h) No individual shall be entitled to waiting period credit or temporary caregiver benefits under this section for any week beginning prior to January 1, 2014. An employer may require an employee who is entitled to leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, Pub. L. No. 103-3 and/or the Rhode Island parental and family medical leave act, § 28-48-1 et seq., who exercises their right to benefits under the temporary caregiver insurance program under this chapter, to take any temporary caregiver benefits received, concurrently, with any leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and/or the Rhode Island parental and family medical leave act.

(i) Temporary caregiver benefits shall be in accordance with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), Pub. L. No. 103-3 and the Rhode Island parental and family medical leave act in accordance with § 28-48-1 et seq. An employer may require an employee who is entitled to leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act, Pub. L. No. 103-3 and/or the Rhode Island parental and family medical leave act, § 28-48-1 et seq., who exercises their right to benefits under the temporary caregiver insurance program under this chapter, to take any temporary caregiver benefits received, concurrently, with any leave taken pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and/or the Rhode Island parental and family medical leave act.

(j) In the event the individual is participating as a bone marrow transplant donor or a living organ donor, benefits under this section shall cover time needed for any procedures, medical tests, and surgeries related to the donation, including no more than five (5) business days of recovery from a bone marrow transplant or no more than thirty (30) business days recovery from a living organ donor transplant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Corvese

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Chairman Corvese discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

49. 2025-S 1048

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- S 1048

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 1048, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 1, by deleting all of the language after the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 16-16 of the General Laws entitled "Teachers' Retirement [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

16-16-24.3. Substitute teaching and post-retirement teachers.

(a) Notwithstanding any public or general law, or rule or regulation to the contrary, and except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any teacher member who has retired under the provisions of Title 16 ("education") may exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment and work up to one hundred eighty (180) days during a school year upon:

(1) A determination by the local education authority ("LEA") that there exists a specialized need, within the authority, to fill positions on a temporary basis, that may require the LEA to employ retired teachers and exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment;

(2) Retired teacher members being asked to exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment possess the skills, training, and knowledge necessary to help address teacher staffing shortages; and

(3) The local education authority has notified the state retirement board that it has determined that exceeding the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment is necessary to help address teacher staffing shortages. Provided, however:

(i) No employment may be offered to a retiree subject to this section unless the employer has made a good-faith effort each school year to fill the position with a nonretired employee without success, and certifies, in writing, that it has done so to the employees' retirement system and to the bargaining agents of all education unions with whom the employer has collective bargaining agreements;

(ii) The LEA provides in its notice to the state retirement board and the bargaining agents the total number of certified teacher positions within the LEA, including the number of teacher positions filled and the number of teacher positions the LEA is seeking to fill; and

(iii) The total number of retired teachers an LEA may hire under the provisions of this section may not exceed five percent (5%) of the total number of certified teacher positions reported to the state retirement board by the LEA pursuant to subsection (a)(3)(ii) of this section.

(b) Any teacher member who has retired under the provisions of title 16, and has been employed or re-employed under the provisions of this section, shall not be entitled to additional

service credits for such employment, and the teacher member shall not be responsible for any contribution to the pension system as a result of the employment; provided, however, the local educational authority shall make the employer contribution for the teacher member as if the district had hired a new teacher member.

(c) A teacher retired under the provisions of title 16 shall be subject to a ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment during the period of one year after the date of that teacher's retirement. Thereafter, that teacher shall be eligible to exceed the ninety-day (90) day cap on post-retirement as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) The provisions of this section shall apply retroactively to June 20, 2025, and shall sunset one year from enactment or on August 1, 2026, whichever shall occur first.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall be retroactive to June 20, 2025."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

50. 2025-S 716 as amended

BY Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- S 0716 AS AMENDED**

**AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 0716 AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL", as follows:

1. On page 1, be deleting all the language after the enactment clause, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 46-23 of the General Laws entitled "Coastal Resources Management Council" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

46-23-27. Requirements for parking modifications near coastal resources management council rights-of-way.

(a) Any city, town, municipal agency, private entity, or other organization seeking to reduce, or restrict parking near designated CRMC rights-of-way shall:

(1) Submit a comprehensive parking plan which shall provide a detailed plan outlining the proposed changes, including:

(i) The specific parking areas affected;

(ii) The reasons for the proposed changes; and

(iii) An analysis of the potential impacts on shoreline access for the public, with a specific focus on ADA compliance.

(2) Demonstrate that the proposed changes shall not reduce access for individuals with disabilities and shall meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for

accessible parking spaces and pathways.

(3) Conduct a public comment period of no less than thirty (30) days to gather feedback from local residents, stakeholders, and advocacy groups.

(b) CRMC shall engage in collaboration with the department of environmental management ("DEM") to ensure:

(1) The proposed plan does not conflict with DEM programs or projects or negatively interfere with compliance with state and federal accessibility standards;

(2) Achieves alignment with the goals of preserving and enhancing public shoreline access;
and

(3) Provides mitigation measures to address any negative impacts identified during the review process.

(c) CRMC and/or DEM may promulgate any necessary rules and regulations to facilitate the implementation of this section within six (6) months of collaboration provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Agencies or departments acting under the authority and expressed permission of the State of Rhode Island or any city or town shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, provided that any restrictions or reductions in parking near CRMC rights-of-way are temporary in nature and are implemented solely to address legitimate public safety concerns or to alleviate impediments to traffic flow. If the restrictions or reductions are to last more than twenty (20) calendar days, notice must be provided to the CRMC, which shall then make such notice available to the public.

46-23-28. Enforcement and penalties for parking areas.

(a) Any entity found to have reduced, or restricted, parking near CRMC rights-of-way without complying with the provisions of this section and § 46-23-27 shall be subject to:

(1) A cease-and-desist order issued by CRMC or DEM;

(2) A fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) per day for each day of non-compliance;

(3) Additional penalties or corrective measures as deemed necessary by CRMC or DEM to restore equitable access.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Shanley

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Chairman Shanley discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey,

Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #51 to the bottom of the calendar.

51. 2025-S 188 SUB A as amended

BY Sosnowski

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the bottom of the Calendar.

52. 2025-S 622 as amended

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- S 0622 AS AMENDED**

**AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- S 0622 AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS", as follows:

1. On page 6, line 1, by restoring all stricken language.
2. On page 6, line 2, by restoring the stricken language "~~30~~".
3. On page 6, before the language "an employee", by inserting the language "2026".
4. On page 6, line 16, by restoring all stricken language.
5. On page 6, line 17, by restoring the stricken language "~~June 30~~".
6. On page 6, line 17, before the language ""wages"", by inserting the language "2026".
7. On page 8, line 34 by restoring the stricken language "~~through June 30~~".
- On page 8, line 34, before the language "an individual", by inserting the language "2026".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Corvese

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Chairman Corvese discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

53. 2025-H 5448

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2025 -- H 5448

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5448, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS", as follows:

1. On page 6, line 1, by restoring all stricken language.
2. On page 6, line 2, by restoring the stricken language "~~30~~";.
3. On page 6, before the language "an employee", by inserting the language "2026".

4. On page 6, line 16, by restoring all stricken language.
 5. On page 6, line 17, by restoring the stricken language "~~June 30,~~".
 6. On page 6, line 17, before the language "'wages'", by inserting the language "2026,".
 7. On page 8, line 34 by restoring the stricken language "~~through June 30,~~".
- On page 8, line 34, before the language "an individual", by inserting the language "2026,".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Corvese

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Chairman Corvese discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

54. 2025-S 830**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

55. 2025-H 5768**BY** Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

AT EASE

At 5:32 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 5:42 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

56. 2025-S 833

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

57. 2025-H 5769

BY Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

59. 2025-S 922 as amended

BY Bissaillon

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY
RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

60. 2025-S 473**BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 1: Representative Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2025-H 5464 SUB A**BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH
AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 5464 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE
SAFETY ACT**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5464 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 1, by deleting the language "SECTION 2. Section 23-20.10-6.1" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 1. Sections 23-20.10-2 and 23-20.10-6.1".

2. On page 1, line 2, by deleting the language "is" and by inserting in place thereof the language "are".

3. On page 1, between lines 2 and 3 by inserting the following language:

"23-20.10-2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, whenever used in this chapter, shall be construed as defined in this section:

(1) "Assisted-living residence" means a residence that provides personal assistance and meals to adults in accordance with chapter 17.4 of this title.

(2) "Bar" means an establishment that is devoted to the serving of alcoholic beverages for consumption by guests on the premises and in which the serving of food is only incidental to the consumption of those beverages, including, but not limited to, taverns, nightclubs, cocktail lounges, and cabarets.

(3) "Business" means a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business entity formed for profit-making purposes, including retail establishments where goods or services are sold as well as professional corporations and other entities where legal, medical, dental, engineering, architectural, or other professional services are delivered.

(4) "Electronic nicotine delivery system" means an electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine or other substance to a person inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of that device.

(5) "Electronic nicotine delivery system store" means a retail store, excluding mall kiosks, utilized primarily for the sale of electronic nicotine delivery system products and accessories.

(6) "Electronic smoking device establishment" means any business that sells food or alcohol and for which the principal or core business is selling electronic nicotine delivery system devices and where combustible substances are prohibited.

(i) Effective July 1, 2018, all establishments that open thereafter must demonstrate quarterly, for a period of one year and annually thereafter, that the annual revenue generated from the serving of electronic nicotine delivery system devices is thirty-three percent (33%) or more of the total revenue for the establishment. Every such owner of an electronic smoking device establishment shall register no later than January 1 of each year with the division of taxation and shall provide, at a minimum, the owner's name and address and the name and address of the electronic smoking device establishment. The division of taxation in the department of administration shall be responsible for the determination under this section and shall promulgate any rules or forms necessary for the implementation of this section.

(7) “Employee” means a person who is employed by an employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit and a person who volunteers his or her services for a nonprofit entity.

(8) “Employer” means a person, business, partnership, association, corporation, including a municipal corporation, trust, or nonprofit entity that employs the services of one or more individual persons.

(9) “Enclosed area” means all space between a floor and ceiling that is enclosed on all sides by solid walls or windows (exclusive of doorways) that extend from the floor to the ceiling.

(10) “Healthcare facility” means an office or institution providing care or treatment of diseases, whether physical, mental, emotional, or other medical, physiological, or psychological conditions, including, but not limited to, hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals or other clinics, including weight control clinics, nursing homes, homes for the aging or chronically ill, laboratories, and offices of surgeons, chiropractors, physical therapists, physicians, dentists, and all specialists within these professions. This definition shall include all waiting rooms, hallways, private rooms, semi-private rooms, and wards within health-care facilities.

(11) “Legislature” means the general assembly of the state of Rhode Island.

(12) “Place of employment” means an area under the control of a public or private employer that employees normally frequent during the course of employment, including, but not limited to, work areas, employees lounges, restrooms, conference rooms, meeting rooms, classrooms, employee cafeterias, and hallways. Vehicles owned by a public or private employer are covered under this definition provided that the vehicle is used by more than one person. A private residence is not a “place of employment” unless it is used as a childcare, adult daycare, or healthcare facility.

(13) “Principal or core business” means a business whose majority of customers are utilizing electronic nicotine delivery systems during normal business hours.

(14) “Public place” means an enclosed area to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted, including, but not limited to, banks, bars, educational facilities, healthcare facilities, laundromats, public transportation facilities, reception areas, restaurants, retail food production and marketing establishments, retail service establishments, retail stores, shopping malls, sports arenas, the state house, theaters, and waiting rooms. A private residence is not a “public place” unless it is used as a childcare, adult daycare, or healthcare facility.

(15) “Restaurant” means an eating establishment, including, but not limited to, coffee shops, cafeterias, and private and public school cafeterias, that gives or offers for sale food to the public, guests, or employees, as well as kitchens and catering facilities in which food is prepared on the premises for serving elsewhere. The term “restaurant” shall include a bar area within the restaurant.

(16) “Retail tobacco store” means a retail store utilized primarily for the sale of tobacco, electronic cigarette products and accessories, or electronic nicotine delivery system products in which the total annual revenues generated by the sale of other products are no greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total revenue for the establishment. The division of taxation shall be responsible for the determination under this section and shall promulgate any rules or forms necessary for the implementation of this section.

(17) “Service line” means an indoor line in which one or more persons are waiting for or receiving service of any kind, whether or not the service involves the exchange of money.

(18) “Shopping mall” means an enclosed public walkway or hall area that serves to connect retail or professional establishments.

(19) “Smoking” or “smoke” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, weed, plant, other tobacco product or plant product, or other combustible substance in any manner or in any form intended for inhalation in any manner or form. “Smoking” or “smoke” also includes the use of electronic cigarettes, electronic cigars, electronic pipes, electronic

nicotine delivery system products, or other similar products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization; provided, however, that smoking shall not include burning during a religious ceremony.

(20)(i) "Smoking bar" means an establishment whose business is primarily devoted to the serving of tobacco products for consumption on the premises, in which the annual revenues generated by tobacco sales are greater than fifty percent (50%) of the total revenue for the establishment and the serving of food or alcohol is only incidental to the consumption of the tobacco products. Effective July 1, 2015, all existing establishments and establishments that open thereafter must demonstrate quarterly, for a period of one year and annually thereafter, that the annual revenue generated from the serving of tobacco products is greater than fifty percent (50%) of the total revenue for the establishment, and the serving of food, alcohol, or beverages is only incidental to the consumption of the tobacco products. Every owner of a smoking bar shall register no later than January 1 of each year with the division of taxation and shall provide, at a minimum, the owner's name and address and the name and address of the smoking bar. The division of taxation in the department of administration shall be responsible for the determination under this section and shall promulgate any rules or forms necessary for the implementation of this section.

(ii) Smoking bars shall only allow consumption of food and beverages sold by the establishment on the premises and the establishment shall have public access only from the street.

(iii) Any smoking bar, as defined herein, is required to provide a proper ventilation system that will prevent the migration of smoke into the street.

(21) "Sports arena" means sports pavilions, stadiums, (indoor or outdoor) organized sports fields, gymnasiums, health spas, boxing arenas, swimming pools, roller and ice rinks, bowling alleys, and other similar places where members of the general public assemble to engage in physical exercise, participate in athletic competition, or witness sports or other events.

(22) "Pari mutual facility smoking lounge" means an enclosed area, including, but not limited to, a cigar bar, within any pari mutual facility established under chapter 3.1 or 7 of title 41 or any pari mutual licensee under chapter 61.2 of title 42 with a proper ventilation system that will prevent the migration of smoke to nonsmoking areas."

4. On page 2, lines 14 and 15 by deleting the language: "any "smoking bar", as defined pursuant to § 23-20.10-2 located within the facility to include a business currently identified as Plume & Proof Cigar Bar" and by inserting in place thereof the language: "one "pari mutual facility smoking lounge", as defined pursuant to § 23-20.10-2 located within the facility."

5. On page 2, line 16, by deleting the language "SECTION 3" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 2".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney, Representative Tanzi discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 44 members voting in the affirmative and 27 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 44: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McNamara, Messier, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 27: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Boylan, Carson, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cruz, Fascia, Felix, Fogarty, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shanley, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Newberry and Tanzi discuss the amended act.

POINT OF ORDER

Deputy Speaker Hull rises on a point of order for Representative Tanzi to stop disparaging a member or any members of the General Assembly.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds the point of order and asks Representative Tanzi to speak on the merits of the amended act and not on the profession of another member of the General Assembly.

Representatives Tanzi, McGaw, Ajello and Casey continue the discussion on the amended act.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

H- 5464

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Tanzi
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 5464
entitled: Public Health and Workplace Safety Act
which is currently in the House Committee on FINANCE

Signature: Jeana Tanzi
Representative

House District # 34

Date: June 20, 2025

Acknowledgment:

[Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative McGowan
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 5464
entitled: _____
which is currently in the House Committee on FINANCE

Signature: [Signature] Representative

House District # 71

Date: 6/20, 2025

Acknowledgement:

[Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Belbo 5464
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5464
entitled: Public Health
which is currently in the House Committee on FINANCE
Signature: [Signature]
Representative
House District # 6/30
Date: 6/30, 2025

Acknowledgement:

[Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Ajello, McGaw, Sanchez, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

51. 2025-S 188 SUB A as amended

BY Sosnowski

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney and Representative Tanzi discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Representative Casey rises on a point of order for Representative Tanzi to stay on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi upholds the point of order and asks Representative Tanzi to speak on the merits of the amendment.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Ajello, McGaw, Sanchez, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6428

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Solomon, Lombardi, Fellela, Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF FATHER BERNARD A. HEALEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD ON JUNE 24, 2025 {LC3073/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6429

BY Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ackerman, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Hopkins

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DR. ROSEMARY A. COSTIGAN, PH.D., RN, ON HER SELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3082/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Noret and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

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

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

AT EASE

At 6:12 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 8:23 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT –57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, Diaz, Edwards, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR # 2

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025:**1. 2025-S 816 SUB A**

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place,

Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Cruz, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-S 893 as amended

BY Raptakis

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-S 945 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- RHODE ISLAND ANTI-BID-RIGGING ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 63 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 63: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-S 984 SUB A

BY Britto

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON LEGISLATION TO REGULATE AND LICENSE CANNABINOIDS AND HEMP-DERIVED BEVERAGES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

5. 2025-S 1125

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES-CENTRAL FALLS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

6. 2025-S 1142

BY Raptakis

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

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

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

7. 2025-S 1152**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- DOMESTIC ASSAULT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and several others.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Cruz, Newberry, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

8. 2025-S 1156**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE
COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RETURN OF CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOLS TO LOCAL
GOVERNANCE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw,

McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

9. 2025-H 5625 SUB A

BY Dawson

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

10. 2025-S 136

BY E Morgan

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC
IMAGING DEVICES**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Ajello, Cruz, Place, Sanchez, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

11. 2025-S 229 SUB A

BY Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

12. 2025-S 439 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

13. 2025-S 497

BY Mack

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

14. 2025-S 513**BY** Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

15. 2025-S 600 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- VOLUNTARY RESTRUCTURING OF SOLVENT INSURERS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

16. 2025-S 603 SUB A

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

17. 2025-S 761 SUB A

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND TRUST

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan,

Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

18. 2025-S 783

BY Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

19. 2025-S 901 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL
PROVISION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 4 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Casimiro, Knight, Nardone, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

20. 2025-H 6054

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and many others, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO
2025 -- H 6054**

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 6054, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL", as follows:

1. By deleting all of the language in the title of the act and inserting in place thereof the following language "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL PROVISION".

2. On page 1, line 1, by deleting all the language after the enactment clause, and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Section 27-10.4-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-10.4 entitled "Motor Vehicle Appraisal Provision" is hereby amended to read as follows:

27-10.4-1. Motor vehicle appraisal provision.

(a) When the insurance company and the insured or claimants fail to agree on the amount of a loss, either has the right to exercise the independent appraisal process outlined in this section.

~~Agreements by the parties shall be binding. Each shall select a disinterested Rhode Island licensed appraiser. The insurer's chosen appraiser shall inspect the damaged motor vehicle within three (3) business days after the written demand is received; provided, the damaged motor vehicle is on the premises of the repair shop when the request is made. If the insurer's appraiser fails to inspect the damaged motor vehicle within the three (3) business days the insurer shall forfeit its right to inspect the damaged vehicle prior to repairs, and negotiations shall be limited to labor and the price of parts and shall not, unless objective evidence to the contrary is provided by the insurer, involve disputes as to the existence of damage or the chosen manner of repair. The time limitations set forth in this subsection may be extended by mutual agreement between the auto body repair shop and the insurer.~~

~~(b) If the two (2) appraisers fail to agree on the amount of the loss, the insurer and the insured or claimant shall select an impartial Rhode Island licensed appraiser as an umpire appraiser. If the two (2) appraisers are unable to agree upon an umpire within three (3) business days, the party making the initial demand for the loss to be set by appraisal shall select an umpire. The appraisers shall then submit their differences to the umpire appraiser. The umpire appraiser shall render a decision within three (3) business days, and written agreement by any two (2) of the three (3) shall set the amount of the loss. The time limitations set forth in this subsection may be extended by mutual agreement between the auto body repair shop and the insurer.~~

~~(c) The insurer shall not engage in any act or practice of intimidation, coercion, threat, or misrepresentation of consumer rights, for or against an insured person, claimant, or entity chosen in this process. claimant shall fail to agree as to the amount of the loss, the insured or claimant has the right to exercise the independent appraisal process outlined in this section.~~

~~(1) The insured or claimant, and the insurer, shall each select their own disinterested Rhode Island licensed appraiser at their own expense. The insurer's chosen appraiser shall inspect the damaged motor vehicle within four (4) business days after the written demand is received, provided the damaged motor vehicle is on the premises of the repair shop when the request is made.~~

~~(2) If the insurer's appraiser fails to inspect the damaged motor vehicle within four (4) business days the insurer shall forfeit its right to inspect the damaged vehicle prior to repairs, and negotiations shall be limited to labor and the price of parts and shall not, unless objective evidence to the contrary is provided by the insurer, involve disputes as to the existence of damage or the chosen manner of repair. The time limitations set forth in this subsection may be extended by mutual agreement between the auto body repair shop and the insurer.~~

~~(b) If the two (2) appraisers are unable to resolve the dispute between the insurance company and the insured or claimant, then the two (2) appraisers shall submit to each other their best proposal to resolve the disagreement.~~

~~(1) If the proposals differ by fifteen percent (15%) or less, the amount of the loss shall be the midpoint between them.~~

~~(2) If the proposals differ by more than fifteen percent (15%), then, within three (3) business days, the appraisers shall submit the names of three (3) disinterested Rhode Island licensed appraisers to each other. The appraisers will endeavor to agree on the selection of one of the proposed candidates to act as umpire.~~

~~(3) In the event the parties are unable to agree on a candidate to act as umpire, the insured or claimant shall choose an independent association for arbitration such as the American Association of Arbitrators or similar association to provide an umpire.~~

~~(4) The umpire shall render a decision within five (5) days of appointment.~~

~~(5) The agreement by the parties, or the umpire's decision, will be binding on the parties, except for supplemental allowances for hidden damage, parts price increases, or any other reasonable charges related to the loss that have not already been paid for.~~

~~(6) If the insured or claimant initiates this appraisal provision and the final award exceeds the~~

insurer's original offer by more than twenty-five percent (25%), the insurer must reimburse all of the insured or claimant's appraisal costs. If the difference is less than twenty-five percent (25%) the parties shall split the cost of the umpire.

(7) If the appraiser selected by the insurer, insured or claimant does not comply with the provisions of § 27-9.1-4 and chapter 10.1 of title 27 or any other applicable Rhode Island law or regulation, their appraisal shall be deemed null and void and excluded from consideration from the umpire.

(8) For the purposes of this section a "disinterested Rhode Island licensed appraiser" means a motor vehicle damage appraiser licensed pursuant to chapter 10.1 of title 27 who has not performed an appraisal, received payment or compensation of any type from the claimant or insured, or the insurer, in the previous thirty (30) days.

(9) For the purposes of this section an "insurer" means any "insurer" as defined in § 27-9.1-2.

(10) Any appraiser that does not qualify as a "disinterested Rhode Island licensed appraiser" may be allowed by mutual agreement of both the parties.

(11) Neither party shall waive any rights under the applicable insurance policy which are not part of the appraisal process.

(c) The insurer shall not engage in any act or practice of intimidation, coercion, threat, or misrepresentation of consumer rights, for or against an insured person, claimant, or entity chosen in this process.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.”

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Casimiro.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Fascia, Knight, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, ARTHUR J. CONVERSE, State Representative, District 05, hereby under oath depose and say:

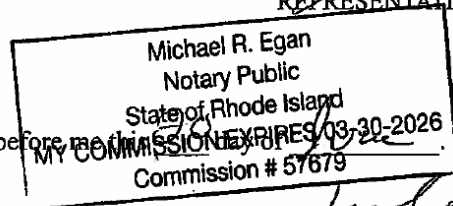
1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5892 SUB A
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: MY SENECA CO ONE OF ITS ASSOCIATES TESTIFIED ON THIS BILL
3. (Please select one of the following):

- ☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).
- ☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island

County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20th day of June, 2025



NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Converse is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
SPEAKER

21. 2025-H 5892 SUB B**BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- COURT ADMINISTRATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Corvese.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, ANTHONY CORVINO, State Representative, District 50, hereby under oath depose and say:

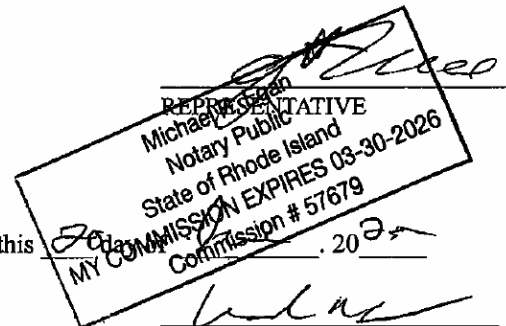
1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: § 36-14-6
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: MY SON WORKS FOR ONE OF THE ASSOCIATES TESTIFIED ON THIS BILL
3. (Please select one of the following):

- ☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).
- ☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island

County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of June, 2025



NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Corvino is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
SPEAKER

22. 2025-S 581 SUB A**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- COURT ADMINISTRATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Corvese.

23. 2025-H 5017 SUB A**BY** Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED
WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

24. 2025-S 884

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

25. 2025-H 5043 SUB A

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

26. 2025-S 71 SUB A as amended

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

27. 2025-H 5300 SUB A

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

28. 2025-S 729 SUB A

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members 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, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Nardone, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

29. 2025-H 5640 as amended**BY Hull****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING,
USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

30. 2025-S 529 as amended**BY LaMountain****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING,
USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips,

Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

RECONSIDERATION

From the Desk are taken:

53. 2025-H 5448

BY McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS

Ordered on the Calendar

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves to reconsider, seconded by Chairman Corvese. There is no objection.

The motion to reconsider prevails, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2025 -- H 5448

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5448, entitled “AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY --GENERAL PROVISIONS”, as follows:

1. On page 1, by deleting all the language after the enactment clause, and by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 1. Section 28-42-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-42 entitled "Employment Security — General Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

28-42-3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases, as used in chapters 42 — 44 of this title, have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) “Administration account” means the employment security administration account established by this chapter.

(2) “Average weekly wage” means the amount determined by dividing the individual’s total wages earned for service performed in employment within the individual’s base period by the number of that individual’s credit weeks within the individual’s base period.

(3) “Base period,” with respect to an individual’s benefit year, means the first four (4), of the most recently completed five (5) calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual’s benefit year. For any individual’s benefit year, and for any individual deemed monetarily ineligible for benefits for the “base period” as defined in this subdivision, the department shall make a re-determination of entitlement based upon the alternate base period that consists of the last four (4) completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of the claimant’s benefit year. Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in this subdivision, the base period shall not include any calendar quarter previously used to establish a valid claim for benefits; provided, that notwithstanding any provision of chapters 42 — 44 of this title to the contrary, for the benefit years beginning on or after October 4, 1992, whenever an individual who has received workers’ compensation benefits is entitled to reinstatement under § 28-33-47, but the position to which reinstatement is sought does not exist or is not available, the individual’s base period shall be determined as if the individual filed for benefits on the date of the injury.

(4) “Benefit” means the money payable to an individual as compensation for the individual’s wage losses due to unemployment as provided in these chapters.

(5) “Benefit credits” means the total amount of money payable to an individual as benefits, as determined by § 28-44-9.

(6) “Benefit rate” means the money payable to an individual as compensation, as provided in chapters 42 — 44 of this title, for the individual’s wage losses with respect to any week of total unemployment.

(7) “Benefit year,” with respect to any individual who does not already have a benefit year in effect and who files a valid claim for benefits, means fifty-two (52) consecutive calendar weeks, the first of which shall be the week containing the day as of which he or she first files a valid claim in accordance with regulations adopted as hereinafter prescribed; provided, that the benefit year shall be fifty-three (53) weeks if the filing of a new, valid claim would result in overlapping any quarter of the base period of a prior new claim previously filed by the individual. In no event shall a new benefit year begin prior to the Sunday next following the end of the old benefit year.

(8) “Calendar quarter” means the period of three (3) consecutive calendar months ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31; or the equivalent thereof, in accordance with regulations as subsequently prescribed.

(9) “Contributions” means the money payments to the state employment security fund required by those chapters.

(10) “Credit amount,” effective July 6, 2014, means earnings by the individual in an amount equal to at least eight (8) times the individual’s weekly benefit rate.

(11) "Credit week," prior to July 1, 2012, means any week within an individual's base period in which that individual earned wages amounting to at least twenty (20) times the minimum hourly wage as defined in chapter 12 of this title for performing services in employment for one or more employers subject to chapters 42 — 44 of this title, and for the period July 1, 2012, through July 5, 2014, means any week within an individual's base period in which that individual earned wages amounting to at least the individual's weekly benefit rate for performing services in employment for one or more employers subject to chapters 42 — 44 of this title.

(12) "Crew leader," for the purpose of subdivision (19) of this section, means an individual who:

(i) Furnishes individuals to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person;
(ii) Pays (either on the crew leader's own behalf or on behalf of that other person) the individuals so furnished by the crew leader for the service in agricultural labor performed by them; and

(iii) Has not entered into a written agreement with that other person (farm operator) under which that individual (crew leader) is designated as an employee of that other person (farm operator).

(13) "Director" means the head of the department of labor and training or the director's authorized representative.

(14) "Domestic service employment." "Employment" includes domestic service in a private home performed for a person who paid cash remuneration of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in any calendar quarter in the current calendar year, or the preceding calendar year, to individuals employed in that domestic service.

(15) "Employee" means any person who is, or has been, employed by an employer subject to those chapters and in employment subject to those chapters.

(16) "Employer" means:

(i) Any employing unit that was an employer as of December 31, 1955;
(ii) Any employing unit that for some portion of a day on and after January 1, 1956, has, or had, in employment, within any calendar year, one or more individuals; except, however, for "domestic service employment," as defined in subdivision (14) of this section;

(iii) For the effective period of its election pursuant to § 28-42-12, any other employing unit that has elected to become subject to chapters 42 — 44 of this title; or

(iv) Any employing unit not an employer by reason of any other paragraph of this subdivision for which, within either the current or preceding calendar year, service is, or was, performed with respect to which that employing unit is liable for any federal tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required to be paid into this state's employment security fund; or which, as a condition for approval of chapters 42 — 44 of this title for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, 26 U.S.C. § 3301 et seq., is required, pursuant to that act, to be an "employer" under chapters 42 — 44 of this title.

(17) "Employing unit" means any person, partnership, association, trust, estate, or corporation, whether domestic or foreign, or its legal representative, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, or trustee, or the legal representative of a deceased person, that has, or had, in the unit's employ, one or more individuals. For the purposes of subdivision (14) of this section, a private home shall be considered an employing unit only if the person for whom the domestic service was performed paid cash remuneration of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in any calendar quarter in the current calendar year, or the preceding calendar year, to individuals employed in that domestic service in that private home.

(18)(i) "Employment," subject to §§ 28-42-4 — 28-42-10, means service, including service in interstate commerce, performed for wages, or under any contract of hire, written or oral, express or implied; provided, that service performed shall also be deemed to constitute employment for all the

purposes of chapters 42 — 44 of this title if performed by an individual in the employ of a nonprofit organization as described in subdivision (25) of this section, except as provided in § 28-42-8(7);

(ii) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, “Employment” also means service with respect to which a tax is required to be paid under any federal law imposing a tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required to be paid into this state’s employment security fund or which, as a condition for full tax credit against the tax imposed by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, is required to be covered under chapters 42 — 44 of this title;

(iii) Employment not to include owners. Employment does not include services performed by sole proprietors (owners), partners in a partnership, limited liability company — single member filing as a sole proprietor with the IRS, or members of a limited liability company filing as a partnership with the IRS.

(19) “Employment — Crew leader.” For the purposes of subdivision (12) of this section:

(i) Any individual who is a member of a crew furnished by a crew leader to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person shall be treated as an employee of that crew leader if:

(A) That crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration under the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, 29 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq., or substantially all members of that crew operate or maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting, or crop-dusting equipment, or any other mechanized equipment that is provided by that crew leader; and

(B) That individual is not an employee of the other person within the meaning of subdivision (15) of this section; and

(ii) In the case of any individual who is furnished by a crew leader to perform service in agricultural labor for any other person and who is not treated as an employee of that crew leader:

(A) That other person, and not the crew leader, shall be treated as the employer of that individual; and

(B) That other person shall be treated as having paid cash remuneration to that individual in an amount equal to the amount of cash remuneration paid to that individual by the crew leader (either on the crew leader’s own behalf or on behalf of that other person) for the service in agricultural labor performed for that other person.

(20) “Employment office” means a free, public-employment office, or its branch, operated by the director or by this state as part of a system of free, public-employment offices, or any other agency that the director may designate with the approval of the Social Security Administration.

(21) “Fund” means the employment security fund established by this chapter.

(22) “Governmental entity” means state and local governments in this state and includes the following:

(i) The state of Rhode Island or any of its instrumentalities, or any political subdivision of the state, or any of its instrumentalities;

(ii) Any instrumentality of more than one of these entities; or

(iii) Any instrumentality of any of these entities and one or more other states or political subdivisions.

(23) “Hospital” means an institution that has been licensed, certified, or approved by the department of health as a hospital.

(24)(i) “Institution of higher education” means an educational institution in this state that:

(A) Admits, as regular students, only individuals having a certificate of graduation from a high school, or the recognized equivalent of such certificate;

(B) Is legally authorized within this state to provide a program of education beyond high school;

(C) Provides:

(I) An educational program for which it awards a bachelor’s or higher degree, or a program

that is acceptable for full credit toward such a degree;

(II) A program of post-graduate or post-doctoral studies; or

(III) A program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; and

(D) Is a public or other nonprofit institution.

(ii) Notwithstanding any of the preceding provisions of this subdivision, all colleges and universities in this state are institutions of higher education for purposes of this section.

(25) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization, or group of organizations, as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), that is exempt from income tax under 26 U.S.C. § 501(a).

(26)(i) "Partial unemployment." An employee shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week of less than full-time work if the employee fails to earn in wages for that week an amount equal to the weekly benefit rate for total unemployment to which the employee would be entitled if totally unemployed and eligible. For weeks beginning on or after May 23, 2021, through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, an employee shall be deemed partially unemployed in any week of less than full-time work if the employee fails to earn wages for that week in an amount equal to or greater than one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the weekly benefit rate for total unemployment to which the employee would be entitled if totally unemployed and eligible.

(ii) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (28) of this section, "wages" includes only that part of remuneration for any work that is in excess of one-fifth ($\frac{1}{5}$) of the weekly benefit rate for total unemployment, rounded to the next lower multiple of one dollar (\$1.00), to which the individual would be entitled if totally unemployed and eligible in any one week, and "services" includes only that part of any work for which remuneration in excess of one-fifth ($\frac{1}{5}$) of the weekly benefit rate for total unemployment, rounded to the next lower multiple of one dollar (\$1.00), to which the individual would be entitled if totally unemployed and eligible in any one week is payable; provided, that nothing contained in this paragraph shall permit any individual to whom remuneration is payable for any work performed in any week in an amount equal to or greater than his or her weekly benefit rate to receive benefits under this subdivision for that week.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, for weeks ending on or after May 23, 2021, through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, "wages" includes only that part of remuneration for any work that is in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the weekly benefit rate for total unemployment, rounded to the next lower multiple of one dollar (\$1.00), to which the individual would be entitled if totally unemployed and eligible in any one week, and "services" includes only that part of any work for which remuneration in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the weekly benefit rate for total unemployment, rounded to the next lower multiple of one dollar (\$1.00), to which the individual would be entitled if totally unemployed and eligible in any one week is payable. Provided, that, during the period defined in this subdivision, nothing contained in this subdivision shall permit any individual to whom remuneration is payable for any work performed in any week in an amount equal to or greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of their weekly benefit rate to receive benefits under this subdivision for that week.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything contained to the contrary in this subdivision, "services," as used in this subdivision and in subdivision (28) of this section, does not include services rendered by an individual under the exclusive supervision of any agency of this state, or any of its political subdivisions, by which the services are required solely for the purpose of affording relief, support, or assistance to needy individuals performing those services, or services performed by members of the national guard and organized reserves in carrying out their duties in weekly drills as members of those organizations. "Wages," as used in this subdivision and in subdivision (28) of this section, does not include either remuneration received by needy individuals for rendering the aforementioned services when that remuneration is paid exclusively from funds made available for that purpose out of taxes collected by this state or any of its political subdivisions, or remuneration received from the

federal government by members of the national guard and organized reserves, as drill pay, including longevity pay and allowances.

(27) "Payroll" means the total amount of all wages paid by the employer to the employer's employees for employment.

(28) "Total unemployment." An individual shall be deemed totally unemployed in any week in which the individual performs no services (as used in subdivision (26) of this section) and for which the individual earns no wages (as used in subdivision (26) of this section), and in which the individual cannot reasonably return to any self-employment in which the individual has customarily been engaged.

(29) "Wages" means all remuneration paid for personal services on or after January 1, 1940, including commissions and bonuses and the cash value of all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash, and all other remuneration that is subject to a tax under a federal law imposing a tax against which credit may be taken for contributions required to be paid into a state unemployment fund. Gratuities customarily received by an individual in the course of the individual's employment from persons other than the individual's employing unit shall be treated as wages paid by the individual's employing unit. The reasonable cash value of remuneration paid in any medium other than cash, and the reasonable amount of gratuities, shall be estimated and determined in accordance with rules prescribed by the director; except that for the purpose of this subdivision and of §§ 28-43-1 — 28-43-8.1, 28-43-8.2 [repealed], 28-43-8.3, 28-43-8.4 [repealed], 28-43-8.5 — 28-43-8.10, 28-43-11 [repealed], and 28-43-12 — 28-43-14, this term does not include:

(i) That part of remuneration that is paid by an employer to an individual with respect to employment during any calendar year, after remuneration equal to the amount of the taxable wage base as determined in accordance with § 28-43-7 has been paid during that calendar year by the employer or the employer's predecessor to that individual; provided, that if the definition of "wages" as contained in the Federal Unemployment Tax Act is amended to include remuneration in excess of the taxable wage base for that employment, then, for the purposes of §§ 28-43-1 — 28-43-14, "wages" includes the remuneration as previously set forth, up to an amount equal to the dollar limitation specified in the federal act. For the purposes of this subdivision, "employment" includes services constituting employment under any employment security law of another state or of the federal government;

(ii) The amount of any payment made to, or on behalf of, an employee under a plan or system established by an employer that makes provision for employees generally, or for a class or classes of employees (including any amount paid by an employer or an employee for insurance or annuities, or into a fund, to provide for any such payment), on account of:

(A) Retirement;

(B) Sickness or accident disability;

(C) Medical and hospitalization expenses in connection with sickness or accident disability;

or

(D) Death; provided, that the employee has not the:

(I) Option to receive, instead of provision for that death benefit, any part of that payment or, if that death benefit is insured, any part of the premiums (or contributions to premiums) paid by the individual's employer; and

(II) Right, under the provisions of the plan or system or policy of insurance providing for that death benefit, to assign that benefit, or to receive a cash consideration in lieu of that benefit either upon the employee's withdrawal from the plan or system providing for that benefit or upon termination of the plan or system or policy of insurance, or of the individual's employment with that employer;

(E) The payment by an employer (without deduction from the remuneration of the employee)

of:

- (I) The tax imposed upon an employee under 26 U.S.C. § 3101; or
- (II) Any payment required from an employee under chapters 42 — 44 of this title.
- (iii) Any amount paid by an employee, or an amount paid by an employer, under a benefit plan organized under the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. § 125].
- (30) “Week” means the seven-day (7) calendar week beginning on Sunday at 12:01 a.m. and ending on Saturday at 12:00 a.m. midnight.

SECTION 2. Section 28-44-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-44 entitled "Employment Security — Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

28-44-7. Partial unemployment benefits.

For weeks beginning on or after July 1, 1983, an individual partially unemployed and eligible in any week shall be paid sufficient benefits with respect to that week, so that the individual's week's wages, rounded to the next higher multiple of one dollar (\$1.00), as defined in § 28-42-3(26), and the individual's benefits combined will equal in amount the weekly benefit rate to which the individual would be entitled if totally unemployed in that week. For weeks beginning on or after May 23, 2021, through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, an individual partially unemployed and eligible in any week shall be paid benefits in an amount equal to the weekly benefit rate to which the individual would be entitled if totally unemployed in that week less any wages earned in that week, as defined in § 28-42-3(26), and the individual's benefits combined may not exceed in amount one hundred and fifty percent (150%) of the individual's weekly benefit rate.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Corvese

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Chairman Corvese discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

AT EASE

At 8:56 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

ORDER

At 9:03 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR #2

31. 2025-S 359 SUB A

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF PROHIBITED FIREARMS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Knight.

Chairman Craven, Representatives Lima, Hopkins, Knight, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Kislak and Boylan, discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 44 members voting in the affirmative and 28 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 44: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Craven, Cruz,

Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 28: Representatives Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Fascia, Fellela, Hopkins, Kennedy, Lima, Marszalkowski, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Solomon.

RECUSED - 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

RECESS

At 9:22 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be in recess.

ORDER

At 10:30 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT –53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR # 2

32. 2025-S 1147

BY Lawson

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Alzate moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Corvese, Fellela, Casey, Solomon, Spears, Biah, McEntee and Finkelman.

Chairwoman Alzate discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

33. 2025-H 5634 SUB A as amended

BY J. Brien

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairwoman Donovan and Representative Edwards discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Alzate, Batista, Biah, Edwards, Felix, Kennedy, Lima, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

34. 2025-S 114 SUB A as amended**BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fascia, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Alzate, Batista, Biah, Edwards, Felix, Hull, Lima, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

35. 2025-S 471 SUB A**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales,

Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

36. 2025-S 476

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Hopkins, Nardone, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

37. 2025-S 481

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND
PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

38. 2025-S 692 SUB A

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Newberry, Paplauskas, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

39. 2025-S 790

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

40. 2025-S 792 SUB A

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 43 members voting in the affirmative and 22 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 43: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, O'Brien, Place, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 22: Representatives Ajello, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Fascia, Felix, Fogarty, Hopkins, Lima, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

41. 2025-S 998 SUB A

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Biah and many others.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 17 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 17: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Bennett, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Roberts, Santucci, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

42. 2025-S 749 SUB A

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Ajello, Chippendale, Fascia, Felix, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

43. 2025-S 120**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan and Representative Fascia discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

44. 2025-S 996 SUB A as amended**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE
IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION,
PACKAGING, AND RECYCLING PLAN

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

45. 2025-S 1155 as amended

BY de la Cruz

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Noret would like to sincerely thank his administrative assistant, along with the Policy, Print Shop, and Constituent Services teams, for making him and the House of Representatives look good. He also wants to thank the Citations Department for their hard work and dedication.

RECESS

At 10:53 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be in recess.

ORDER

At 12:52 o'clock A.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT –53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi offers remarks.

(For The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi's remarks, see the Appendix of this Journal.)

CALENDAR # 2**46. 2025-S 174 as amended**

BY Urso

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Abney and Representative Fascia discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

47. 2025-H 5477**BY Handy****ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM

Ordered on the Calendar

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

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

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

**FLOOR AMENDMENT
TO**

2025 -- H 5477

**JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH A
STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5477, entitled "JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM", as follows:

1. In the title of the resolution, by deleting the language "MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM", and by inserting in place thereof "TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM".

2. On page 2, between lines 5 and 6, by inserting the language:

"WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island currently has a Main Street Rhode Island Improvement Fund within the Commerce Corporation as set forth in chapter 64.27 of title 42 to foster private-public partnerships in relation to improvement of streetscapes in local business districts; and"

3. On page 2, between lines 10 and 11, by inserting the language:

"WHEREAS, Collaboration between the Commerce Corporation and Grow Smart RI on the use of the Main Street Improvement Fund has the potential to stimulate investment and generate substantial economic activity and otherwise yield many benefits to the State and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, These potential benefits demonstrate the need for the formal establishment of a Main Street Rhode Island program and the collaboration of the Commerce Corporation and Grow Smart RI; and"

On page 2, lines 11 through 13, by deleting all language therein.

3. On page 2, line 14, by deleting the language "\$500,000 for the".

4. On page 2, lines 30 through 34, by deleting all language therein.

5. On page 3, line 1, by deleting all language therein, and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"RESOLVED, That a program is hereby established called "Main Street Rhode Island" to be

managed by Grow Smart Rhode Island. The commerce corporation is hereby empowered:

(1) To accept monies from federal sources, grants, private entities or other sources intended for Main Street Rhode Island; and

(2) To disburse all such monies received and intended for Main Street Rhode Island to Grow Smart Rhode Island; and

(3) To appropriate any portion of the monies held in the fund created pursuant to Chapter 64.27 of Title 42 to Grow Smart Rhode Island to support expenditures related to the administration of and execution of the Main Street Four Points Approach.

The state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Fogarty, Nardone, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Fogarty, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

48. 2025-S 957

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -
- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

Minority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

49. 2025-S 17 SUB A

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

50. 2025-S 314 SUB A

BY Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR #2

51. 2025-S 1006 SUB A

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Minority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Hopkins, Nardone, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

52. 2025-S 1083 SUB A

BY Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

53. 2025-H 5798 SUB A as amended

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

54. 2025-S 1084 SUB A

BY Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

55. 2025-H 5795 SUB A

BY Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

56. 2025-S 1085

BY Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

NOW PRESIDING

At 1:20 o'clock A.M., the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, E. Joseph Slekarch, State Representative, District 23, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 51086
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: no conflict
but avoiding the appearance of one
3. (Please select one of the following):

☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of June

Michael R. Egan
REPRESENTATIVE
Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2025
Commission # 57679

Michael R. Egan
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Slekarch is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Brian Patrick Kennedy
SPEAKER

57. 2025-S 1086 SUB A as amended**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 48 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 48: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Phillips, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 1: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, K. Joseph Shekarch, State Representative, District 23, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5294
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: No Conflict
but avoiding the appearance of one
3. (Please select one of the following):

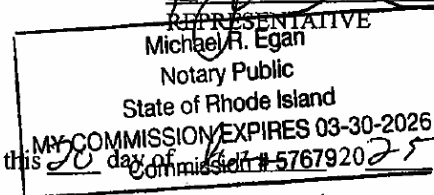
☐ A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

☒ B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island,

County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 20 day of June, 2025.



NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Shekarch is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

SPEAKER

58. 2025-H 5794 SUB B as amended**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 47 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 47: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 1: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi

NOW PRESIDING

At 1:22 o'clock A.M., the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi.

59. 2025-S 1087**BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend,

Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

60. 2025-S 1088

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

61. 2025-S 1089 SUB A as amended

BY Ciccone

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

62. 2025-H 5804 SUB B as amended

BY Shekarchi

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

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 52 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 52: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

63. 2025-S 1090 SUB A

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR #2

64. 2025-H 5800 SUB A

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

65. 2025-S 1091**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

66. 2025-S 1092**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 50 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Edwards, Fascia, McGaw, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

67. 2025-S 1163

BY E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Chippendale, Noret, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

68. 2025-H 5570 SUB B

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon and Representative Newberry discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

69. 2025-S 84 SUB A as amended

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

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

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 5: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Newberry, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

RECESS

At 1:35 o'clock A.M. on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kenneth "K-Par" Parrilla", Ronald Gwaltney, Richard "Dickey" Muntimuri, Louis Algieri Jr. and George "Perky" Mayhew, seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House recess, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE STEPHEN M. CASEY**

Dear God, as we conclude this session, we pray that you will guide our decisions and help alleviate the burden of public service. Although we are often uncertain about our choices, let us always remember to help one another reach our common goal of improving the lives of those we serve. Amen.

APPENDIX**SPEAKER SHEKARCHIS' REMARKS**

Speaker Shekarchi thanks all his colleagues for allowing him to serve as their Speaker over the past four years. I value your expertise and your commitment to the people of Rhode Island, and I am proud to work with you all. I'd like to start by thanking our leadership team, which includes Leader Blazewski, Whip Kazarian, Deputy Whip Ackerman, and the rest of the team. A particular shout-out to all the committee chairs, who spend countless hours hearing bills and providing great analysis. A particular shout-out to all the committee chairs, who spend countless hours hearing bills and providing great analysis.

I'd also like to thank Minority Leader Chippendale for his cooperation and his willingness to work together for the betterment of our state. I also want to acknowledge a very professional and dedicated staff.

I'd like to start by thanking my Chief Legal Counsel, Nicole McCarty. She is here late at night, working weekends and holidays—literally 24/7—putting together our floor and committee calendars, drafting bills and amendments, and doing everything it takes to ensure our legislative agenda is fulfilled. Thank you, Nicole. Also, a big thank you to Stacy Custer, who handles every detail in “the pit”—from transmitting your bills to the Senate and the Governor, to making sure every one of our committee hearings runs smoothly throughout the year.

Thank you also to everyone in the IT Department, headed by Nick Budano. A special shout-out to Dee DeOlivera in that department, who posts all our committee meetings and floor calendars, and is invaluable to us in every way!

I would like to thank everyone in the Legislative Council Office, especially Paul Zarrella and Cara Mangiantine, who make sure all of our bills and amendments are properly drafted. We had nearly 1,500 bills and resolutions drafted in the House this year – and that's not even counting the hundreds of Sub As. Thank you, Paul, Cara and the whole team.

I would like to acknowledge the senior staff who assisted both me and Leader Blazewski: Raymond Simone, Steve Kavanagh, Lynne Urbani, Lynn DiPetrillo, Larry Berman, Emmanuel Falck, Henry Kinch, Emily Martineau, Jason Holt, Danica Iacoi, and Jennifer Amerantes.

The fiscal staff, headed by Sharon Reynolds Ferland, is exceptional. I thanked you all when the budget passed on Tuesday night and I praise you all again tonight!

And thank you to each of our department directors and their staff for their tireless work: The House Policy Office, The Legislative Press Bureau, Capitol TV, JCLS, Law Revision, Constituent Services and The House Operations Staff. And to all the committee clerks, the workers in front of me in “the pit” and Parliamentarian Mike Egan, to all the administrative assistants and the operations staff.

Thank you all.

APPENDIX**TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 359 SUB A**

(Governor)

BY DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Felag, Murray, Vargas, McKenney, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF
PROHIBITED FIREARMS (Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.)
{LC1183/A/2}

06/20/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 71 SUB A as amended

BY Felag, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevents the
unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees, by anyone advising or assisting a veteran
filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs, except as authorized by
federal law.) {LC238/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 74 SUB A

BY Acosta, Urso, Britto, Kallman, Pearson, Murray, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION
OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. that
would support the Blackstone River Valley Environmental Clean-up and Education Fund.)
{LC533/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 84 SUB A as amended

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Zurier, Urso, Paolino, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING
(Prohibits casualty insurers from assessing any premium surcharge or penalty against an insured
solely for inquiring about the terms of the insured's policy.) {LC493/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 114 SUB A as amended

BY Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING
AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy
benefit manager, manufacturer or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity
participating in a drug discount program.) {LC843/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 123

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney, Appollonio, Raptakis

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

TAXES (Permits municipalities to enact ordinances that provide them the authority to organize local tax amnesty events once every three (3) years.) {LC877/1}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 473

BY Lawson, Lauria, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Extends coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome by removing the sunset date of December 31, 2025, and mandating such coverage.) {LC2078/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 529 as amended

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.) {LC1663/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 581 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1656/A/3}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 675 SUB A

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Defines Class 5 property to include the commercial portion of mixed use properties and fix the tax rate for Class 3 property at thirty-eight dollars and 33 cents (\$38.33) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC2277/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 729 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Britto, DiMario, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson

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.) {LC1332/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 884**BY** McKenney, Britto, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS (Provides that original power wheelchair equipment manufacturers would be required to provide to independent service providers repair information and tools to maintain and repair original power wheelchair equipment.) {LC2542/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 893 as amended**BY** Raptakis, Morgan, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town council of West Greenwich to provide an exemption and/or stabilization of tax agreement on qualified property used for residential purposes inclusive of low- and moderate-income housing in the town of West Greenwich.) {LC2608/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 944**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Woonsocket Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November 5, 2024.) {LC2661/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1041**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permit the City of Providence a one-year levy cap for fiscal year 2026 not to exceed eight percent (8%).) {LC2856/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1054**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BURRILLVILLE LAND TRUST (Changes the name of the Burrillville Land Trust to the Burrillville Land Conservancy and make other stylistic changes.) {LC2869/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1083 SUB A**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2881/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1084 SUB A**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2879/A/2}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1086 SUB A as amended**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD

OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2875/A/1}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1089 SUB A as amended**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2885/A/2}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1090 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2880/A/2}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1116 SUB A as amended**BY** Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Adopts a new tax classification system for the city of Providence.) {LC2980/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1122**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Smithfield to set rates that more closely relate to the changes in values and ensure that the tax classification system creates fair and equitable taxation between residential and commercial property.) {LC2964/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1123**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Authorizes the town of Smithfield to provide a tax credit for any person with paraplegia and who by reason of the paraplegic disability requires specially adapted housing.) {LC2963/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1128 SUB A**BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Authorizes the city of Woonsocket to levy a tax for the 2026 fiscal year at a rate of five and one-half percent (5.5%) in excess of the amount levied and certified by the city for the prior year.)

{LC3019/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1140**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

FAMILY COURT (Authorizes the town of Smithfield to establish a juvenile hearing board.)

{LC3038/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1142**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, Morgan, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Allows the town council of Coventry to make exemptions from taxation on real and personal property that has undergone environmental remediation. This act is subject to conditions as provided in this section.) {LC2990/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Resolution No. 1156**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE

COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RETURN OF CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOLS TO LOCAL

GOVERNANCE (Creates a seven (7) member joint legislative commission to study and prepare a report on the return of Central Falls schools to local governance.) {LC3066/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1163**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME

RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Hopkinton, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Hopkinton.) {LC3085/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5017 SUB A**BY** Diaz, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.) {LC432/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5043 SUB A**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection from and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees by, anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.) {LC40/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5050 SUB A**BY** Phillips, Casey, Brien, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, Voas, Giraldo, Messier, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. that would support the Blackstone River Valley Environmental Clean-up and Education Fund.) {LC156/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5300 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY Dawson, Shanley, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan**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.) {LC1107/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5570 SUB B**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits casualty insurers from assessing any premium surcharge or penalty against an insured solely for inquiring about the terms of the insured's policy.) {LC2103/B/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5595 SUB A as amended**BY** McGaw, Casimiro, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires that every institution of higher education provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists to every staff member on the institution's campus.) {LC1850/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5625 SUB A**BY** Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.) {LC1991/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5634 SUB A as amended**BY** Brien, Baginski, Cotter, Hopkins, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, manufacturer or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.) {LC919/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5640 as amended

(Judiciary)

BY Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.) {LC1498/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5794 SUB B as amended**BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, McEntee, Bennett, Solomon, Casimiro, Fogarty, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2154/B/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5795 SUB A**BY** Spears, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Knight, Cotter, Boylan, Caldwell, Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2155/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5798 SUB A as amended**BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2158/A/1}

06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5800 SUB A

BY Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2160/A/1}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5804 SUB B as amended

BY Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2164/B/1}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5892 SUB B

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protects the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1481/B/1}
06/23/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 497

BY Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Kallman, Gu, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Center for Southeast Asians.) {LC1156/1}
06/24/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 17 SUB A

BY Ujifusa, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provide that advertising goods that don't include a price referencing all mandatory fees and charges shall be a deceptive trade practice.) {LC141/A/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 120

BY Raptakis, Patalano, DiMario, Ciccone, Appollonio, Burke, Urso, Rogers, Paolino, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.) {LC1038/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 170 SUB A**BY** Appollonio, Patalano, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Burke, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Grants the director of the department of health the authority to approve or deny any applications for professional licensure pending before certain boards of licensure that have been unable to establish a quorum for 30 business days.) {LC1056/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Resolution No. 174 as amended

(General Treasurer)

BY Urso, Britto, Burke, Tikoian, Rogers, LaMountain, Zurier, Gu, Felag, Vargas**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE MAIN STREET COORDINATING PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the formal establishment of "Main Street Rhode Island".) {LC611/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 229 SUB A**BY** Quezada, Thompson, Bissaillon, Bell, Mack, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.") {LC645/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 314 SUB A**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.) {LC145/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 325 as amended**BY** Britto, DiMario, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Raptakis, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Amends the definition of "hobby breeder" to limit the sale or offering for sale to no more than two (2) litters of dogs or cats, or a combination thereof, in a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period.) {LC1480/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 458 SUB A**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS (Makes the provisions of §§ 45-19.1-3 and 45-19.1-4, benefits for firefighters with cancer, effective regardless of any general, special or specific law, or any charter and/or municipal ordinance to the contrary.) {LC1786/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 471 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.) {LC1528/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 476**BY** Kallman, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, Murray, Ujifusa, Bell, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.) {LC1476/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 481**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, DiMario, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.) {LC1532/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 487 SUB A**BY** Lauria, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Prohibits any healthcare facility, from asking the legal immigration status of any patient.) {LC1451/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 519**BY** Mack, Acosta, Ujifusa, Gu, Britto, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.) {LC804/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 692 SUB A**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern to perform technology-assisted dispensing process validation for medications prepared for distribution by another pharmacy technician or intern within an institutional pharmacy.) {LC2231/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 783**BY** Vargas, DiPalma, Britto, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the threshold limit for charitable organizations with an annual gross income of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more.) {LC1682/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 790**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.) {LC2414/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 809 SUB A**BY** Mack, Acosta, Zurier, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Euer, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Grants Rhode Island's family court jurisdiction to make findings for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions, including determinations about dependency, parental reunification, and the child's best interest, for minors under twenty-one (21) years.) {LC1158/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 828**BY** Ciccone, Raptakis, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Includes police officers to fire fighters who are unable to perform duties as a result of heart disease, stroke or hypertension to be presumed to have suffered an in-the-line-of-duty disability, unless contrary evidence is presented.) {LC1742/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 829 SUB A**BY** Murray, Thompson, Sosnowski, Valverde, Lawson, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- BENEFITS (Provides temporary caregivers benefits to any eligible bone marrow transplant donor or living organ donor and would provide definitions for both) {LC1257/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 887**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Murray, McKenney, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CIVIL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (Protects against discrimination based on disability in federally funded programs and activities, even if there is a change in the federal law.) {LC2628/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 922 as amended**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the board of regents to adopt support and intervention strategies consistent with Comprehensive Education Strategy and SALT in one district at a time.) {LC2640/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 926**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Extends the immunity from alcohol- or drug-related offenses in cases of emergency overdose care to violations of bail conditions.) {LC2617/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 945 SUB A

(Attorney General)

BY DiPalma, Lauria, de la Cruz, Raptakis, McKenney, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Lawson, Sosnowski, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- RHODE ISLAND ANTI-BID-RIGGING ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Bid Rigging Act.) {LC2535/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 957**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Dimitri, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY (Extends the incentive pay plan to all full-time court clerks, including the traffic tribunal, who meet the eligibility requirements. It would also repeal § 8-4.1-6 regarding additional credit for a master's degree.) {LC2648/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 976 SUB A as amended**BY** Ciccone, Dimitri, Britto, Gu, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL SPAS SAFETY ACT (Mandates cosmetic medical procedures be performed by a physician, PA, APRN, or delegated to a qualified non-physician, non-PA or non-APRN under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.) {LC2644/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 996 SUB A as amended**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Lawson, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Murray, Gu, Vargas, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE IMPLEMENTATION ANALYSIS FOR A BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION, PACKAGING, AND RECYCLING PLAN (Provides extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, recycling of beverage containers, and provides general provisions for oversight of single-stage producer organizations.) {LC2805/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 998 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Reforms the composition of the coastal resources management council to seven (7) members.) {LC2728/A/2}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1006 SUB A**BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Allows the director of the department of health to authorize the state registrar of vital records to change a person's race designation on their birth certificate, if justified.) {LC2557/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1011 SUB A**BY** DiPalma, Britto, Ciccone, Burke, McKenney, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Amends the definition of affordable housing to create separate categories for housing using private or state financing as opposed to financing from the federal government.) {LC2836/A/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1017 SUB A**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Allows the two (2) gaming facilities in the state to livestream images of gaming-related activities to one or more external jurisdictions for the purpose of facilitating external game play activities in external jurisdictions where gaming is permitted.) {LC2752/A/2}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1085**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.) {LC2882/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1087**BY** Britto, Bissaillon, Burke, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Provides for the establishment and operation of an electronic permitting platform for all state and local permitting.) {LC2874/1}

06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1088**BY** Mack, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Amends several definitions relating to low- or moderate-income housing as well as the procedure for the approval of low- or moderate-income housing.) {LC2876/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1091

BY Bissaillon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends the provisions under which a city or town may exceed the maximum levy for the assessment of local taxes.) {LC2878/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1092

BY DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.) {LC2935/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1147

BY Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, DiPalma, Felag, de la Cruz, Thompson, Patalano, Quezada, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the Senate Chamber after the former Senate President Dominick J. Ruggiero.) {LC2904/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1152

BY Tikoian, McKenney, Patalano, Appollonio, Dimitri, Thompson, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that law enforcement officers who appears before the court for prosecution of a violation of a protective order shall self-certify that the officer has successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course.) {LC3064/1}
06/25/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 126 SUB A

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Thompson, Vargas, Patalano, Urso, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Murray, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT -- EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS (Protects the rights of employees in the workplace relating to free speech, assembly and religion, as well as attendance at employer-sponsored meetings regarding political or religious matters.) {LC415/A/1}
06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 136

BY Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Euer, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, Gu
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.) {LC298/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 179 SUB A

BY Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano, Tikoian, Burke, Rogers, de la Cruz, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY -- SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE (Allows teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.) {LC1032/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 188 SUB A as amended

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Felag, Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, Gu, Vargas, McKenney, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (This act would repeal the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement contained in the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act.) {LC135/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 213 SUB A

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, LaMountain, Raptakis, Gu
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES (Amends notice requirements for self-storage facility before perfecting lien, to wit; 7 consecutive days of publication on a publicly accessible website or subsequent written notice to lessee, or publication once time in newspaper of general circulation.) {LC1102/A/3}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 235 SUB A

BY Appollonio, Gallo, Vargas, Bissaillon, Patalano, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Burke, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS (Requires the school board or committees of cities and towns to establish a safety and behavioral health committee and also lays out the representation requirements committee responsibilities to ensure a stable learning environment for all students.) {LC798/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 274

BY Quezada, Acosta, Bissaillon, Bell, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.) {LC660/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 278 SUB A**BY** Murray, McKenney, Bissailon, Pearson, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Under certain circumstances, provides immunity from arrest and prosecution for prostitution, procurement of sexual conduct for a fee, loitering for prostitution and soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes.) {LC1009/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 439 SUB A**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Lawson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Establishes that a renewable energy resource shall pay \$5.00 per kilowatt of alternating current nameplate capacity for tangible property and \$3.50 per kilowatt of alternating nameplate capacity for real property.) {LC1672/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 513**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 and provide for existing polling places that exceed the maximum number of voters, not be required to be changed until the next decennial redistricting.) {LC2178/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 576 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Tikoian, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.) {LC1658/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 600 SUB A

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- VOLUNTARY RESTRUCTURING OF SOLVENT INSURERS (Makes numerous technical corrections related to insurance, provides a definition for "cybersecurity insurance", and would repeal the chapter relating to reciprocal exchanges and interinsurers.) {LC1777/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 603 SUB A

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Britto, McKenney, Sosnowski, Gu, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES

(Provides standards for developing, implementing, and maintaining reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of customer information.) {LC1327/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 606

(Dept. of Health)

BY Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Provides that public historical vital records maintained by the state archives shall not be amended.)

{LC1416/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 649 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon, Raptakis, Britto, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance policies and their contents and provisions.) {LC616/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 671 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon, Britto, DiMario, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides that any disaster response worker shall, in the course of their duties, be considered a state employee and be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.)

{LC989/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 672 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon, Britto, DiMario, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS

(Provides that architects and other authorized disaster response workers be considered, in the course of performing their duties, state workers and be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.) {LC990/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 749 SUB A**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RESIDENTIAL

CONTRACTOR LICENSING (Requires that, beginning January 1, 2028, all contractors structurally remodeling or building new residential structures with 1 to 4 family dwelling units be licensed by the contractors' registration and licensing board.) {LC1869/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 761 SUB A

(General Treasurer)

BY Murray, Sosnowski, Valverde, DiPalma, Felag, Acosta, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY BOND

TRUST (This pilot program would create a \$3,000 trust for each Rhode Island child ages zero to one year born to a family enrolled in the Rhode Island Works Program ("RI Works") during the preceding calendar year.) {LC1697/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 792 SUB A

BY Gallo, Sosnowski, Thompson, Burke, Murray, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.") {LC2405/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 816 SUB A

BY DiPalma, Gallo, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Patalano, Appollonio, Raptakis, McKenney, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT

SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in elections.) {LC2300/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 830

BY Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (DMV to provide credit for portions of unused voluntarily cancelled vehicle registrations.) {LC2447/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 833

BY Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto

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

FEEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's motor vehicle registration, that person receives a credit for the time remaining on the original registration to be applied to a future registration.) {LC2448/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 901 SUB A

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

PROVISION (Changes the process by which a dispute between the insured and their insurance company, concerning property damages and requires that the umpire appraisers shall be disinterested and the cost shared equally.) {LC2598/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 902 SUB A**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

PRACTICES ACT (Makes it an unfair claims practice for insurer to designate a motor vehicle a total loss if the cost to repair motor vehicle to its pre-accident condition is less than 85% of the fair market value.) {LC2599/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 932**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION

OF VEHICLES (Repeals a provision of the minimum prepaid special motor vehicle registration plate orders law that was set to expire on December 31, 2025.) {LC2613/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Resolution No. 984 SUB A**BY** Britto, McKenney, Dimitri, Ciccone, Felag, Murray, Patalano, Thompson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CANNABIS CONTROL

COMMISSION PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON

LEGISLATION TO REGULATE AND LICENSE CANNABINOIDS AND HEMP-DERIVED

BEVERAGES (Authorizes the sale of THC-infused beverages to be regulated by the DBR division of commercial licensing. It also establishes licensing and an endorsement process for wholesale and retail THC-infused beverages.) {LC2704/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 985 as amended**BY** Britto, Thompson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL

VEHICLE COVERAGE (Restricts private vehicle property damage insurance coverage for a rental passenger vehicle, to the named insured and drivers listed on that private policy, unless the

designated driver is specifically excluded.) {LC2651/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1018**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 1039 Douglas Avenue in the city of Providence.) {LC2751/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1043 SUB A**BY** Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Adds the property of the Pokanoket Management Group, Trustee of the Pokanoket Tribe Land

Trust, to the list of property designated for appropriations in lieu of municipal property tax, would concurrently exempt such property from municipal property tax.) {LC2832/A/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1125**BY** Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES-CENTRAL FALLS (Allows Central Falls to exempt the property located at 913-915 Dexter Street, AP 7, Lot 156 from the law that prohibits any proposed retailers' license of any class located within two hundred feet (200') of the premises of a school or place of worship.) {LC2985/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1132**BY** Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of the Rhode Island Business Development Institute located at 220 Smith Street, Providence.) {LC3026/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1145**BY** Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.) {LC3048/1}

06/27/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 114 SUB A as amended**BY** Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, manufacturer or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.) {LC843/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 122 SUB A as amended**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, DiMario, Mack, Gu, Urso, Pearson, Lawson, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM (Establishes a program operated by the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation called the "housing land bank" to create affordable housing in RI with the authority to buy, receive, and hold real property for housing development.) {LC177/A/2}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 263 SUB A**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Valverde, Bissaillon, Lawson, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.) {LC1160/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 473**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Extends coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric

disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome by removing the sunset date of December 31, 2025, and mandating such coverage.) {LC2078/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 474 as amended

BY Lawson, Lauria, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health to provide guidance and recommendations to educate healthcare providers and the citizens of the state.)

{LC2079/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 483 as amended

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Felag, DiMario, Bissaillon, Thompson, Urso, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Authorizes pharmacists to dispense a one-time refill, for up to one hundred days under certain specified conditions.) {LC1776/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 495 SUB A as amended

BY Gu, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Authorizes the establishment of a RI housing champion designation program. This program would make qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.) {LC1644/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 559 SUB A

BY Dimitri, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon, Patalano, Ciccone, Burke, Murray, Urso, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases imprisonment penalties and adds mandatory community service for violations of § 4-1-9.) {LC1233/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 581 SUB A

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1656/A/3}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 716 as amended**BY** Gu, Sosnowski, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Britto, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a procedure for parking modifications near shoreline rights of way.) {LC2184/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 843 as amended**BY** Murray, Bell, Thompson, Euer, Sosnowski, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING (Allows a property owner with eligible net-metering systems with a master meter to allocate excess net metering credits to any meter on the property.) {LC998/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 1083 SUB A**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2881/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 1084 SUB A**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2879/A/2}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 1086 SUB A as amended**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2875/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 1089 SUB A as amended**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2885/A/2}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 1090 SUB A**BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2880/A/2}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5023 SUB A**BY** Kennedy, Spears, Diaz, Donovan, Cotter, Carson, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Edwards, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health and provides guidance and recommendations to educate health care providers and the citizens of the state.) {LC507/A/3}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5229 SUB A as amended**BY** Speakman, Boylan, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Ajello, Potter, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Authorizes the establishment of a Rhode Island housing champion designation program and makes qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.) {LC300/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5580**BY** Potter, Boylan, Solomon, Cotter, Handy, Knight, Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Prohibits utility companies from limiting the eligibility of a net metering site based on prior consumption and requires excess energy not consumed under the net metering system to be credited to the consumer.) {LC2112/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5625 SUB A**BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.) {LC1991/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5633**BY** McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Casimiro, Casey, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients under certain circumstances.) {LC1849/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5634 SUB A as amended**BY** Brien, Baginski, Cotter, Hopkins, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, manufacturer or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.) {LC919/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5794 SUB B as amended**BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, McEntee, Bennett, Solomon, Casimiro, Fogarty, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2154/B/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5795 SUB A**BY** Spears, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Knight, Cotter, Boylan, Caldwell, Dawson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2155/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5798 SUB A as amended**BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2158/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5800 SUB A**BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2160/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5804 SUB B as amended**BY** Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2164/B/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5892 SUB B

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protects the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as

judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1481/B/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5955 SUB A**BY** Speakman, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING

LAND BANK PROGRAM (Creates the department of housing land bank program to allow for the deposit of title to real estate assets for the purpose of developing residential housing.) {LC2033/A/3}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 6089 SUB A**BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Slater, Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Stewart, Baginski, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY

TO ANIMALS (Increases the imprisonment penalty for animal fighting from 2 to 5 yrs for a subsequent conviction under § 4-1-9 and would also require mandatory community service)

{LC2380/A/1}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 6093 SUB A as amended**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Spears, Boylan, McGaw, Dawson, Edwards, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a procedure for parking modifications near shoreline rights-of-way.) {LC2183/A/3}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 6118 SUB A**BY** Tanzi, Potter, McGaw, Cruz, Morales, Kislak, Diaz, Casimiro, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.) {LC2544/A/2}

06/27/2025 Signed by Governor

APPENDIX

VETO MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

July 2, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of article IX, section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2025-H5768 – “An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles.”

This act would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) to issue a one-year renewal registration for vehicles leased for a period of thirty-six months when the vehicle is registered in two-year cycles and to modify the fee for said renewal accordingly. This act would also enable the DMV to refund the registrant of a leased vehicle who voluntarily cancels the registration, certain portions of the registration fee paid.

This act would impose significant implementation burdens on the DMV. It would also have a negative fiscal impact. Implementation of the act would require substantial structural changes to the DMV’s computer system, “RIMS,” because registration expiration dates are not editable or optional under the current system. Significant RIMS programming would be required to build expiration date rules for leased vehicles across all forty-seven plate types. This major change would require a substantial diversion of resources currently dedicated to developing enhanced online transaction capabilities.

The act would also require modification to the title and registration process for leased vehicles. Currently, the DMV does not track the term of any leased vehicles as motor vehicle dealers and motorists are not required to submit a copy of a lease agreement at the time of initial registration. As a result, it would be impossible for the DMV to know the lease term at the time of renewal since most registrations are renewed online or through the mail. Even if the DMV were to require the submission of lease agreements at the time of initial registration, further RIMS programming would be necessary to add fields to the registration transaction to track the lease term and then perform calculations to ensure the proper renewal period and registration fee were assessed at the time of renewal.

Finally, this act would have a fiscal impact. In addition to the expenditures that would be needed to make changes to RIMS, discussed above, the act would lead to a reduction in registration fees and DOT surcharge fees collected on the renewal of leased vehicles.

For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903



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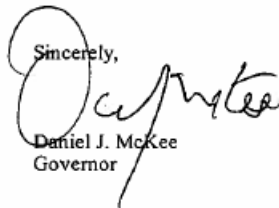
This act would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) to provide a credit for motor vehicle registrants who voluntarily cancel their registration within the registration period. Registrants would receive a credit equal to that portion of the fee paid which covers the time left on the original registration. The credit would be applied to future registration fees incurred by the registrant.

This act would impose significant implementation burdens on the DMV. It would also have a negative fiscal impact. Implementation of the act would require substantial structural changes to the DMV’s computer system, “RIMS,” because the concept of a credit does not presently exist within the system. Significant RIMS programming would be required to create a way to track when a customer is owed a credit and in what circumstances it should be applied. Provisions for credits would need to be programmed into the numerous different transactions which are considered to be “registration” transactions, including new title/registration, re-registration, registration renewals, and transfers. The checkout and cash-drawer reconciliation process utilized by the DMV customer service representatives would also have to be completely overhauled to create provisions for credits. As a further complication, many customers conduct registration transactions online, by mail, or lockbox drop-off – all situations which providing credits would be exceptionally difficult, time consuming, and costly. This major change would require a substantial diversion of resources currently dedicated to developing enhanced online transaction capabilities.

In addition to the burdens the DMV would face in implementation, it is important to note that the desired goal of this bill may never be realized for many citizens. The bill provides for credits to be issued to “the registrant” and those credits are to be applied to “future registration fees incurred by the registrant.” In the case of leased vehicles, the registrant is the leasing company. Therefore, the leasing company, rather than the lessee, would receive the credit, and that credit would be applied to future registration fees incurred by the leasing company.

Finally, this act would have a fiscal impact. In addition to the expenditures that would be needed to make changes to RIMS, discussed above, the act would lead to a reduction in registration fees and DOT surcharge fees collected.

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