

State of Rhode Island

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# Journal of the Senate

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

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Volume 151, No. 5

Thursday, February 01, 2024

Fifth Legislative Day

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –36:** Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 2:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senator Lombardo.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Ciccone to deliver the invocation.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Ciccone, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2024 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Colin Carter, intern from Brown University.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Raptakis and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Genna Colonnato, intern from the University of Rhode Island.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review:

**Carol A. O'Donnell**  
(Rep of Industry)

For a term expiring March 1, 2030

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review:

**Dana Newbrook**

(Licensed Architect)

For a term expiring March 1, 2029

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review:

**Richard J. Mancini**

(Permanent Fire Chief)

Vice

Frank Sylvester

For a term expiring March 1, 2030

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review:

**Jeffrey Muto**

(Rep of Volunteer Fire Chief)

Vice  
Stuart Pearson

For a term expiring March 1, 2030

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review:

**Joseph L. Walsh, Jr.**

(Representative of Labor)

Vice  
Jeffrey Muto

For a term expiring March 1, 2026

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 1, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-28.3-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review:

**John Horan**

(Public Member)

Vice

Dorothy Davidson

For a term expiring March 1, 2028

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.





STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

January 30, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-99-4, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

**Stephen S. Iannazzi**

For a term expiring June 30, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

January 30, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 42-99-4, I have made the following reappointment to the Convention Center Authority:

**Ernest Almonte**

For a term expiring June 30, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

**RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903**

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 2248****BY** Cano

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2024, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC4722/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Cano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cano moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2250****BY** Acosta

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY PASSING OF JOCELYN AZEVEDO DOCOUTO  
{LC4696/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Acosta requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Acosta moves passage, seconded by Senators Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Acosta and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Shanna DeOliveira.

**Senate Resolution No. 2249****BY** Gallo, Miller, F. Lombardi, Lombardo, Ciccone, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHARON BAPTISTA

{LC4043/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Pearson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Peter Baptista.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-S 2247**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", THE FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS – 38:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

### Appendix

### CALENDAR

#### IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2091**

**BY** Valverde

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW HIGH SCHOOL, ATHLETIC FACILITY, AND OTHER SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES, INCLUDING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROJECT-RELATED CONSULTING COSTS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Valverde moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Felag, Zurier, Britto, Gu.

Senator Bell speaks on the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**2. 2024-S 2246****BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Lombardi moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Miller, Felag, Burke, Murray, Tikoian, Raptakis, Britto, Zurier, LaMountain.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 38 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 38:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**House Bill No. 7068**

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

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson moves passage, seconded by Senators Sosnowski, Bissaillon, Felag, Bell, Quezada, Ujifusa.

The bill is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 35:** Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Lawson and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Mark Felag, constituent and brother of Senator Felag.

### FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**House Bill No. 7116**

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

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

{LC3821/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Secretary's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Secretary of State or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet Tuesday, February 06<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 08<sup>th</sup>.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:42 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Sharon Baptista & Jocelyn Azevedo DoCouto.*

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

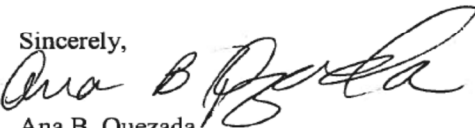
<p>SENATOR <b>ANA B. QUEZADA</b> <i>Deputy Majority Whip</i> District 2</p> <hr/> <p>P.O. Box 27666 Providence, Rhode Island 02907</p> <p>Room 212 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903 sen-quezada@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Education</p> <hr/> <p>SECRETARY Committee on Judiciary</p>
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February 1, 2024

Mrs. Helena Reid  
Secretary of the Senate  
State House, Room 220  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mrs. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request the senate bills 24-S 2236 to be withdrawn. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
  
Ana B. Quezada  
Senator District 2

AB/erl

Placed on File.



**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 2251****BY** Raptakis, Gallo, Burke, McKenney, Kallman, Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE (AHI)

{LC4236/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 2252****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY OF 2024, AS "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4698/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 2253****BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON" ON FEBRUARY 10TH OF 2024

{LC4723/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 2254****BY** Lauria, Lawson, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RALPH W. EZOVSKI

{LC4733/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2255**

**BY** Murray, Pearson, Miller, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, Valverde, Lauria, Quezada, Tikoian, Ujifusa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION (Eliminates prior authorization or step therapy requirement for prescriptions for any HIV prevention drug/prohibits the requirement of any copayment or the meeting of any deductible to obtain the prescription covered by the contract, plan, or policy.)  
{LC4687/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2256**

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Sosnowski, Miller, DiMario, Pearson, Lawson, Euer, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)  
{LC3777/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2257**

**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Pearson, Mack, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Miller, Cano, Britto

**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.)  
{LC4803/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**House Bill No. 7064 SUB A**

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

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OUTDOOR DINING ACT (Establishes standards governing the municipal regulation of outdoor dining at food service establishments.)  
{LC3431/A/1}

Placed on Senate Calendar.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Roger A. Picard, Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate, on Thursday, February 08<sup>th</sup> at 4:05 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

**HELENA S. REID**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR FRANK A. CICCONE, III**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to teach us to give and not count the cost, and to labor and not ask for rewards. Above all, teach us that it is only what we give in love and service to others which endures forever. Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-S 2251**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC INSTITUTE (AHI)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 2. 2024-S 2252**  
**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY OF 2024, AS "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 3. 2024-S 2253**  
**BY** Cano  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON" ON FEBRUARY 10TH OF 2024

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 4. 2024-S 2254**  
**BY** Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RALPH W. EZOVSKI

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2028 SUB A**  
**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OUTDOOR DINING ACT

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2024-H 7064 SUB A**  
**BY** McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OUTDOOR DINING ACT

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

**Appendix**

**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2024**

**House Bill No. 7068**

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

{LC3914/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2024-H

2024-S

(Bill Number)

Consent Calendar

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

\* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 02/01/2024

Senator Frank Lombardo, III

Senate District 25

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 1st day of February, 2024, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Frank Lombardo, III, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.



*Helena S. Reid*  
Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid  
Notary Public Printed

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Commission Expiration

RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER/MINORITY LEADER

Date

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RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Date

Initials

2-1-24 hsr



State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2023-2024, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2024-H

2024-S 2091

(Bill Number)

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

\* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 02/01/2024

Senator Frank Lombardo, III

Senate District 25

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

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Senate District 25

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Senate District 4

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