

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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Thursday, February 08, 2024

Sixth Legislative Day

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## 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, at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –35:** 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.

**ABSENT – 3:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Cano, and Lombardo.

## INVOCATION

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate presents the following communications:


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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
Committee on Housing and  
Municipal Government

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Committee on Commerce

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Committee on  
Environment and Agriculture

**February 8, 2024**

**The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio**  
President of the Senate  
318 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

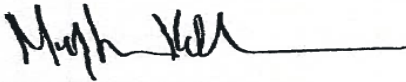
Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Senator Meghan E. Kallman  
Senate - District 15

MEK/ceb

Cc: Mrs. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

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By *Helena Reid*

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
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Senate Chamber

CHAIRWOMAN  
Committee on Education

Committee on  
Finance

February 8 2024

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, February 8, February 15 and February 22.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Sandra C. Cano  
Senator District #8

SC/nc

cc Mrs. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
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Senate Chamber

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio  
President of the Senate  
Room 318, State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valarie J. Lawson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Valarie J. Lawson  
Senate Majority Whip

VJL/tm

cc: Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Jeremy Gold, intern.

Upon the suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Zak Scott, intern.

Upon the suggestion of Senators McKenney and Felag and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Michael Flynn.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President 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 6, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

**Cortney M. Nicolato**

For a term expiring February 1, 2027

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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 Education.



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

February 6, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

**Cornelius Kerwin**

For a term expiring February 1, 2025

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

Sincerely,

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 Education.



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

February 6, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-32-2.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees:

**Roby Luna**

For a term expiring February 1, 2025

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 Education.



**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 2258****BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND THANKING THE ELISHA PROJECT FOR ALL IT HAS DONE IN SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC4757/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Acosta requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Senators Quezada and Bell speak on the senate resolution.

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, LaMountain, Lauria, 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.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Acosta and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber George L. Ortiz, Jr. from the Elisha Project.

**Senate Resolution No. 2261****BY** Pearson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DIAN K. REYNOLDS

{LC4866/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Senator Miller speaks on the senate resolution.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2259**

**BY** Ruggerio, Gallo, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES M. CASALE

{LC4571/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, 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.

**Senate Resolution No. 2260**

**BY** E Morgan, Gu

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE GRACE FRANCES KLINGER

{LC4591/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, 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 Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Deputy President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber the family of the Honorable Grace Klinger; Husband Frederick Klinger, Daughter Suzanne Viens , Son-in-law Andrew Viens, and Granddaughter Rowan Viens.

**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.

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 – 37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, 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 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.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Lombardi, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Felag, Burke, Murray, Tikoian, Ujifusa.

Senator Bell speaks on the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

- 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.

Senator DiMario moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Lombardi, Felag, Britto, Gu, Valverde, Ujifusa.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

### 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 Mack announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet at the rise of the senate in Room 212.

Senator Lombardi wishes a Happy 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Senator Walter Felag and his wife Elaine.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the senate in Room 211.

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet at the rise of the senate in the senate lounge.

### RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:45 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Dian K. Reynolds, James M. Casale, and the Honorable Grace Frances Klinger.*

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2262**

**BY** Euer, Mack, Pearson, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, DiPalma, McKenney, Murray, F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER SHIELD ACT (Creates a protective legal shield for healthcare providers, precluding any civil/criminal action by other states/persons against healthcare providers involving persons seeking access to transgender and reproductive healthcare services provided in RI.)  
{LC4819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2263**

**BY** Euer, Lawson, Gu, DiMario, Acosta, Lauria, Cano, Zurier, Murray, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (Allows electronic monitoring of residents or private living unit in nursing or assisted living facility with certain restrictions.)  
{LC4603/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

***The Appointment of Patrick M. Crowley VICE George Nee to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2027.***

Placed on the Calendar.

***The Reappointment of Ernest Almonte to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.***

Placed on the Calendar.

***The Reappointment of Stephen S. Iannazzi to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.***

Placed on the Calendar.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 7090**

**BY** Phillips, Serpa, Costantino, Lima, Corvese, Casey, J. Brien, Morales, Cardillo, Fenton-Fung  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Providers of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within 30 calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.)  
{LC3562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**House Bill No. 7013 SUB A**

**BY** Fellela, Baginski, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW (Overprescribing, death resulting, would result in three (3) year license suspension.)  
{LC3411/A/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 7221**

**BY** Shanley, Shekarchi, Blazejewski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS-BILL REYNOLDS MEDIA WORK ROOM (Designates the media room at the Amica Mutual Pavilion as the "Bill Reynolds Media Work Room.")  
{LC4233/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 7085**

**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND BIBLE DOCTRINE CHURCH  
{LC3922/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Senator Euer, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee to on Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2114**

**BY** DeLuca, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers, E Morgan, Burke, Raptakis, Acosta, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent  
administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud,  
waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)  
{LC3680/1}

Read and referred to Senate Finance.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2264**

**BY** Quezada, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS  
AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES (Amends requirements regarding how taxicabs  
can be placed in service.)  
{LC4907/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2265**

**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Zurier, Bissaillon, Murray, Cano, Gu, Mack, 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.)  
{LC4514/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2266**

**BY** DeLuca, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Quezada, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLAR  
PANELS (Requires that all sales representatives selling or leasing solar panels are licensed by  
the department of business regulation and that a statement be provided to homeowners setting  
forth pertinent information pertaining to the solar panels.)  
{LC3739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.



**Senate Bill No. 2267****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVID-19 PANDEMIC INSURANCE RECOVERY ACT (Allows businesses that had an insurance policy in place for business interruption as of March 9, 2020 to recover from their insurance companies for a COVID-19 business impact.)

{LC3569/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2268****BY** Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Cano, Kallman, Murray, Mack, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)

{LC3476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2269****BY** Lawson, Pearson, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Cano, Britto, DiMario, Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.)

{LC4562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2270****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT (Provides that no person, for over ten days, shall be restricted from enforcing a right under any pledge, security, credit, guarantee agreement, arrangement or other agreement credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.)

{LC4221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2271****BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS

(Extends the current provisions relative to certain rights of innkeepers and eliminates the sunseting of such sections thereby preserving the law as it currently exists.)

{LC4799/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2272**

(by request)

**BY** Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CITY OF

NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS (Enables the Newport city council to enact ordinances related to the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters.)

{LC4900/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2273****BY** Euer, LaMountain, Burke, Bissaillon, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires businesses that offer automatic

subscription renewals/continuous service offers to provide consumers with notice to the

consumer prior to their engagement in the contract along with notice of renewal of

subscription/cancellation info. eff. 1/1/25)

{LC4294/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2274**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, Zurier, Acosta, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

(Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.)

{LC3951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2275**

**BY** Murray, Mack, Ciccone, Raptakis, Zurier, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Acosta, Sosnowski, Quezada

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Allows Rhode Island to opt out of provisions of Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980 which allow financial institutions chartered in states other than Rhode Island to be exempt from interest rate limits set by RI.)

{LC4615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2276**

**BY** Tikoian, Raptakis, Quezada, Ciccone, Murray, F. Lombardi, Britto, Burke, Rogers, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS-THE CHARLOTTE A. VACCA ACT (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations when construction/renovations are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.)

{LC4824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2277**

**BY** Zurier, Lauria, Gu, Euer, DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2025 BATTERY-POWERED LEAF BLOWER PILOT REBATE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM (Establishes a new chapter for the 2024 Battery Powered Leaf Blower Pilot Rebate and Education Program.)

{LC4825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2278**

**BY** LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Raptakis, Euer, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is 65 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a (\$500 fine.)

{LC4302/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2279**

**BY** Zurier, Acosta, Britto, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CONSUMER CHECKING ACCOUNTS (Establishes Rhode Island consumer checking accounts to insure the availability of low-cost, low-volume basic checking services for citizens of the state.)

{LC4472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2280**

**BY** DiMario, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Enables cities and towns to enact enabling legislation authorizing a partner program to assist students with an IEP for specially designed physical education classes.)

{LC4837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2281**

**BY** McKenney, Gallo, Euer, Gu, Mack, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES -- FREEDOM TO READ (Encourages and protects the freedom of public libraries to acquire materials without limitations and prohibits materials being removed from public libraries due to partisan or doctrinal disapproval.)

{LC4485/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2282****BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Cano, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Establishes "workplace readiness week". It requires all public high schools, including charter schools, to annually observe that week by providing information to students on their rights as workers and specifies the topics that must be covered.)

{LC4047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2283****BY** Zurier, Bissaillon, Raptakis, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Creates a civic apprenticeship program for recent Rhode Island high school graduates to gain work experience working in Rhode Island state departments.)

{LC4761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2284****BY** de la Cruz, Ciccone, Burke, Rogers, E Morgan, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- INNOVATION SCHOOLS (Allows for the establishment of innovation schools for the purpose of improving school performance and student achievement through increased autonomy and flexibility.)

{LC4093/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2285****BY** DeLuca, Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Quezada, Raptakis, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Prohibits discrimination in postsecondary education of students, faculty and staff based upon medical or religious vaccine exemptions.)

{LC3729/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2286****BY** Bissaillon, Pearson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the local share of education funding to be paid to charter public schools based on a comparison of performance data between the specific school from which the student is coming and the specific charter school that will be receiving the student.)

{LC4904/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2287****BY** Lawson, DiMario, Cano, Lauria, Gallo, Murray, Valverde, Gu, Mack, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the student advisory council to meet at least quarterly, provides the chairperson with equal voting powers as members on the council, and provides that a student under eighteen (18) years is exempt from the senate advise and consent process.)

{LC3477/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2288****BY** Cano, Mack, Kallman, Valverde, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Requires all educator preparation programs to include lessons on cultural competency and how teachers shall meet the instructional needs of multilingual learners.)

{LC4755/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2289****BY** Cano, Acosta, Mack, Valverde, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Prohibits colleges and universities from withholding a student's transcript due to the student failing to pay any expenses owed to the college or university but permits the withholding of a student's academic credits and grades or diploma or degree.)

{LC4756/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2290**

**BY** DiMario, Bissaillon, Lauria, Zurier, DiPalma, Euer, Lawson, Cano, Valverde, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.)  
{LC4321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2291**

**BY** DiMario, Bissaillon, Valverde, Euer, Cano, Zurier, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT (Provides that in the event of the death of an educator or a student, a local educational agency be given up to five (5) days after the death to implement a flexible school schedule for teachers and students.)  
{LC4320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2292**

**BY** Mack, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE GREEN JUSTICE ZONE ACT (Establishes the first Green Justice Zone, a model that may be replicated in future years to ensure that all communities throughout the state have clean air and clean water.)  
{LC4486/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2293**

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Miller, LaMountain, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Valverde, Britto, Murray, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RENEWABLE READY PROGRAM (Establishes the renewable ready program and fund to promotes the responsible siting/development of renewable energy generating resources in locations where it would be an ancillary beneficial use to the redevelopment of previously contaminated property.)  
{LC4795/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Resolution No. 2294****BY** Bell, Kallman, Valverde, Ujifusa, Cano, Gu**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF DECARBONIZING RHODE ISLAND BY 2030

{LC3567/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2295****BY** Rogers, E Morgan, DeLuca, DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Paolino, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE (Permits and legalize the sale of raw milk.)

{LC4563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2296****BY** Miller, Gu, DiMario, LaMountain, Valverde, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Prohibits the application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of any public or private pre-school or public or private school with students in grade twelve (12) or lower, except in an emergency situation.)

{LC4883/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2297****BY** Tikoian, Raptakis, Quezada, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.)

{LC4826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.



**Senate Bill No. 2298**

**BY** Gu, Valverde, DiMario, Kallman, Sosnowski, Euer, Britto, Miller, LaMountain, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS  
- COASTAL RESILIENCY (Requires the chief resilience officer (CRO) and a resiliency office  
within the department of environmental management (DEM) be charged with the creation,  
maintenance and updating of the state's resiliency and community recovery program.)  
{LC4275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2299**

**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD  
GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT (Creates a statutory framework designed to protect  
our forests and biodiversity, also prohibits logging in old growth forests and in the natural area  
preserves when they are created.)  
{LC4784/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2300**

**BY** Cano, DiMario, Euer, Lawson, Kallman, Valverde, Murray, Lauria, Mack, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MICROPLASTICS  
REDUCTION ACT (Prohibits a manufacturer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing into  
commerce any product containing synthetic polymer micro particles beginning January 1, 2028.)  
{LC4293/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2301**

**BY** Gu, Euer, Valverde, Lauria, Mack, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY  
PRODUCTS (Prohibits force-feeding to create a force-fed poultry product nor hire another to  
engage in force feeding of a poultry product. Violations would be subject to a civil penalty of  
\$500.)  
{LC4002/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2302****BY** Gu, Lauria, Murray, Ujifusa, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT (Prohibits the sale/offer of sale/trade/distribution of fur products. Makes 3 violations of this chapter civil infractions punishable by civil penalty and the 4th violation a misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500 or imprisonment for 30 days or both.)

{LC4000/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2303****BY** Ujifusa, Mack, Bell, Murray, Kallman, Gu, Acosta, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT (Provides for a prohibition on the licensing of any new high-heat waste facility.)

{LC4776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2304****BY** Sosnowski, Euer, Miller, Ujifusa, Valverde, McKenney, DiMario, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires that a super majority of three-fifths (3/5) of the duly appointed council is required to override a recommendation by the CRMC staff.)

{LC3639/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2305****BY** Euer**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.)

{LC4403/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2306**

**BY** DiMario, Miller, DiPalma, Lauria, Tikoian, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM RELIABILITY (Requires an  
electric distribution company to develop and act pursuant to a vegetation management plan  
approved by the DPUC to carry out vegetation management activities on and around utility  
infrastructure along public and private rights of way.)  
{LC4138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2307**

**BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Burke, McKenney, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER  
CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Changes the fine for any person convicted of a first violation  
of this chapter from \$85 to \$200, and increases the period of time that the violator may be  
ordered to pick up litter.)  
{LC3909/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2308**

**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT  
{LC4506/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2309**

**BY** McKenney, Cano, Britto, Burke, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --  
LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (All Medicaid programs operated  
by EOHHS would not reimburse home care providers less than fee-for-service rates adopted by  
rate review recommendations of the office of health insurance commissioners.)  
{LC4471/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2310****BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Restores longevity payments of five percent (5%) of base salary for employees after ten (10) years of service and increase to ten percent (10%) of base salary after twenty (20) years of service, beginning July 1, 2024.)

{LC4525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2311****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT (Increases the income limits for elderly or disabled individuals to one hundred eighty percent (180%) of the federal poverty level to qualify for medical assistance coverage.)

{LC4524/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2312****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides that vacancies in excess of 3% for full time equivalent state employees which are substituted with contract employees shall require an appropriation to the pension fund equal to the average annual employer contribution for each vacant position.)

{LC4517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2313****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification up to \$50,000 of taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.)

{LC4503/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2314****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Increases the killed-in-line-of-duty benefit for active or retired police officer, capitol police officer, correctional officer, firefighter, crash rescue crew person, fire marshal or deputy fire marshal from 40% to 100% of the federal death benefit.)

{LC4518/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2315****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax the sale of firearm safety equipment and related products.)

{LC4507/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2316****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Reduces the assessment by the Rhode Island Veterans Home against a resident's net income from eighty percent (80%) to fifty percent (50%).)

{LC4504/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2317****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Felag, Britto, LaMountain, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SHERIFFS (Allows retired sheriffs and other retired law enforcement personnel to be recalled into service as a sheriff or deputy sheriff without any reduction in their pension benefit.)

{LC4499/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2318****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Adds department of corrections' correctional officers to the list of public safety employees that are entitled to their full salary if they are injured and become disabled as a result of performance of their job duties.)

{LC4508/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2319****BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TOWN OF JOHNSTON (Authorizes the town of Johnston to grant a tax credit to any person over the age of sixty-five (65) years.)

{LC4727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2320****BY** Cano, Acosta, Lawson, Mack, DiMario, Valverde, Miller, Lauria, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.)

{LC4745/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2321****BY** Cano, Gallo, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.)

{LC4728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2322**

**BY** Bissaillon, Felag, Ruggerio, Burke, Britto, Murray, Zurier, DiPalma, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO  
TAXATION -- LIFE ESTATE (Entitles holders of a life estate to real property to use any  
veteran's tax exemptions available to them.)

{LC3436/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2323**

**BY** Bissaillon, Mack, Acosta, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE  
RHODE ISLAND BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (This resolution would authorize the  
appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the Rhode Island Black Business Association.)

{LC4478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2324**

**BY** Britto, Lawson, Ciccone, Lauria, DiMario, Sosnowski, LaMountain, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT  
(Provides for an annual increase of supplemental income for individuals and couples living  
alone, in accordance with the consumer price index for urban consumers over the average for the  
previous calendar year, commencing July 1, 2025.)

{LC4561/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2325**

**BY** Felag, F. Lombardi, Euer, Ciccone, Britto, Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Effective July 1, 2024,  
entitles environmental police officers to the benefits provided by chapter 45-21.2 entitled  
"Optional retirement for members of police force and firefighters.")

{LC3462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2326****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Mandates quasi-public corporations limit the use of all funds and property to perform the function or service for which the quasi-public corporation was created. Also prohibits the transfer or reallocation of funds held by a quasi-public corporation.)

{LC3874/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2327****BY** DiPalma, Miller, Ciccone, Zurier, Britto, Pearson, Lawson, Felag, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Eliminates the sunset provision for the motion picture production tax credit.)

{LC4592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2328****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN (Grants the town of Jamestown the legal authority to grant a tax dollar reduction to gold star parents and to visually impaired persons.)

{LC4831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2329****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Acosta, Britto, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of the retirement system who served in the national guard or reserves and who qualifies as veterans to purchase retirement service credits.)

{LC3779/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.



**Senate Bill No. 2330****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Lauria, Miller, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM -- CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES RATES (Provides the executive office of health and human services would submit to the US Department of Health and Human Services a state plan to set rates for chiropractic services.)  
{LC3990/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2331****BY** DiMario, Cano**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND (This resolution would amend the commission name, membership, appointment process, purpose, funding allowance designation, timeline for membership, and meeting schedules.)  
{LC4292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2332****BY** DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Bissaillon, Britto, LaMountain, Valverde, Kallman, Miller, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- OIL SPILL PREVENTION, ADMINISTRATION AND RESPONSE FUND (Provides funds to support Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council to reduce climate emissions.)  
{LC4680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2333****BY** DiPalma, Acosta, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Exempts any individual who is aging out of foster care from the payment of any fee associated with the issuance of an operator's license as well as the payment of the fee for driver's education classes at CCRI.)  
{LC4306/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2334**

**BY** Acosta, Pearson, Mack, Gallo, DiPalma, DiMario, Felag, Murray, Ciccone, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SHORTAGE TEACHING FIELDS (Creates a postsecondary tuition assistance for shortage teaching fields.)

{LC4913/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2335**

**BY** Mack, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. It also defines urban and small farmers and urban farmland.)

{LC3626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2336**

**BY** DiPalma, DiMario, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Felag, Murray, Britto, Zurier, Acosta, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO EXPAND AND SUPPORT THE GREEN ECONOMY INITIATIVES (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$16,000,000 to support green economy bond initiatives proposed in the governor's budget.)

{LC4802/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2337**

**BY** Murray, DiMario, Pearson, Bissaillon, Euer, Acosta, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Felag, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends the Rhode Island Works Program to expand and increase benefits under the program.)

{LC4820/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2338****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Secures general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes for state-owned properties within the town of Exeter.)

{LC3730/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2339****BY** E Morgan, Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the state, municipalities, or courts from attempting to collect any motor vehicle violation fines or costs, after more than seven (7) years of the fine becoming final.)

{LC3720/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2340****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM (Establishes a new program where the per pupil funding, calculated annually by RIDE, would be transferred into a newly created educational funding account run by the children's scholarship fund to pay for educational expenses.)

{LC3732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2341****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Provides PILOT to Exeter for state owned properties. Imposes no duty on Exeter to protect these properties. Requires payments to be used to create a police department or defray town expenses used to provide police protection.)

{LC3727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2342****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.)

{LC3568/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2343****BY** Gu, Sosnowski, DiMario, DiPalma, E Morgan, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Redirects the distribution of the hotel tax money generated in the South County regional tourism district.)

{LC4917/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2344****BY** DiMario, Cano, Valverde, Murray, Miller, Lauria, Kallman, Acosta, Bissaillon, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Eliminates the sunset on the provision of finding for child care for eligible child care educators and child care staff.)

{LC4004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2345****BY** Miller, Ujifusa, DiPalma, Valverde, Lauria, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2024 (Creates the Rhode Island Individual Market Affordability Act of 2024 to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and moderate-income consumers enrolled in the health insurance exchanges.)

{LC5003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2346****BY** Cano, Acosta, Lawson, Pearson, Quezada, Bell, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides local education agencies (LEAs) hiring site-based specialists for reading and math to receive state reimbursement based on enrollment and specific guidelines.)

{LC4747/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2347****BY** Euer, Acosta, Bissaillon, Mack, DiMario, Zurier, Gu, Murray, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX ON GAINS FROM THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY (Creates new tax on gains from sale or exchange of real property held for short periods of time, 6 years or less, establishes a comprehensive framework to calculate and implement enforcement and provides imprisonment and/or fines for those who evade taxes.)

{LC4839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2348****BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Burke, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca, Paolino, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes office of inspector general which would be charged with preventing fraud and mismanagement of public funds, regardless of their source and would oversee all state programs and operations.)

{LC4217/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2349****BY** Paolino, E Morgan, Quezada, Pearson, Picard, Acosta, Ciccone, Cano, LaMountain, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Establishes a revolving fund to assist first-time home buyers and veterans to purchase a home in Rhode Island by issuing grants of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)

{LC4781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2350****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real and tangible personal property classified as industrial and would extend the exemption period from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years.)

{LC5011/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2351****BY** Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 TO WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$750,000 to WaterFire Providence.)

{LC5034/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2352****BY** Raptakis, Felag, Bissaillon, Euer, E Morgan, Ujifusa, Lauria, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD (Raises the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

{LC4823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2353****BY** LaMountain, Bissaillon, Burke, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Increases personal needs allowance of nursing facility to \$100.)

{LC3993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2354**

**BY** Lawson, DiMario, Kallman, Cano, Miller, Lauria, Euer, Valverde, LaMountain, Mack **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE MEDICAID REENTRY ACT (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or provided to all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions within the department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration when possible.)  
{LC3481/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2355**

**BY** Murray, Lawson, Euer, Cano, Ciccone, Britto, Acosta, Gu, Mack, Bissaillon **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates an additional Rhode Island personal income surtax of 3% on taxable income over \$1,000,000, with the existing three-bracket personal income tax structure remaining in place.)  
{LC4494/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2356**

**BY** Lawson, Euer, Gu, Lauria, Britto, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde, Miller, Mack **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION YOUTH EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Climate Change and Ocean Protection Youth Education and Workforce Development Act.)  
{LC4692/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2357**

**BY** Murray **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)  
{LC4497/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2358**

**BY** Gallo, Ruggerio, Lawson, DiMario, Mack, Gu, Sosnowski, Euer, Ujifusa, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES --  
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the amount of exemption from sales tax for  
clothing including footwear from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to five hundred dollars (\$500).  
Effective July 1, 2023.)  
{LC3958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2359**

**BY** Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Pearson, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Mack, Cano, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS  
(Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the  
Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages  
for qualified professionals.)  
{LC4585/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2360**

**BY** Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Pearson, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Mack, Cano, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND  
FAMILY HOME-VISITING ACT (Makes the Medicaid rate increase permanent for the first  
connections family home-visiting program and requires additional information to be added to the  
annual family home-visiting report.)  
{LC4315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2361**

**BY** Gu, Kallman, Mack, Burke, Valverde, Bissaillon, Lawson, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX  
(Allows a municipality to set its own conveyance tax rate for residential properties sold in excess  
of \$800,000.00 at \$10 per \$500. Provides collected taxes to be in a restricted account and  
distributed within 2 years for affordable housing.)  
{LC3999/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.



**Senate Bill No. 2362****BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Preservation Society.)

{LC4681/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2363****BY** Zurier, Bissaillon, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE STATE AID IN AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 45-13-5.1 (This resolution would authorize an appropriation in an amount necessary to carry out the requirements of Rhode Island General Laws § 45-13-5.1.)

{LC4690/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2364****BY** Murray, DiPalma, Cano, Sosnowski, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)

{LC4498/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2365****BY** Murray, DiPalma, Cano, Sosnowski, Acosta, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PAUL W. CROWLEY STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Restructures professional development investment fund to assume duties of dissemination of curriculum materials/frameworks/assessments/development plans with annual allocation of \$200 per student.)

{LC4496/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2366**

**BY** Sosnowski, Euer, Miller, Ujifusa, Acosta, DiPalma, Kallman, Britto, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.)  
{LC3646/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2367**

**BY** Sosnowski, Acosta, Britto, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Expands the positions that a person in the state retirement system could have at a state college or university post-retirement.)  
{LC4420/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2368**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Kallman, McKenney, Mack, Ujifusa, Valverde, Burke, Lauria, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement contained in the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act.)  
{LC3644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2369**

**BY** Pearson, Gallo, DiPalma, Euer, Cano, Kallman, McKenney, LaMountain, Tikoian, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits every municipality in the state to offer a homestead tax exemption of up to 20% of assessed value on residential properties, and also provides that municipalities that grant greater exemptions not be limited by this section.)  
{LC4253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2370****BY** Raptakis, Rogers, E Morgan, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Requires 10% of all rental fees collected by the water resources board pursuant to a lease with the Coventry Pines Golf Club be paid to the town of Coventry and 10% to the Central Coventry Fire District.)

{LC3390/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2371****BY** Ujifusa, Kallman, Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu, DiMario, DiPalma, Miller, Pearson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY PROJECTS (Directs the general assembly to fund ten full time equivalent positions in FY 2025 to support DEM's efforts in the areas of forestry and forestry projects.)

{LC4521/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2372****BY** Ujifusa, Sosnowski, Zurier, Ciccone, Valverde, Bell, Murray, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Increases conveyance tax for residential properties sold above \$2,000,000 to a rate of \$3.30 per \$500, to be collected for RI housing for elderly affordable housing development. Provides and exemption to any entity developing elderly affordable housing.)

{LC4468/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2373****BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Felag, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows municipalities to establish a program providing property tax exemption to active duty individuals who volunteer services as a firefighter or emergency medical technician.)

{LC3640/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2374**

**BY** Tikoian, DiPalma, Felag, Burke, LaMountain, Gu, F. Lombardi, McKenney, Lauria, Miller **ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF RI (SUMHLC) (This resolution would authorize an appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.)  
{LC4710/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2375**

**BY** Ujifusa, Bissaillon, Quezada, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Miller, Murray, Valverde, Cano **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.)  
{LC4460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2376**

**BY** Miller, DiMario, Lauria, DiPalma, Valverde, Murray, Kallman, Acosta, Cano, Sosnowski **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Increases the taxable wage base upon which employees make contributions to the TDI and TCI funds, increases individual benefit rates, and creates an opt-in option for self-employed workers.)  
{LC4120/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2377**

**BY** Mack, Ujifusa, Valverde, Euer, Bell **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Establishes, encourages and supports the establishment of family councils in managed residential communities providing assisted living services.)  
{LC4434/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2378**

**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Kallman, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Miller, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCES ACT (Requires the department of health to amend its rules and regulations that  
allow for DEA-registered pharmacies to transfer electronic prescriptions at a patient's request.)  
{LC4037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2379**

**BY** Mack, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Acosta, Valverde, Quezada, Ujifusa, Murray, Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LACTATION  
CONSULTANT PRACTICE ACT OF 2014 (Specifies the requirements and procedures for  
licensing lactation consultants as well as the renewal, expiration, termination, refusal, revocation  
and suspension of licenses.)  
{LC4488/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2380**

**BY** Bissaillon, DiMario, Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --  
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Prohibits prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the  
prescription of a nonpreferred medication on their drug formulary used to assess or treat an  
enrollee's bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizotypal.)  
{LC4628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2381**

**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF  
NURSING ASSISTANTS (Establishes home care nursing assistants licensed by the department  
of health to work exclusively in home care.)  
{LC3879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2382**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Felag, Gallo, McKenney, Euer, Pearson, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Repeals the authority of the health insurance  
commissioner to enforce any act of Congress/decision of federal court invalidating or repealing  
the prohibition of annual lifetime limits on health insurance in this state.)  
{LC4906/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2383**

**BY** Burke, Bissaillon, Raptakis, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, McKenney, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- HEALTHCARE SERVICE  
PROVIDER ABUSER REGISTRY -- HOLLY'S LAW (Requires the director of BHDDH to  
establish and maintain a registry of employees found to be in violation of and disciplined for any  
felony offense, misdemeanor crime of dishonesty or offense involving the use of illegal  
substances.)  
{LC4809/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2384**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Britto, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance policies to provide coverage for the  
licensed practice of naturopathy and to provide reports.)  
{LC4920/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2385**

**BY** Ujifusa, Miller, Murray, Mack, DiMario, Lawson, Valverde, Lauria, DiPalma, Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THIRD-PARTY HEALTH  
INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST CONTROL AND  
TRANSPARENCY (Regulates pharmacy benefit managers' policies and practices through rules  
and regulations promulgated by the office of health insurance commissioner, relating to accurate  
costs and pricing reporting, restricting discriminatory practices.)  
{LC4601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2386**

**BY** de la Cruz, DeLuca, E Morgan, Rogers, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Burke, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- "THE RHODE ISLAND INFORMED CONSENT PROTECTION ACT" (Requires written consent by recipient or parent before vaccine and prohibits discrimination against those who don't vaccinate and fines up to \$25,000 for violation. Also prohibits DCYF from investigating for failure to vaccinate.)  
{LC3678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2387**

**BY** Ujifusa, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Lawson, DiPalma, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Imposes requirements on a managed care organization (MCO) and pharmacy benefit manger (PBM) in order to control Medicaid prescription drug prices.)  
{LC4652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2388**

**BY** Cano, Kallman, Acosta, Quezada, Murray, Euer, Lawson, Miller, DiMario, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOME CARE PATIENTS RIGHTS (Amends the current law in order to require that all home health care patients are entitled to receive home health care services regardless of their permanent or temporary residence.)  
{LC4738/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2389**

**BY** Miller, Pearson, DiMario, DiPalma, Valverde, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes emergency medical service agencies to transport individuals to alternative facilities for treatment and permits licensed providers for mental health disorders to treat patients within the community.)  
{LC4305/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2390**

**BY** Lawson, Gu, DiMario, Felag, Cano, Valverde, Miller, Lauria, Bissaillon, Pearson  
**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.)  
{LC4593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2391**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Britto, DiMario, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS --  
QUALIFICATIONS (Establishes a second avenue of qualification as an optician, to include  
successfully completing an apprenticeship program.)  
{LC4482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2392**

**BY** Lauria, Valverde, DiMario, Bissaillon, Lawson, Euer, Miller, Felag, Pearson, Cano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Amend the standards for issuing Medicare supplemental insurance  
policies.)  
{LC4763/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2393**

**BY** Ujifusa, Miller, Lauria, Valverde, DiMario, Lawson, Kallman, DiPalma, Zurier, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Prohibits health insurance  
providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder  
services.)  
{LC4479/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.



**Senate Bill No. 2394****BY** Zurier, Euer, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Allows the healthcare facility to conduct human-subject research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent of human subjects).)

{LC4316/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2395****BY** Ujifusa, Miller, Valverde, Murray, Lauria, DiMario, Zurier, Bissaillon, Mack, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Ensures that independent pharmacies are protected from pharmacy benefit discrimination toward non-affiliated pharmacies and helps protect consumers' ability to choose local, independent pharmacies.)

{LC4702/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2396****BY** Cano, Mack, Bell, Valverde, Miller, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Acosta, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates insurance policies, provides coverage to diagnose & treat infertility for women between 25 & 42 years, including pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).)

{LC4750/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2397****BY** Cano, Kallman, Murray, Quezada, Mack, Britto, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Provides the state would cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for persons who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status.)

{LC4530/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2398****BY** Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, McKenney, Gallo, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Prohibits a medical training program from using a live animal while teaching medical procedures if any other accredited training program does not use animals or there is an alternate method that teaches the lesson without the use of an animal.)

{LC4029/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2399****BY** Cano, Euer, Gallo, Pearson, Britto, Acosta, Lawson, Lauria, Quezada, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS (Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by increasing the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.)

{LC4359/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2400****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Valverde, Lauria, Miller, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

{LC4053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2401****BY** DiPalma, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for all services provided by a pharmacist provided coverage of such services would have been covered if provided by a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant.)

{LC4447/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 2402**

**BY** Ujifusa, Valverde, Murray, Lauria, Bell, Acosta, DiMario, Miller, Mack, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICARE FROM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE  
{LC4902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2403**

**BY** Ujifusa, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, DiPalma, Murray, Mack, Lawson, Sosnowski, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath on or after January 1, 2025.)  
{LC4782/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2404**

**BY** Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE AND CHINESE MEDICINE (Broadens the definition of a “qualified individual” in acupuncture and Chinese medicine to include any person trained and certified in auricular acudetox.)  
{LC4853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2405**

**BY** Mack, Gu, Murray, Kallman, Valverde, Bissaillon, Acosta, Lawson, DiMario, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides for code blue and code red alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities must follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with shelter.)  
{LC4489/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2406****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION ACT (Requires real estate appraisers to include paid in full solar panels in the appraisal of any real estate along with a disclosure statement covering the past twenty-four (24) months of invoicing for net metering.)

{LC3397/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2407****BY** Bell, Bissaillon, Murray, Cano, Kallman, Valverde, Mack, Ujifusa, Gu, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Permits those other residents of a residential dwelling unit to extend the term of the rental agreement for a period not to exceed three (3) months after the death of the lessee.)

{LC3575/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2408****BY** Bell, Murray, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES-- PROMOTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER AND SMART GROWTH (Amends several sections of chapter 24 of title 45, entitled "zoning ordinances," also known as the "Rhode Island zoning enabling act of 1991," with the intent of preserving neighborhood character and promoting smart growth.)

{LC4210/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2409****BY** Bell, Kallman, Valverde, Ujifusa, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT (Establishes a new article in the state building code that provides that certain new housing construction contain at least one floor that meets the requirements for a Type C "ANSI" Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.)

{LC3573/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2410****BY** LaMountain, Burke, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number and its expiration date.)

{LC4304/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2411****BY** Gu, Kallman, Mack, Euer, Valverde, Zurier, Burke, Lawson, Picard, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Removes the municipal preemption on prohibiting the offering of residential units for tourist or transient use through a hosting platform.)

{LC3671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2412****BY** Raptakis, Rogers, DiMario, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- DAM PERMITS (Renames 46-19.1, allows existing docks on ponds with 1400 normal storage feet of water per DEM, allows property owner to commence work on property without pond owner authorization.)

{LC3407/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2413****BY** Mack, Kallman, Gu, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BED BUGS IN RESIDENTIAL PREMISES ACT (Spells out the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant with respect to the inspection and treatment of bed bugs in residential premises.)

{LC3780/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2414****BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Allows the commissioners of the water and sewer commission for the town of Jamestown to limit its public water system's obligation to supply water only within designated and described area as opposed to the entire land area of the town.)  
{LC4483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2415****BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Designates Sapowet Marsh Management Area, comprised of two hundred ninety-six (296) acres, more or less, located within the town of Tiverton and Sapowet Cove as open space to be utilized for passive outdoor recreation.)  
{LC4655/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Resolution No. 2416****BY** Mack, Valverde, Acosta, Euer, Bell, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF BAIL REFORMS ON BLACK RHODE ISLANDERS AND THE STATE (Creates an eleven (11) member commission to study the impact and potential economic benefits of bail reforms on Black Rhode Islanders and the State, and would report back by February 5, 2025, and expire on April 5, 2025.)  
{LC3790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2417****BY** Mack, Euer, Gu, Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Creates a tenant bill of rights to the right to counsel, the right to habitability, the right to organize free, the right to be free from discrimination, the right to first refusal if the landlord decides to sell the property, and right to renew lease.)  
{LC3824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2418**

**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Ciccone, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

(Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.)

{LC3345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2419**

**BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive as a felony.)

{LC3709/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2420**

**BY** E Morgan, DeLuca, Rogers, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Provides equal Medicare for infants born-alive as a result of abortion procedure/natural delivery with violations subject to criminal penalties for medical personnel/loss of license/civil action for damages.)

{LC3716/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2421**

**BY** E Morgan, DeLuca, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires that only the mail ballot voter/spouse/court appointed guardian/cohabitant/or adult person related to the voter by blood or marriage, be allowed to physically mail the voted mail ballot.)

{LC3718/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2422****BY** Burke, LaMountain, McKenney, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Amends the statute punishing child pornography by replacing the term “child pornography” with the term “child sexual abuse material.”)

{LC4897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2423****BY** E Morgan, Paolino, DeLuca, de la Cruz, Rogers, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL ETHICS DEFENSE ACT (Establishes the right of a medical practitioner, healthcare institution, or healthcare payer not to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or service this violates their conscience.)

{LC3708/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2424****BY** E Morgan, DeLuca, Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Raptakis, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.)

{LC3722/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2425****BY** Lawson, Pearson, DiMario, Euer, Miller, Mack, Lauria, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Spells out rules and regulations for the presidential preference primary elections, and would also provide rules for ranked choice voting tabulation, and results reporting by the secretary of state.)

{LC4549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 2426****BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.)

{LC3883/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2427****BY** Zurier, DiPalma, Pearson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2024 REAPPOINTMENT OF PERSONS SERVING IN POSITIONS REQUIRING ADVICE AND CONSENT ACT (Directs the governor to annually provide the senate with names of appointees to boards whose terms are expiring and who require advice and consent of the senate.)

{LC4406/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2428****BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Tikoian, LaMountain, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides that any benefit that a beneficiary is entitled to shall be exempt from lien, attachment or garnishment and would not be transferable or assignable and provides provisions for disclaiming any such benefit.)

{LC4997/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2429****BY** McKenney, Gallo, Euer, Mack, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSCENE AND OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AND SHOWS (Establishes, as an affirmative defense to the crimes of circulating obscene publications or shows and selling or exhibiting obscene publications to minors, the person's employment status as an employee of a school, museum, or library.)

{LC4484/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2430**

**BY** E Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, DeLuca, de la Cruz, Quezada, Ciccone, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 (Defines "anti-Semitism" for the state human affairs commission to use while investigating and working to resolve complaints of discrimination and for the commission against prejudice and bias to use in defining hate crimes.)  
{LC3724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2431**

**BY** Bell, Murray, Mack, Pearson, Kallman, Bissaillon, Valverde, Cano, Ujifusa, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY DISCRIMINATION (This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the State Constitution, Article I, section 2, that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.)  
{LC4218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2432**

**BY** Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides for tiered and reduced penalties for the offenses of larceny, and shoplifting, classifies certain shoplifting offenses as petty misdemeanors and repeals habitual offender provisions.)  
{LC3571/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2433**

**BY** Bell, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Requires a municipality to disclose on their official website the specific issues, details and costs of any legal action of which the town or city is a named defendant.)  
{LC3570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2434****BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, F. Lombardi, Paolino, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT--UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC (Criminalizes and sets mandatory minimum sentences for the unlawful interference with traffic upon the federal and state highways of this state.)

{LC3750/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2435****BY** Bissaillon, F. Lombardi, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits a peace officer, as defined in § 12-7-21, from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.)

{LC4807/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2436****BY** LaMountain, Burke, Bissaillon, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT (Prohibits noncompete agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.)

{LC3988/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2437****BY** LaMountain, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the statutory penalties for a second and third possession of marijuana offense to conform to the penalties promulgated in the Rhode Island cannabis act.)

{LC3992/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2438****BY** Kallman, Gu, Mack, Bell, Sosnowski, Murray, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants, and provides for fines for failure to comply, and requires notices of denials to be sent to the prospective tenants.)

{LC3823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2439****BY** Kallman, Mack, Bell, Sosnowski, Valverde, Murray, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the courts to consider the parental status of the defendant at the time of sentencing and allows the defendant to present a family impact statement, including testimony, videos and documents relative to their parental status.)

{LC3512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2440****BY** Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, Ciccone, Murray, DiPalma, Bissailon, Britto, Lauria, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PARTS (Prohibits insurance companies from refusing to use after market parts that are greater than 48 months and less than 72 months from the date of manufacture, provided the repairer has written consent from the owner of the vehicle.)

{LC4567/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2441****BY** Murray, Mack**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.)

{LC4493/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2442****BY** Murray, Mack, LaMountain, Lauria, F. Lombardi, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS (Repeals the required HIV testing for an individual convicted under chapter 34.1 of title 11 and allows the option for HIV testing for any person convicted under this chapter.)

{LC4492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2443****BY** Zurier, F. Lombardi, Cano, Acosta**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- REMOVING PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR ELECTION BY PLURALITY (This Joint Resolution would propose to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment which would remove from the Constitution the provision of Article IV, Section 2, that provide for election by plurality.)

{LC3435/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2444****BY** Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CITIES AND TOWNS -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES (Provides that the Interlocal Risk Management trust would be subject to the department of business regulation and the attorney general conducting investigations of trust practices in the areas of health insurance and workers' compensation insurance.)

{LC4480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2445****BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Murray, de la Cruz, Paolino, E Morgan, Burke, Tikoian, McKenney**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.)

{LC3391/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2446**

**BY** Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Bissaillon, DiMario, Euer, Lauria, LaMountain, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines "crime gun" and requires law enforcement to submit crime gun or 2 fired cartridge cases seized to state crime laboratory or the BATF for testing and tracing and also requires 2 test-fired cartridge cases to be entered into NIBIN.)  
{LC4537/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2447**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** McKenney, Lawson, Acosta, Cano, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.)  
{LC4531/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2448**

**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Modifies the summons for eviction for reasons other than nonpayment of rent with the district court, to add a certificate of service section, and provides the option to post the summons/complaint conspicuously on door of the defendant/tenant's dwelling.)  
{LC4523/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2449**

**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Adds the Providence Canteen vehicles to the authorized emergency vehicles equipped with a siren, whistle or bell.)  
{LC4512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2450****BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag**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.)

{LC4622/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2451****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits any city or town or licensing authority from charging more than forty dollars (\$40.00) for any license or permit to carry a concealed weapon.)

{LC4511/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2452****BY** Bissaillon, DiPalma, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Provides that compensation comparability studies of senior management, documents discussed at an open meeting, annual contracting reports, list of current salaries and positions, and all policies and procedures of public corporations be made public.)

{LC4604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2453****BY** Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Extends the repayment period for toll violations, and requires the RI transit and bridge authority to notify frequent violators by certified mail that their driver's license may be in jeopardy for failure to pay toll violations.)

{LC4612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2454****BY** Bissaillon, Euer, Mack, Ciccone, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits those persons with felony convictions to have up to six misdemeanor offenses expunged from their criminal record.)

{LC4360/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2455****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, DiMario, Gallo, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES -- FOSTER PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Requires DCYF to prepare an annual report of all findings of suspected and/or verified violations of this chapter and share report on its website and to members of the general assembly.)

{LC4030/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2456****BY** DiPalma, Felag, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Burke, Rogers, Zurier, Bissaillon, Gu, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Prohibits synthetic media within ninety (90) days of an election.)

{LC3781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2457****BY** Euer, F. Lombardi, Felag, McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime while residing on a military installation located in Rhode Island.)

{LC4586/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 2458**

**BY** DiMario, Burke, DiPalma, Lauria, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Miller, Tikoian, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.)

{LC4314/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2459**

**BY** DiMario, Cano, Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Lauria, Kallman, Acosta, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for childcare assistance.)

{LC4003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2460**

**BY** DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires a write-in candidate to file a declaration of intent with the same office at which the declaration of candidacy would be filed, and require similar residency requirements for write-in candidates that exists for declared candidates.)

{LC4310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2461**

**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo, Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Defines a "consumer accessible fair market value" for a vehicle valuation figure.)

{LC3778/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2462**

**BY** Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon, DiMario, Quezada, Euer, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Felag, Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
SOLITARY CONFINEMENT REFORM ACT (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight  
committee ("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing (solitary  
confinement), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of  
corrections.)  
{LC4915/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2463**

**BY** McKenney, Euer, Pearson, DiPalma, Miller, Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF  
ETHICS (Requires appointments to the Ethics Commission obtain the advice and consent of the  
senate.)  
{LC4606/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2464**

**BY** de la Cruz, Quezada, DiPalma, Ciccone, Bell, E Morgan, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN  
MEETINGS (Provides that public meetings involving collective bargaining agreements of school  
teachers shall be open to the public.)  
{LC4892/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2465**

**BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
CORRECTIONS STAFFING (Establishes parameters for staffing of correctional officers.)  
{LC4741/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2466**

**BY** Cano, Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Britto, Quezada, Bell, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
{LC4773/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2467**

**BY** Cano, Lawson, Acosta, Mack, Britto, Bell, Valverde, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-four (24) weeks in any two (2) calendar years.)  
{LC4751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2468**

**BY** Cano, Lawson, Acosta, Mack, Britto, Quezada, Bell, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.)  
{LC4767/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2469**

**BY** Bissaillon, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them more consistent with applicable federal regulations and makes said laws more comprehensible and consistent with each other.)  
{LC5035/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2470****BY** Quezada, Acosta, Kallman, Cano, Valverde, Euer, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Creates new definition for the term "employee", for purposes of wages, workers' compensation, temporary disability and unemployment insurance benefits, which deems a worker to be an employee, as opposed to an independent contractor.)

{LC4654/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2471****BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Acosta, Zurier, Gu, Kallman, Murray, McKenney, Bell, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Increases the minimum wage amount for any person committed to the adult correctional institution from three dollars to five dollars a day for every day the person shall labor.)

{LC3832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2472****BY** McKenney, Ciccone, Burke, Lawson, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Amends the current law on workers' compensation to require any person who is considered an independent contractor to file annually with the director of labor and training and removes the requirement that the form be in writing.)

{LC4708/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2473****BY** Ciccone, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Bissaillon, Rogers, E Morgan, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT (Protects bullying/psychological abuse in workplace inflicted upon employees by employers/co-employees/provides civil remedies to affected employees/fines against employers/imprisonment/fines against co-employees.)

{LC4520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2474****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Amends the examination requirements for a hoisting engineers license.)  
{LC4509/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2475****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Sets the minimum wage for 2025 at seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per hour and for 2026 at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour.)  
{LC4505/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2476****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ARBITRATION (Expands the definition of correctional officer, to include any bargaining unit, in which correctional officers constitute a majority of the bargaining unit's membership.)  
{LC4515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2477****BY** Ciccone, Acosta, F. Lombardi, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES -- FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT (Eliminate all exceptions to the provision that all employees are to be paid weekly except for employees of the state and its political subdivisions, municipal governments, and non-profit organizations with less than twenty-five (25) employees.)  
{LC4623/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 2478****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAREHOUSE WORKER PROTECTION ACT (Requires employer provide employee with written quota descriptions/number of task/item production along with potential adverse employment action for failure to meet quotas/ provides employee protection against quotas/ remedies for violations.)

{LC4526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 2479****BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, Zurier, Rogers, E Morgan, Paolino, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE BARBARIC ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL ON OCTOBER 7, 2023, BY HAMAS AND OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

{LC4048/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2480****BY** Felag, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Britto, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Exempts used vehicles sold "for parts only" or purchased at end of their lease term by the current lessee that have a valid certificate of inspection affixed to the windshield, from the requirement that dealers of used vehicles conduct a new inspection.)

{LC4884/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2481****BY** Gu, Gallo, Valverde, Lawson, Felag, Acosta, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires DMV to make, for persons with autism, a operator's license that is clearly marked "autism", decals that are clearly marked "autism" to be affixed to the vehicle, and blue envelopes that provide written information.)

{LC4277/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 2482****BY** Zurier, Bell, Miller, Kallman**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND BEYOND

{LC4476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2483****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES, AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS -- ALBERT P. VALLIERE BIKE PATH (Names the portion of the Blackstone River Bike path within the city of Woonsocket the Albert P. Valliere Bike Path.)

{LC4491/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2484****BY** McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition of The Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation.)

{LC4780/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2485****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island.)

{LC4522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2486**

**BY** Britto, Ciccone, DiPalma, Lauria, Lawson, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, LaMountain, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMES OF CHANCE  
(Repeals the statute regulating games of chance.)

{LC4607/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2487**

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Prohibits manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license.)

{LC4542/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 2488**

**BY** E Morgan, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS J. EVANS

{LC4685/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2489**

**BY** Raptakis, Burke, McKenney, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates six (6) loans or less in twelve (12) consecutive months.)

{LC3340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.



**Senate Resolution No. 2490****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

{LC5004/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 2491****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSCOE H. HIGGINS

{LC5067/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Euer, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee to on Finance.


**Senate Bill No. 2114****BY** DeLuca, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers, E Morgan, Burke, Raptakis, Acosta, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC3680/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>JOHN P. BURKE</b> District 9</p> <p>DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER</p> <hr/> <p>7 Bradley Court West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893</p> <hr/> <p>Room 308 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-222-4901 CELL: 401-374-4721</p> <p>sen-burke@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>SECRETARY Committee on Labor</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Judiciary</p>
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**February 14, 2024**


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

**Dear Madam Secretary:**

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that my name be removed from 2024 Senate Bill No. 2412.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



**John P. Burke**  
Senator - District 9

/kc

Placed on File.

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
LINDA L. UJIFUSA  
District 11

Room 310  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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sen-ujifusa@rilegislature.gov



Committee on  
Health & Human Services  
Committee on Special Legislation  
& Veterans' Affairs

Senate Chamber

February 13, 2024

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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that Senate Bill S-2265 which has been assigned to the Senate Commerce Committee be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Ujifusa".

Linda L. Ujifusa  
Senator-District 11

State of Rhode Island

SENATOR  
JOSHUA MILLER  
District 28

41 Talbot Manor  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02905

Room 212  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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sen-miller@rilegislature.gov



Senate Chamber

CHAIRPERSON  
Committee on  
Health & Human Services

Committee on  
Environment & Agriculture

February 15, 2024

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

**Dear Madam Secretary:**

**I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.**

**The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is Senate Bill S-2376 I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Miller".

**Senator Joshua Miller**  
**Senate District 36**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA**

Dear Lord, remind us as legislators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your examples of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems and improve the lives of those we serve. Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-S 2488**  
**BY** E Morgan  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS J. EVANS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 2. 2024-S 2490**  
**BY** Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 3. 2024-S 2491**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSCOE H. HIGGINS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
- 4. 2024-H 7221**  
**BY** Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS-BILL REYNOLDS MEDIA WORK ROOM

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 5. 2024-H 7085**  
**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND BIBLE DOCTRINE CHURCH

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

Appendix  
CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024:**

1. *The Appointment of Patrick M. Crowley VICE George Nee to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2027.*

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Reappointment of Ernest Almonte to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.*

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. *The Reappointment of Stephen S. Iannazzi to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.*

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.



**Appendix**

**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 08, 2024**

**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}

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:

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2024-S

(Bill Number)

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

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APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 02/08/2024

Senator Frank Lombardo, III

Senate District 25

NOTARY

NOTARY SEAL

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 8th 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.

Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid  
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2024-S 2028 Sub A

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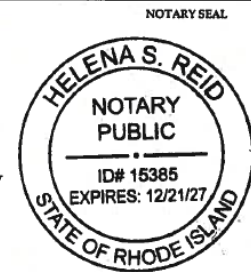
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Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

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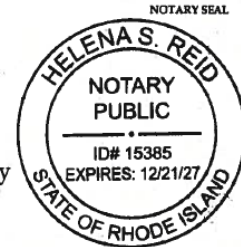
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