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Thursday, February 29, 2024

Eighth Legislative Day

In Memoriam

The Honorable Frank Lombardo, III

July 12, 1958 – February 21, 2024

Rhode Island State Senator

2010 – 2024

May God Keep You In His Loving Care

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Felag to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR JONATHON ACOSTA District 16</p> <hr/> <p>Room 310 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>Office: 401-276-5582 sen-acosta@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Finance</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Rules Government Ethics & Oversight</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs</p>
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February 29, 2024

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

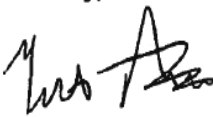
Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jonathon Acosta
Senator District-16

JA/erl

Cc: Helena Reid

Read and placed on File.

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

SECRETARY
Committee on Commerce

Committee on Education

Committee on
Housing & Municipal Government

February 29, 2024

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street, 3rd Floor, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Thursday, February 29, 2024.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Tiara Mack
Senator District #6

TM/nc

cc Mrs. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

IN THE SENATE
Read and Ordered to be
PLACE ON FILE
FEB 29 2024

Reading Clerk

Read and placed on File.

SENATOR
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Municipal Government

Committee on Commerce

Committee on
Environment and Agriculture

February 29, 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 29, 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 black ink, appearing to read "Meghan Kallman", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Senator Meghan E. Kallman
Senate - District 15

MEK/cb

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**

January 22, 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Sections § 42-6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as the Director of Behavioral Healthcare, Development Disabilities, and Hospitals:

Richard H. Leclerc

Vice
Louis Cerbo

IN THE SENATE
Referred to the Committee on
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FEB 29 2024

Julia B. [Signature]
Reading Clerk

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

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

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 2497****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE FRANK LOMBARDO, III
{LC5538/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero and Senators Lombardi, Rogers, Bissaillon, Gallo, DiPalma, Tikoian, Bell, Quezada, Raptakis, Felag, Euer, Cano, Pearson, Ciccone speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

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.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Leader Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:32 o'clock P.M. *in memory of the Honorable Frank Lombardo, III.*

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2498****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2024, TO BE "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5537/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2499**BY** Euer, Sosnowski, DiMario, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ACT (Creates the financial frame work for incentivizing energy storage systems.) {LC5005/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2500**BY** DiPalma, Euer, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Data Transparency and Privacy Protect Act for data privacy protections for the personal data of the citizens of Rhode Island.) {LC5228/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2501**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.) {LC4922/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 2502**BY** DiPalma, Zurier**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY

{LC5464/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2503**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits misrepresentation of the total costs of goods and services by omission of notification to consumers of any mandatory fees from advertised prices and failure to disclose the nature and purpose of any fees.)

{LC4303/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2504**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Valverde, Miller, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS -- VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS (Establishes guidelines for the operation of virtual currency (crypto) kiosks.)

{LC5092/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2505**BY** Gallo, Cano, Lawson, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Makes any term or condition in any agreement that unnecessarily burdens a person's vindication of rights under this section null and void.)

{LC4988/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2506**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report by January 1, 2025 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability for the current electric grid to handle the electrification load need to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes.)

{LC5246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2507**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

{LC5240/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2508**BY** Lawson, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION (Establishes trade commission to advance economic interests of Rhode Island and Ireland.)

{LC5211/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2509**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Requires the PUC to make public notification of any changes in eligibility or production of energy, and would direct the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to allow and facilitate the prompt public disclosure of this information.)

{LC5239/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 2510

BY Ujifusa, Gu, Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, Mack, McKenney, Bell, Pearson, Euer
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING RHODE ISLAND ENERGY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR NEW, MULTI-YEAR ELECTRIC VEHICLE PROGRAMMING
{LC5076/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2511

BY LaMountain, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that gift certificates issued by state-chartered institutions of higher education would be exempt from the provisions of the gift certificate statute relating to expiration, escheatment, reissuance and refund.)
{LC5402/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2512

BY Valverde, DiPalma, Miller, Acosta, Murray, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Establishes a task force managed by the children's cabinet to develop recommendations to improve access to early intervention and early childhood special education services.)
{LC4821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2513

BY Zurier, Lauria, Lawson, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all public schools to screen students for behavioral health concerns by June 30, 2025, and thereafter, all students in the third grade, eighth grade, and students who enroll from a district outside of the state.)
{LC4754/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2514**BY** Gu, Lawson, McKenney, DiPalma, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides for the legal governance of licensed electronic literacy materials.)

{LC5065/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2515**BY** Cano, Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Ujifusa, Quezada, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Establishes a one-year pilot outreach and tracking program at two public high and middle schools to address issues of asthma and attendance among students.)

{LC5009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2516**BY** Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Miller, DiPalma, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires RIDE to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students that will be posted publicly on RIDE's website.)

{LC5214/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2517**BY** Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT (Establishes the Failing School Choice Act, to permit students at failing schools to enroll in any public school. It also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.)

{LC3687/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2518**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Repeals the establishment of statewide academic standards for core subjects and the implementation into the curriculum of all public schools.)

{LC3760/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2519**BY** Cano, Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Murray, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Allows municipalities participating in the state prekindergarten program to accept students from outside the municipality under certain conditions and establishes a lottery for enrollment in the program.)

{LC4739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2520**BY** Mack, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT (Requires every public school in Rhode Island to have a school library or library media center in a permanent and dedicated space available to students in grades K-12 with a librarian available.)

{LC5505/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2521**BY** Acosta, DiPalma, Mack, Quezada, Valverde, Kallman, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Directs the commissioner of postsecondary education to prepare a strategic plan for public higher education which is aligned with the goals of the board of education's strategic plan.)

{LC4135/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2522**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF STUDENTS ACT

(Provides protections for students and parents against discrimination on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression in schools. Allows students to pray or engage in religious activities before, during or after school.)

{LC3728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2523**BY** Ujifusa, Gallo, Pearson, Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, McKenney, Mack, Bell, Euer**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE

COMMISSION TO STUDY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND SYSTEM

COSTS (Creates an 11-member joint commission to study the transportation needs of students

and recommend what changes are necessary, and who would report back to the General

Assembly by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.)

{LC5126/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2524**BY** Pearson, McKenney, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS (Allows a school district to establish a school year that is the equivalent

of one hundred eighty (180) days through the use of longer school days or a combination of

longer school days and shorter days in which school is in session.)

{LC5000/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2525**BY** Mack, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS (Mandates that school districts provide culturally competent, de-

escalation, and trauma-informed methods to minimize classroom disruptions and improve

student learning.)

{LC5504/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2526**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program of services.)

{LC5149/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2527**BY** Cano, Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

(Directs the department of elementary and secondary education to establish a two (2) year pilot outreach and tracking program at two (2) public high schools.)

{LC5010/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2528**BY** DiMario, Cano, Lauria, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF

EDUCATION ACT (Adds the Rhode Island teacher of the year as a voting member on the Rhode Island Board of Education.)

{LC4841/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2529**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO

VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (Removes private schools from the provisions of the general laws relating to educational services to very young children.)

{LC5363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2530**BY** Gallo, Cano, Lawson, Pearson, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FOCUS AND ACTIONS FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

{LC5174/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2531**BY** Bissaillon, Lawson, Valverde, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Increases the number of state child care licensing inspectors to meet the national recommended average of one inspector for every fifty (50) to sixty (60) child care providers.)

{LC5106/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2532**BY** Gallo, Cano, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Permits school districts to use release days for professional development; provided that, instruction time meets the yearly requirement of one thousand eighty (1080) instructional minutes.)

{LC5016/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2533**BY** Cano, Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Directs each local education agency adopt a program to monitor absenteeism data to identify students who are at risk for chronic absenteeism before it becomes a chronic situation.)

{LC5008/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2534

BY Sosnowski, Miller, Gu, Valverde, DiMario, Euer, Ujifusa, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires that the appointment of public members to the coastal resources management council to include an active, licensed fisher, a representative from Save the Bay and from an organization representing developers.)
{LC4990/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2535

BY Euer, Mack, Miller, Cano, DiMario, Murray, Quezada, Lauria, Bissaillon, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT (Establishes requirements which would have to be met by an applicant prior to the issuing of permits for an activity that would have an environmental impact on or would increase the cumulative impacts on an environmental justice area.)
{LC5138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2536

BY Valverde, Lauria, Miller, DiMario, Gu, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Changes definitions of eligible net-metering system, excess renewable net-metering credit, renewable net-metering credit and requires customer reimbursement under certain circumstances.)
{LC5433/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2537

BY Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- ORGANIC FARMING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (Establishes the organic farming and certification program to be administered by the department of environmental management.)
{LC5244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2538**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY--
REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS (Permits euthanization of vicious dogs upon finding that dogs condition warrants euthanasia or after determination that there is no reasonable placement for the dog/provides any municipality that surrenders dog to RISPCA shall be responsible for costs.)

{LC4543/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2539**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS
(Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.)

{LC5014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2540**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND
CLEAN AIR PRESERVATION ACT (Establishes regulations to prohibit stratospheric aerosol injection (SAI), solar radiation modification (SRM) experimentation, and other hazardous weather engineering activities.)

{LC4968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2541**BY** DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE
AGENCY EMISSION REPORTING (Requires executive climate change coordinating council (EC4) to develop a template to be used by all agencies of the state to track their climate emissions to uphold the pathway to Rhode Island's act on climate legislative goals.)

{LC4969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2542**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Makes several amendments relative to the affordable clean energy security act establishing the act's priority over chapter 6.2 of title 42 (the "2021 act on climate").)
{LC5247/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2543**BY** Miller, Gu, Euer, DiMario, Valverde, Cano, Lauria, Murray, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES -- LEAD BY EXAMPLE ACT (Bans state purchases of plastic bottles and also requires state funds to be used to lease or purchase electric vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)
{LC5532/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2544**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT (Does not require the remediation of occurring arsenic in the soil with direct exposure of less than or equal to twenty (20) milligrams per kilogram.)
{LC5484/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2545**BY** de la Cruz, Raptakis, DiPalma, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases the membership of the energy facility siting board from 3 to 5 members and would revise the process of energy facility siting to mandate inclusion/participation of the host community of the facility as well as of the public and cities and towns.)
{LC5280/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2546**BY** Valverde, Pearson, DiPalma, Gallo, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Modifies the current law to allow for approval of construction projects within school districts, rather than needing the project to be commenced by a certain date, permitting the municipality to take advantage of the state's enhanced school bonuses.)

{LC4822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2547**BY** Kallman, Lawson, Mack, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2024 BOND REFERENDA (Submits 2024 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November 8, 2024, general election.)

{LC5207/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2548**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Acosta, Ciccone, Mack, Kallman, Valverde, Murray, Bell, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 (Sunsets/discontinues the Jobs Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2024.)

{LC5017/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2549**BY** DiMario, F. Lombardi, Lauria, Bell, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides that the \$5,500,000 appropriation to the infrastructure bank from the 2023 budget act be allocated for eligible municipal infrastructure grant program projects.)

{LC5249/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2550**BY** Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (ONE IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON) AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SWITCH ROAD CAMPUS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DEMOLITION, DESIGN, HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECTS, PLAYGROUNDS, LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENTAL THERETO BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$150,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 61% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, WHICH RATE OR RATIO MAY INCREASE TO MORE THAN 76% AT PROJECT COMPLETION (Authorizes the Chariho Regional School District to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of three elementary schools (one in each of the towns of Charlestown, Richmond and Hopkinton) and improvements at the Switch Road Campus.)

{LC5499/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2551**BY** Gu, Pearson, Lawson, Mack, Quezada, Murray, DiPalma, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the time for which a student may enroll in order to qualify for the Promise Scholarship or the Hope Scholarship up to one year after high school graduation.)

{LC5064/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2552**BY** Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts the tangible personal property of Northwest Community Health Care d/b/a WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care from taxation.)

{LC5534/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2553**BY** DiPalma, Valverde, Lauria, Miller, Pearson, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Requires that the department of human services and the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals provide forecasted costs reflecting the recommended rate review on a monthly basis.)

{LC4836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2554**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Phases out the local meals and beverage tax by January 1, 2028.)

{LC5237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2555**BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Gu, Kallman, Valverde**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 FOR THE HOUSING DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$20,000,000 to support the Down Payment Assistance program.)

{LC5216/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2556**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FIRST TIME HOME BUYER SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the first time home buyer savings program act. Allows modifications to federal adjusted gross income for \$50,000 in contributions and \$150,000 of interest and dividends included in federal adjusted gross income.)

{LC5242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2557**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Burke, Lauria, Miller, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COORDINATION FUND (Establishes the behavioral health education, training, and coordination fund to receive the checkoff contributions from Rhode Island personal income tax returns for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2024.)
{LC4216/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2558**BY** Cano, Gallo, Quezada, Zurier, Lawson, Euer, McKenney, Mack, Pearson, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Adds multilingual learners into the determination of high-need students and provides a student success factor of twenty-five percent (25%) of the core instruction per-pupil amount and repeals the categorical funding for these students.)
{LC5007/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2559**BY** Cano, Valverde, Lawson, Lauria, Pearson, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Acosta, Murray, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE COLLEGE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP (Changes the name of The College Crusade Scholarship to the Onward We Learn Scholarship and provide that those scholarships would not be considered federal or financial aid with regard to the Promise Scholarship or Hope Scholarship Pilot Program.)
{LC4703/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2560**BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Relieves East Providence from providing any educational/financial resources to children in the CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs. Requires the school district of origin where the student was last registered to bear this responsibility.)
{LC5541/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2561**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that any person who has a retail sales permit would not be required to pay a separate registration fee to make sales at flea markets; provided, however, the person would remain responsible to pay all taxes due as a result of sales at a flea mkt.)

{LC4740/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2562**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Burke, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Increases the maximum state and municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other state and municipal purchases.)

{LC4886/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2563**BY** Felag, F. Lombardi, Tikoian, de la Cruz, Lawson, DiPalma, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) of social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.)

{LC5179/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides a tax upon the endowment of a private institution of higher education equal to two percent (2%) upon each dollar over \$1,000,000,000.)

{LC4433/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2565**BY** Lauria, Britto, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides the state's share of the basic program and approved expenditures would be paid to the city of East Providence in twelve (12) monthly installments.)

{LC4901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2566**BY** DiPalma, Lawson, Valverde, Burke, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Increases the daily rate of payments to nursing facilities by twenty percent (20%) for single occupancy rooms to include private bathrooms.)

{LC4964/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2567**BY** Picard, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Requires an appropriation of an additional five percent (5%) of the assessed value of all low-income housing as part of the payment in lieu of taxes program to the municipality where the property is located beginning in fiscal year 2026.)

{LC5204/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2568**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Excludes all overtime earned by an individual from adjusted gross income for tax years 2025 and 2026 and defines overtime as payment of at least 1½ times the rate of regular pay for hours worked over the standard forty (40) hours.)

{LC5070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2569**BY** Zurier, Murray, Cano, Quezada, Picard, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Changes the formula to determine the state's share of educational cost by adding 3 new variables to the formula.)
{LC4829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2570**BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Rogers, Felag, F. Lombardi, McKenney, LaMountain, E Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF THE LEGISLATIVE POWER (Proposes a state constitutional amendment that no department or other entity created by the state would have power to incur debt in excess of \$ 50,000, without express approval from the legislature and voters.)
{LC5545/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2571**BY** McKenney, Valverde, Gu, Lauria, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Limits real estate tax assessments for low- and moderate-income housing units to the last current sales price within a 5 year period.)
{LC5284/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2572**BY** Cano, DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Murray, Quezada, Bissaillon, Euer, Valverde, Gu**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$6,000,000 TO ONWARD WE LEARN IN RI (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$6,000,000 to Onward We Learn in RI.)
{LC5609/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2573

BY Valverde, Lauria, Miller, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, DiMario, Euer, Quezada, Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--HUMAN SERVICES FTE ACCOUNTABILITY
PORTAL (Directs the department of administration to establish a human services transparency
FTE portal.)
{LC5547/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2574

BY Cano, Mack, Zurier, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Ujifusa, Murray, Quezada
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE
UNITED WAY OF RHODE ISLAND FOR THE 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES HOTLINE (This
resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to the United Way of Rhode
Island to provide operational support for the 2-1-1 system.)
{LC5531/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2575

BY Cano, Gallo, Lauria, Lawson, Euer, McKenney, Mack, Murray, Zurier, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CHILD
TAX CREDIT (Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.)
{LC4768/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2576

BY DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE
PURCHASES (Establishes the Rhode Island purchasing cooperative for procurement of public
service and municipal vehicles for all state and municipal agencies to participate in procurement
opportunities of zero-emission vehicles.)
{LC5131/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2577**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE HOSPITAL CARE TRANSITIONS INITIATIVE (HCTI) (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Hospital Care Transitions Initiative.)

{LC5463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2578**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Increases the state's share of supplementary assistance to individuals living in a state-licensed assisted-living residence from \$332.00 to \$352.00, of which \$140.00 would be allocated to the personal needs allowance.)

{LC5482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2579**BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Zurier, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

(Authorizes the submission of several bond proposals to the people of the state at the general election to be held in November, 2024, relating to capital development and the "cultural economy initiatives.")

{LC5267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2580**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, DiPalma, Gallo, Ciccone, Murray, Picard, Valverde, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Allows for a one-time two percent (2%) supplemental cost of living adjustment for plan year 2025 to the public pension benefits administered by the ERSRI, and allows for those benefits to be deducted from the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.)

{LC5429/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2581**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Reinstates general revenue sharing of state aid among the 39 cities and towns in RI. The initial amount would be based upon population, and would be increased annually thereafter based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.)

{LC5332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2582**BY** Picard, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes reassessment of taxes on new construction from the date of issuance of the certificate of occupancy or the date it is first used, whichever is the earlier.)

{LC5199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2583**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides that the city of Woonsocket not be required to accept additional residential properties subject to the alternative tax assessment due to its stock of affordable housing meeting the 10% housing requirement.)

{LC5200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2584**BY** Quezada, Cano, Bell, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Zurier**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO COMPLETE THE INITIAL PHASE OF HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL'S NEW HEADQUARTERS (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$450,000 to Higher Ground International to support their new headquarters located in Providence.)

{LC5232/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2585

BY Tikoian, Pearson, Burke, F. Lombardi, Quezada, Raptakis, Ujifusa, LaMountain, Felag, Ciccone

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,380,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE FOR THE OPERATION OF A STATE POLICE RECRUIT TRAINING ACADEMY (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,380,000 to the Rhode Island State Police for the operation of a State Police recruit training academy.)

{LC5371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2586

BY Ruggerio, Lawson, Pearson, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RENTAL VEHICLE SURCHARGE (Increases surcharge amounts to the state, eliminates excise taxes and increases the surcharge remitted to the state for violators making false reports.)

{LC4469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2587

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES (Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.)

{LC5466/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2588

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Little Compton Game Club.)

{LC5487/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2589**BY** Burke, Raptakis, McKenney, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

(Requires that the state's share to public libraries be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated by the city or town in their budgets for fiscal year 2024, utilizing funds from the general fund or the American Rescue Plan Act.)

{LC5343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2590**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, F. Lombardi, Felag, Bissaillon, Mack, Gu, Acosta, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

LOCAL TAXES (Establishes a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.)

{LC3395/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2591**BY** DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT

PROGRAM (Creates the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority which would allow eligible individual to discharge student loan debt.)

{LC5112/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2592**BY** Gu, Miller, Zurier, Lauria, Valverde, Lawson, Burke, Murray, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE --

WAIVER REQUEST (Authorizes the executive office of health and human services to establish a program providing coverage for nutritional assistance and medically tailored meals for certain beneficiaries where there is a clinical need.)

{LC5105/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2593**BY** Raptakis, McKenney, Sosnowski, Burke, Tikoian, DeLuca, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Refunds to corporations with annual gross income of less than \$400 the difference between the gross annual income and the \$400 minimum tax imposed with the amount refunded capped at \$400.)

{LC3331/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2594**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Adds to the determination of the need to support high-need students a separate and independent qualifying factor of whether the student is an English language learner as defined by the department of education's regulations.)

{LC4746/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2595**BY** DiMario, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MOTOR

VEHICLES OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY (Requires that any government owned vehicle that is to be replaced, be replaced with a zero-emission vehicle, defined as a vehicle which produces no emissions from the on-board source of power.)

{LC5132/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2596**BY** Kallman, Acosta, DiMario, Miller, Gu, Cano, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX --

CAPITAL GAINS (Amends the capital gains tax rates and holding period from 5 years to 1 year.

Imposes a non-owner occupied tax on homes assessed at more than \$1,000,000.)

{LC3511/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2597**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, DiMario, Valverde, F. Lombardi, Gallo, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.)

{LC4828/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2598**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the town council of Portsmouth, by ordinance or resolution, to exempt Quaker Manor from valuation for taxation or to enter into tax abatement or payment in lieu of taxes agreements.)

{LC5331/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2599**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$738,088 TO RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$738,088 to Rhode Island College to fund Rhode Island College HSI status and students supports.)

{LC4725/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2600**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds the administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator to the state retirement system.)

{LC4737/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2601**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the method for the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)

{LC5198/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2602**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NURSING FACILITIES PROVIDER ASSESSMENT ACT

{LC5257/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2603**BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES (Allows direct to consumer laboratory testing.)

{LC5334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2604**BY** Euer, Valverde, Lauria, Murray, Lawson, McKenney, Sosnowski, DiMario, Cano, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Includes immediate family members and related parties to be included in the definitions applicable to the chapter and require that information for nursing facility applicants for initial licensure or change of ownership.)

{LC5141/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2605

BY Ujifusa, Murray, E Morgan, Valverde, DiPalma, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Bissailon, Miller, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to 1 per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The Rhode Island attorney would have the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)
{LC5165/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2606

BY DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for all community health workers' services to include health and promotion coaching, health education and training, health system navigation and resource coordination services, care planning and follow-up care recommendations.)
{LC4893/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2607

BY DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary.)
{LC5160/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2608

BY DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Cano, Valverde, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires executive office of health and human services to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under age 6 and their families.)
{LC4532/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2609

BY Valverde, Lawson, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lauria, Murray, DiMario, Ujifusa, Quezada, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION (Amends the notice requirement to patients to follow the mandated FDA national reporting standards following a mammogram.)

{LC5338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2610

BY Bell, Ujifusa, DiMario, Mack, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER COMPENSATION ACT (Expands health insurance commissioner's authority to set reimbursement rates for mental health services.)

{LC4833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2611

BY Ujifusa, E Morgan, DiPalma, Murray, Valverde, Quezada, Gu, Mack, Cano, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Limits the use by insurers of step therapy, a protocol that establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are covered by an insurer, by allowing medical providers to request step therapy exceptions.)

{LC5552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2612

BY Ujifusa, Kallman, Miller, Lauria, Lawson, Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Pearson, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Requires that any insurance contract issued, amended or renewed on or after January 1, 2025, that provides hospital, medical or surgical coverage shall provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health or substance use disorders.)

{LC5078/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2613

BY Tikoian, McKenney, Burke, Quezada, Raptakis, LaMountain, Ciccone, Picard, Gallo, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF INSURANCE CLAIMS (Prohibits a health insurer from denying a claim for any medical bill based on sole reasoning that the bill may arise from a motor vehicle accident or other third-party claim and prohibits a medical provider from refusing to submit medical for same reason.)
{LC5604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2614

BY Ujifusa, Miller, Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Kallman, Murray, DiPalma, Gu
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2025.)
{LC4864/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2615

BY E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM MANDATED INDEMNIFIED (LIABILITY-FREE) PRODUCTS ACT (Prohibits mandating indemnified products to consumers in certain circumstances.)
{LC3733/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2616

BY DeLuca, de la Cruz, Rogers, F. Lombardi, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASK MANDATES PROHIBITION (Prohibits a private employer from mandating a COVID-19 vaccination upon any full-time, part-time, or contract employee without providing individual exemptions that allow an employee to opt out of such mandate.)
{LC5245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2617**BY** Valverde, Miller, Murray, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACIES (Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation/drug therapies, programs approved by the state board of pharmacy. The cessation therapies would be covered by all health insurance carriers on or after 1/1/25.)

{LC5220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2618**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE

ISLAND OLMSTEAD PLAN COMMISSION ACT (Creates an Olmstead Plan for people vulnerable to unnecessary institutionalization to update a continuum of care to receive services and supports in the least restrictive environment.)

{LC5139/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2619**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE

MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2024, and restores access to telemedicine for all residents and allows treatment by out-of-state providers.)

{LC5236/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2620**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Protects and continues health insurance coverage for the dependent of an employee who wishes to change their health insurance coverage to Medicare or are currently on Medicare.)

{LC5305/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2621

BY Valverde, Euer, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Lawson, Pearson, Miller, Lauria, Gu, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME
WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD ACT (Creates the nursing home workforce standards
board act to establish and enforce industry-wide quality of care standards in nursing homes.)
{LC4891/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2622

BY Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY
AWARENESS IN FOOD-SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Requires food service
establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose
a civil penalty on those establishments that fail to include the required warnings on its menus.)
{LC5111/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2623

BY Miller, DiMario, Valverde, Cano, Lauria, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT (Creates the occupational therapy
licensure compact that would allow licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy
assistants to practice in all states that join the compact.)
{LC5063/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2624

BY F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Quezada, Burke, Tikoian
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 of not less than 4,100 hours in not less than 2
years. The act would also remove the standard of “good moral character.”)
{LC5225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2625**BY** Miller, DiMario, Valverde, Cano, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS (Relocates the chapter relating to licensing of massage therapists from the health and safety title to the businesses and professions title with multiple amendments.)

{LC5330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2626**BY** Lauria, Lawson, Murray, Valverde, Gu, McKenney, DiMario, Cano, Britto, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health plans that provide prescription benefits to cover at least one type of glucagon auto-injector, nasal spray, or formulation that does not require reconstitution to treat hypoglycemia. No copayment or deductible would be required.)

{LC5340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2627**BY** Lauria, Murray, Gu, McKenney, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY KIDS ACT (Mandates that all restaurants offering children's meals offer at least two (2) children's meals that complies with certain detailed nutritional standards set forth in the act.)

{LC5395/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2628**BY** Bell, Ujifusa, Quezada, Murray, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and helps control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).)

{LC3572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2629**BY** DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES (Permits towns and cities to regulate all houseboats within their jurisdiction.)
{LC4765/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2630**BY** Gu, Mack, Kallman, F. Lombardi, Bissaillon, Burke, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends several sections of law relating to zoning ordinances to provide uniform zoning standards for accessory dwelling units.)
{LC4863/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2631**BY** Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta, Mack, Lauria, Miller, Gu, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT (Grants a right of first offer to qualified nonprofits for the purchase of certain multi-family residential properties at market prices, within a reasonable period of time to promote the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing.)
{LC5206/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2632**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ACT (Requires single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over 20,000 to allow middle housing and mandates that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing.)
{LC3783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2633**BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE ACT, PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1883, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE UNION FIRE DISTRICT OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN", AS AMENDED (Amends charter of the Union Fire District of South Kingstown by renaming "Reserve Capital Expenditures" to "Capital Projects Fund" and allows the board of wardens to grant tax exemptions to current and retired volunteer firefighters and their spouses.)
{LC5260/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2634**BY** Gu, Valverde, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.)
{LC5082/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2635**BY** Gallo, de la Cruz, Pearson, Felag, McKenney, Miller, Cano, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provide the maximum number of unrelated persons living together that could be constitute an individual household would not be less than one person per bedroom.)
{LC4980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2636**BY** Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Directs the department of transportation to effectuate a complete and total restoration, reconstruction and refurbishing of the Stone Bridge abutment in Portsmouth.)
{LC5294/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2637**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Gu, McKenney, Sosnowski, DiMario, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Restricts increases in monthly common expenses and limit special assessments to cover unforeseen costs not included in the association's approved annual budget for common expenses in associations where the minority of the units are deed restricted units.)

{LC5396/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2638**BY** Bissaillon, McKenney, Mack, DiPalma, Gu, Felag, DiMario, Valverde, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT (Restructures RI Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increase its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocate the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.)

{LC5282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2639**BY** Britto, LaMountain, Lawson, Lauria, DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY (Allows municipalities that issue tax bills via mail to develop programs to provide adequate notice through other digital means.)

{LC4878/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2640**BY** Lawson, DiMario, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Cano, Euer, Gallo, Pearson, Felag, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibit rate charges in excess of rates applied if tenant of residential complexes with electrical master-meters receives electricity directly from a public utility.)

{LC5040/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2641**BY** Gu, McKenney, Euer, Valverde, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- QUALIFIED ABANDONMENT OF TOWN ROADS (Allows for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to a walking/hiking/biking trail as well as for access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.)

{LC3963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2642**BY** McKenney, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Allows unit owners to participate in association meetings remotely through the use of digital platforms such as zoom or googlemeet.)

{LC5386/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2643**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords to list all mandatory fees when advertising any residential property for rent as well as on the first page of any lease. Prohibits a landlord from charging a convenience fee when the tenant pays rent.)

{LC5344/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2644**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates a process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.)

{LC5380/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2645**BY** McKenney, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Eliminates unreasonable and fiscally irresponsible constraints of budget caps created in some condominium documents by developers to help sell units.)

{LC5357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2646**BY** McKenney, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires associations to provide unit owners with thirty (30) days notice of any increase in the deductible application to the association's policy ensuring that unit owners will have coverage relating to their responsibility.)

{LC5382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2647**BY** McKenney, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires the recording of the bylaws and rules of the association in the land evidence records of the city or town the condominium is located in and require amendments to the original filings to be certified by 2 or more members of the executive board.)

{LC5384/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2648**BY** DiMario, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Bell, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Makes all sexual abuse or exploitation of a child causes of action not subject to statute of limitations whether lapsed or time-barred.)

{LC4838/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2649**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, E Morgan, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE (Establishes the E-Verify compliance program which would require all non-governmental employers within the state with 3 or more employees to apply to participate in the federal E-Verify program and to agree to participate in the program, if accepted.)

{LC5546/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2650**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, Murray, Valverde, Acosta, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Expands the deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program in the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to include adoptive parent(s) or siblings(s).)

{LC3383/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2651**BY** Bell, Mack, Murray, Lauria, Euer, Valverde, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer and also provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than three (3) years.)

{LC4916/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2652**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PROTECTION AGAINST RETALIATION ACT (Provides that individuals that are currently, or have been, incarcerated, or are on probation or parole, may exercise their rights to free political speech and participation in the political process without retaliation by the department of corrections.)

{LC5529/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2653

BY DiPalma, Miller, Euer, Gallo, Bissaillon, Lauria, Lawson, Felag, Valverde, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS
(Bans the possession, sale, and transfer of assault weapons. Possession of assault weapons owned on the effective date of this act to be "grandfathered". Violations are punishable by a fine or imprisonment.)
{LC4992/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2654

BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS
(Increases role of division of motor vehicles in voter registration and addresses verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual application to register to vote.)
{LC4742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2655

BY Ruggerio, Tikoian, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Murray, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.)
{LC4544/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2656

BY Raptakis, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR
VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalty for anyone found guilty of reckless driving while eluding police to a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and subject to a loss of license from 1 to 2 years and a possible forfeiture of their motor vehicle.)
{LC3393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2657**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)

{LC3885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2658**BY** DeLuca, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Raptakis, Burke, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Replaces state marshals with capitol police as to those law enforcement officers being exempt from certain firearm restrictions.)

{LC5081/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2659**BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires verification of applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license or state identification number with all mail ballot, mail ballot applications and emergency mail ballots.)

{LC5130/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2660**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Categorizes women by their biological identity at birth rather than their gender identity for purpose of organized sports.)

{LC3714/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2661**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Considers state government caseworkers or investigators "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)

{LC5288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2662**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Burke, Euer, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE (Proposes a state constitutional amendment to provide no person could hold office as general officer unless that person was a resident and a registered voter in the State of Rhode Island for at least 5 years, continuously, prior to taking office.)

{LC5259/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2663**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES GENERALLY (Authorizes Providence canteen vehicles to be equipped with sirens, whistles or bells and would require operators of any canteen vehicle to receive 5 hours of training in the operation of the vehicle and its emergency equipment.)

{LC5610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2664**BY** Raptakis, Burke, McKenney, DiMario, Paolino, DeLuca, Tikoian, Quezada, Felag, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Changes the community service requirements of a sentence related to the violation of § 11-44-21.1 relating to defacing private residences, offices, businesses or commercial property.)

{LC5036/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2665**BY** Raptakis, Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides that two (2) or more individuals associated to accomplish an act or acts which constitute shoplifting, could be deemed "racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations.")

{LC5038/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2666**BY** McKenney, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires that any person convicted of a charge of DUI or refusal, have an ignition interlock before being eligible for license reinstatement. Also permits a first-time offender to have charges dismissed.)

{LC4783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2667**BY** Mack, Murray, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS (Outlines the process for a person petitioning to change their name in the probate court in the town or city where they reside. It also makes the statute regarding name change gender neutral.)

{LC5346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2668**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND BUDGET EQUITY IMPACT ACT (Requires the Rhode Island general assembly to address its legislation with attention to equity and the impact its legislation will have on Rhode Island's diverse and various communities.)

{LC5503/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2669**BY** LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL AND PERSONS ADJUDGED NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY (Requires any competency examinations of criminal defendants take place on an outpatient basis or at the facility in which they are detained.)
{LC5273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2670**BY** Raptakis, Zurier, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Changes the process of nominating candidates for the general election, by replacing the political party primary with a primary general election.)
{LC4910/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2671**BY** Gallo, Cano, Lawson, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION (Spells out additional notice provisions, fees and costs of the arbitration process, from initiation to default provisions and potential court sanctions for breach of the arbitration agreement.)
{LC4989/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2672**BY** Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, Burke, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Prohibits any employer from denying any person employment based on a prior criminal conviction and prohibits state from disqualifying any person from any occupation for which a license is required based on a prior conviction.)
{LC5605/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2673**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RAILROAD, STEAMBOAT, AND BRIDGE POLICE (Provides any police report involving a railroad fatality and all communications between railroad employees not be made public. Additionally, it makes a violation of this section a misdemeanor.)

{LC4976/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2674**BY** LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Felag, Raptakis, Pearson, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Allows college athletes and prospects to enter into contracts receive compensation for use of their name, image and likeness rights and would prohibit colleges and athletic associations from interfering with such compensation rights.)

{LC4999/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2675**BY** Bissaillon, F. Lombardi, McKenney, Raptakis, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT (Provides a remedy for any harm caused due to a deprivation or violation of rights by the State of Rhode Island or its political and/or administrative units or subdivisions, secured by the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island.)

{LC5102/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2676**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, F. Lombardi, Felag, McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Increases sentences for carrying a firearm when committing a crime of violence and for possessing a stolen firearm and requires that a person convicted of these offenses serve a period of time in which they would not be eligible for parole or probation.)

{LC3379/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2677

BY Quezada, F. Lombardi, Acosta, Burke, Mack, Valverde, Lauria, Tikoian, Bell, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.)

{LC5272/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2678

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Bissaillon, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HAZING (Adds definitions to prohibition of hazing, make coaches and others responsible for knowingly failing to take reasonable measures to prevent hazing and would punish serious bodily injury by up to ten (10) years in imprisonment.)

{LC5209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2679

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Provides for free APRA records, DOA manages all APRA Records, and uses an online database for records.)

{LC5235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2680

BY DiPalma, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (Codifies the federal legislation pertaining to the federal Indian child welfare act into state law.)

{LC5486/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2681**BY** Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Provides that any insurer refusing to honor a "direction to pay" executed by an insured for payment on a property damage benefit would constitute an unfair claims practice.)
{LC5342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2682**BY** Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Provides that any insurer refusing to honor a "direction to pay" executed by an insured for payment of a property damage benefit constitutes an unfair claims practice.)
{LC5398/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2683**BY** Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag, F. Lombardi, DeLuca, Quezada, Raptakis, Bissaillon, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Defines "public official" to include school personnel for purposes of the criminal prohibition against making threats to public officials.)
{LC5212/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2684**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, Miller, Lawson, Rogers, Gu, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 - 17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost)
{LC4734/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2685**BY** Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

(Prohibits an insurance carrier from assessing a premium surcharge against an insured for making an inquiry regarding the terms of their policy.)

{LC3749/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2686**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN

MEETINGS (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.)

{LC4748/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY (Extends the incentive pay plan to all full-time court clerks who meet the eligibility requirements.)

{LC5143/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2688**BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS

(Establishes an examination on proficiency in solar technology upon renewal of certificate, adds \$72.00 fee.)

{LC5345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2689**BY** DiMario, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows employee injured by willful misconduct of employer to receive double the remedy for their injuries. If an employer does not have workers' comp insurance, and is not classified as an exempt employer, the employee may file actions under this title.)

{LC5229/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2690**BY** Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM ACT (Authorizes any and all state licensing authorities to issue licenses to individuals moving into this state with a minimum of three (3) years of practice, in good standing in any other state jurisdiction.)

{LC5243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2691**BY** LaMountain, Ciccone, Pearson, Bissaillon, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Britto, McKenney, Burke, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Authorizes and funds the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate and former presidents of the senate who may be living to be hung in the state house.)

{LC5424/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2692**BY** Tikoian, McKenney, Burke, Quezada, Raptakis, Ujifusa, LaMountain, Felag, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Purchaser or lessee of vehicle that cancels registration within the period of registration, any portion of the two (2) year registration fee not used.)

{LC3432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2693**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Includes "Kei cars" or "Kei trucks" as having restricted public highway use and those vehicles validly registered as of August 1, 2021, would not be denied renewal of that registration based solely on the vehicle type.)

{LC5226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2694**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veteran's spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)

{LC3896/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2695**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Raptakis, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Burke, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES

{LC5606/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2696**BY** Gu, F. Lombardi, Felag, Lauria, Lawson, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Directs the governor to select a day and annually order the lowering of flags to half-mast on any state buildings to honor the passing of first responders.)

{LC5291/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2697**BY** Murray, Bell, Bissaillon, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Exempts certain properties from the provisions of this section allowing for the city of Woonsocket shall, after application, to have the authority to exempt from the provisions of this section any proposed retailers' license of any class.)

{LC4973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2698**BY** Gallo, Cano, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Adds the month of August to the dates a Class A retail alcoholic beverage establishment can offer unlimited free samples of wine, beer and distilled spirits products.)

{LC5013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2699**BY** Gu, Raptakis, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that the applicant for a Bronze Star Medal license plate pay a registration fee or transfer charge.)

{LC3924/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2700**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Acosta, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees, by anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.)

{LC4903/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2701**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Pearson, F. Lombardi, Gallo, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Amends the "work on holidays and Sundays" statute to include Washington's Birthday in the definition of holidays for the purpose of this statute.)

{LC5498/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2702**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Zurier, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DIGITAL ASSET KEYS--PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION OF PRIVATE KEYS (Prohibits the compelled production of a private key as it relates to a digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right.)

{LC5465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2703**BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND'S CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT -- MINOR'S GENDER TRANSITION (Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds for that purpose, discipline for health care providers for providing same, a thirty (30) year statute of limitation, right to a civil action for damages.)

{LC4975/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2704**BY** Gallo, Cano, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.")

{LC5006/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2705**BY** DiMario, DiPalma, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires the department of children, youth and families (DCYF) to conduct periodic comprehensive needs assessments to determine whether the department's programs and services meet the needs of children and families.)

{LC4840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 2706**BY** Quezada, Acosta, Bell, Cano, Mack, Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024

{LC3859/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2707**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES N. BRASSARD, LIEUTENANT, WARWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT, (RETIRED)

{LC5587/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2708**BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CAROL F. DOHERTY, RN

{LC5378/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2709**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING (Prohibits hospitals and other medical providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies. A violation of this chapter may be pursued on behalf of the consumer by the attorney general.)

{LC5575/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2710**BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.)
{LC4284/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2711**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices.)
{LC4121/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2712**BY** McKenney, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (Authorizes an appropriation from ARPA to allow the governor to contract with a nonprofit entity for purposes of purchasing and retiring large portfolios of medical debt, for the benefit of the people of the state who meet certain debt or income amounts.)
{LC5631/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2713**BY** DiMario, Lauria, DiPalma, Euer, Lawson, Pearson, Valverde, Murray, McKenney, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.)
{LC4313/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2714

BY Lauria, Miller, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Valverde, Ujifusa, LaMountain, Murray, Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires all hospitals to screen uninsured patients for eligibility for public health programs and financial assistance under Medicare and Medicaid.)
{LC4260/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2715

BY DiMario, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates health insurance coverage to include transportation for emergency services by ambulance or rescue.)
{LC5596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2716

BY Lauria, Ruggerio, DiMario, Miller, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM (Establishes the primary care training sites program and appropriates \$2,700,000 for implementing the program.)
{LC4572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2717

BY Lauria, Ruggerio, DiMario, Miller, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)
{LC4573/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2718**BY** LaMountain, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Amends the licensing statute to allow a graduate of a board approved physical therapy school to be reinstated upon a failed examination upon the filing and registering for a second or third examination.)

{LC5528/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2719**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Pearson, Valverde, Euer, DiPalma, Murray, Lawson, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DRUG COST REVIEW COMMISSION (Creates the Rhode Island drug cost review commission.)

{LC4258/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2720**BY** Britto, Ruggiero, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2025.)

{LC3540/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2721**BY** Miller, DiMario, Lauria, DiPalma, Valverde, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS (Requires each off-campus location of a hospital and each subpart of an organization health care provider to have a unique identification number so that the costs associated with those facilities are transparent and accountable.)

{LC4257/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2722**BY** Sosnowski, Pearson, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Protects the solvency of health systems, physicians, and advance practice providers and insurers, encourage fair treatment of hospitals and ensure adequate clinical workforce while advancing health equity.)

{LC4695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2723**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Includes the definition of "primary care services" and requires that all biennial reports shall include a review and recommendation of rates for primary care services on and after September 1, 2025.)

{LC5628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2724**BY** Gallo, Felag, Cano, Lawson, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR SHARE FOR DENTAL CARE ACT (Requires carriers offering dental benefit plans to annually submit information which includes the current and projected medical loss ratio for claims for their plans. The medical loss ratio would be eighty-five percent (85%).)

{LC5462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2725**BY** Valverde, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.)

{LC5419/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2726**BY** Bissaillon, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, Pearson, Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companys from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.)

{LC4759/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2727**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Britto, Euer, Felag, Ujifusa, McKenney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Directs the department of transportation to prepare a monthly snapshot report on the progress of repairs and other actions pertaining to the Washington Bridge.)

{LC5660/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 7111**BY** Fellela, Cardillo, Perez, Costantino**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.)

{LC3855/1}

Referred to Senate Finance.

House Bill No. 7062**BY** Speakman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tanzi, Cotter, Henries, Donovan, Carson, McGaw, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Amends several sections of law relating to zoning ordinances to provide uniform zoning standards for accessory dwelling units.)

{LC3794/1}

Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7061**BY** Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Johnnycake Center Realty Corporation, a domestic nonprofit corporation, located in South Kingstown.)

{LC3812/1}

Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7112**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Corvese, Costantino, Nardone, Place, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the waiver of interest on overdue taxes for commercial properties.)

{LC3742/1}

Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7243**BY** Finkelman**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.)

{LC4308/1}

Referred to Senate Finance.

House Bill No. 7245**BY** Ackerman, Voas, Phillips, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Cumberland.)

{LC4085/1}

Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 7323**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the town council of Portsmouth, by ordinance or resolution, to exempt Quaker Manor from valuation for taxation or to enter into tax abatement or payment in lieu of taxes agreements.)

{LC3337/1}

Referred to Senate Finance.

House Bill No. 7058**BY** Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Solomon, Phillips, Lombardi J, Hull, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.)

{LC3329/1}

Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Euer, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Virginia Sarra Hesse VICE Lee Whittaker to the Fort Adams Foundation for a term expiring January 31, 2026.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2220**BY** Lauria, LaMountain, DiMario, Miller, Euer, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Lawson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Prohibits any agreement whereby an advanced practice registered nurse is restricted in the right to practice in a certain geographic area, assist or provide treatment or establish a professional relationship with any other employer.)

{LC3774/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairwoman Cano, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of David Martirano VICE Richard Humphrey to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Cortney M. Nicolato to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2027.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Cornelius Kerwin to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Roby Luna to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Placed on the Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Thursday, March 07th at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.**

Almighty Father, Blessed are You for giving us family and friends, To be with us in times of joy and sorrow, To help us in days of need, And to rejoice with us in moments of celebration. Lord, We ask, that You grant strength to the families who have lost loved ones, and to our Senate family as we celebrate the life of our colleague Frank Lombardo. May You take the souls of the departed forever into Your protection. May Your grace be with them and their families as they meet the challenges ahead. We also express our deepest sympathy to the Lombardo family during the time of bereavement. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 07, 2024:

1. ***The Reappointment of Carol A. O'Donnell (Rep of Industry) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.***

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. ***The Appointment of John Horan (Public Member) VICE Dorothy Davidson to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2028.***

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. ***The Appointment of Richard J. Mancini (Permanent Fire Chief) VICE Frank Sylvester to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.***

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

4. ***The Appointment of Joseph L. Walsh, Jr. (Representative of Labor) VICE Jeffrey Muto to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2026.***

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

5. ***The Appointment of Jeffrey Muto (Rep of Volunteer Fire Chief) VICE Stuart Pearson to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2030.***

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

6. ***The Appointment of Virginia Sarra Hesse VICE Lee Whittaker to the Fort Adams Foundation for a term expiring January 31, 2026.***

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

7. **2024-S 2498**
BY Picard
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2024, TO BE "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8. **2024-S 2706**
BY Quezada
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9. **2024-S 2707**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES N. BRASSARD, LIEUTENANT, WARWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT, (RETIRED)

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10. **2024-S 2708**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CAROL F. DOHERTY, RN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 07, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2076**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

2. **2024-S 2086**
BY Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024:

1. *The Appointment of David Martirano VICE Richard Humphrey to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.*

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

2. *The Reappointment of Cortney M. Nicolato to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2027.*

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

3. *The Reappointment of Cornelius Kerwin to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.*

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

4. *The Reappointment of Roby Luna to the University of Rhode Island Board of Trustees for a term expiring February 1, 2025.*

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

5. **2024-S 2220**

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
NURSES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.