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Thursday, March 21, 2024

Twelfth Legislative Day

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 4:14 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 Lauria to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Lauria 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:


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Senate Chamber

Committee on
Commerce

March 21, 2024

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


Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Thursday, March 21st due to childcare issues.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Samuel W. Bell
Senator - District 5

swb:slb

cc: Ms. Helena Reid, Secretary of the Senate

Read and placed on file.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2795****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5676/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Pearson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2796**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2024, TO BE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC5734/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2797**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GERALDINE C. CARLIN
{LC5714/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pearson speaks on the senate resolution.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-S 2539**
BY Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends passage.

Senator Tikoian moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Zurier, Burke, Murray, Valverde, and Lauria.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

- 2. 2024-S 2092**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators DiPalma, Burke, Murray, Zurier, Gu, and Lauria.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

- 3. 2024-S 2027**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Euer moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lawson, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lombardi, DiMario, Gu, Zurier, Cano, Morgan, Tikoian, Murray, and Miller.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Dominick 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, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

4. 2024-S 2467**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Cano moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Kallman, Burke, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Valverde, Murray, Pearson, Lawson, DiPalma, Miller, Britto, Zurier, and Gu.

Senators Morgan and Cano discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.**NAYS – 6:** Senators de la Cruz, De Luca, Morgan, Paolino, Picard, Rogers.**5. 2024-S 2127****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --
MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Lawson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Pearson, Gallo, DiMario, Gu, Bissaillon, Murray, McKenney, and Morgan.

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

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, Senators Acosta, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

6. 2024-H 8001**BY** Spears

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

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

Senator Gu moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Pearson, Sosnowski, DiPalma, and Valverde.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Kallman announces that the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the senate in room 212.

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

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the senate in Room 313.

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Euer and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Annie Dickson from Warwick, RI.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and upon suggestion of Senate President Pro Tempore Gallo, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:43 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Geraldine C. Carlin.*

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Chairman Lombardo, from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of Mark Blackburn (Licensed Engineer) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Reappointment of Dana Newbrook (Licensed Architect) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

The Appointment of Robert E. Donovan VICE Robin Main to the State Properties Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2798**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT (Amends provisions re insurance producer appointments and clarifies language re insurance claims adjusters. Amends the RI life & health guarantee assoc act. Adds insurance data security and pet insurance acts and unfair discrimination prohibitions.)
{LC4394/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2799

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DRIVER NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (Provides a criminal background check procedure for for-hire intrastate passenger transportation services.)
{LC4958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2800

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS (Repeals the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings in its entirety.)
{LC4392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2801

(Dept. of Business Regulations)

BY Bissaillon, DiMario, Gu, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Repeals the "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act." Amends title 5 "Businesses and Professions" to include a new chapter 93, an amended "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act.")
{LC4389/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2802

(Dept. of Business Regulations)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- EXAMINATIONS (Amends the statutory provisions regarding domestic and foreign insurers and insurer examinations to provide provisions with regard to cybersecurity events involving Rhode Island consumers.)

{LC4391/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

Senate Bill No. 2803

(Dept. of Business Regulations)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS (Amends outdated provisions of the banking statutes and the home loan protection act, adds consumer protections, including minimum capital requirements and limits on investments, for currency transmitters, including crypto currency.)

{LC4396/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2804

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PRISONER MADE GOODS (Allows correctional industries to conduct business for goods or services with any 501(c)(3) and would require customers of correctional industries to pay fifty percent (50%) of an order upon the placement of the order.)

{LC5110/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2805

(Dept. of Education)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.)

{LC4365/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2806

(Dept. of Education)

BY Gallo, DiPalma, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Delays the date for local education agencies to select one of the high quality curricula and material for math and English language arts from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.)

{LC4362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2807

(Dept. of Education)

BY Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SHEILA C. "SKIP" NOWELL ACADEMY (Provides for changes to the operating structure of the Nowell Academy establishing a cooperative agreement among school districts.)

{LC4921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2808

(Dept. of Environmental Mgmt.)

BY Valverde, Tikoian, LaMountain, Kallman, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS (Requires that developers of ground-mounted solar systems submit a plan for decommissioning to be held on file by the municipality and requires DEM, with the office of energy resources, make publicly available model decommissioning plans.)

{LC4344/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2809

(Dept. of Health)

BY LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Delays from June 1, 2024, until June 1, 2025, the necessity to conduct monitoring for the maximum number PFAS in drinking water and would amend the type of water systems to which the requirement applies.)

{LC4441/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2810

(Dept. of Environmental Mgmt.)

BY Tikoian, DiMario, Rogers, LaMountain, Britto, Felag, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Modifies reporting requirements regarding collisions between vehicles and wildlife where the vehicle has been substantially damaged.)

{LC4346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2811

(CRMC)

BY Euer, DiMario, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides that the legislature would be the body that negotiates on behalf of the state for all activities occurring in, on and over state submerged land extending beyond twenty-five (25) acres.)

{LC4338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2812

(Dept. of Business Regulations)

BY Bissaillon, Picard, Gu, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Enacts a chapter to regulate pet insurance.)

{LC4387/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2813

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Britto, Tikoian, Lawson, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Makes numerous technical amendments to the statutes on taxes and corporations, associations and partnerships.)

{LC4533/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2814

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CASINO GAMING (Amends the law consistent with the advent of iGaming and new technology and codifies the payment of investigatory expenses incurred by the State in limited circumstances.)
{LC4342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2815

(Executive Office of Health & Human Services)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third party payor such as Medicare.)
{LC4436/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2816

(Dept of Health)

BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, DiPalma, Britto, de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides for procedures for the burial of unclaimed remains.)
{LC4442/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 2817

(Dept. of Health)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Includes among the responsibilities of the office of state medical examiners, to provide a multidisciplinary team review of suicide deaths with a goal of reducing its prevalence by examining trends in demographic, geographic and community risk factors.)
{LC4949/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2818

(Dept. of Health)

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

{LC4945/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2819

(Dept. of Health)

BY DiMario, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi, Euer, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES (Removes the exemption from licensure for certain nursing service agencies accredited by the joint commission.)

{LC4948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2820

(Dept of Health)

BY Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Substitutes the current lists of controlled substances in the general laws with the current version of title 21 of the code of federal regulations.)

{LC4443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2821

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Burke, McKenney, Raptakis, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Provides minor technical changes, including an update to the membership of the state planning council to include the secretary of housing or designee, and provides clarifying language relating to the role of the technical committee.)

{LC4363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2822

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SCENIC HIGHWAYS (Amends the composition of the scenic roadways board reducing the number of members from eleven (11) to nine (9).)

{LC4541/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2823

(RIPTA)

BY Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to enter into certain projects and procure related services including the transit center project, using design build contracting and progressive design build contracting.)

{LC4547/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2824

(Dept. of Housing)

BY Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.)

{LC4912/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2825

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Permits state child support agencies to bring actions under the child support statute on behalf of a noncustodial parent who is incarcerated and unable to pay child support.)

{LC4435/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2826

(Parole Board)

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

{LC5015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2827

(Dept. of Administration)

BY F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Reduces the required number of members present to constitute a quorum from three (3) to two (2) members.)

{LC4947/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2828

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi, Felag, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows law enforcement to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the scope of their official duties under the supervision of the police chief or colonel of the state police.)

{LC4347/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2829

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES (Defines 3 classes of electric bicycles, authorizes the DEM to determine allowable uses of electric bicycles at properties under the department's jurisdiction, allows Class 1 electric bicycles to legally access state bicycle trails or paths.)

{LC5598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2830

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

(Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.)

{LC4345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2831

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Includes the deputy chief of inspection and inspector within the provision of law related to retirement on service allowance relating to correctional officers.)

{LC4962/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2832

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Sosnowski, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Miller, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

{LC4538/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2833

(Governor)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, any attorney who self-certifies that they have successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course shall have the authority to prosecute any violation of a protective order.)

{LC4919/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2834

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Mack, Bissaillon, Euer, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

(Provides an exemption for certain incarcerated persons from the payment of fees for a first request for vital statistics from the department of health.)

{LC4960/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2835

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Quezada, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, DeLuca, Raptakis, Pearson, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CASINO GAMING (Amends the law relating to casino crimes to be consistent with the advent of iGaming and the relevant age restrictions to participate in iGaming.)

{LC4341/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2836

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

{LC4534/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2837

(Veterans)

BY Felag, Ujifusa, Acosta, E Morgan, Raptakis, Euer, Lauria, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL

OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

{LC4455/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2838

(BHDDH)

BY Gallo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the "Roosevelt Benton Youth Assessment Center" as the "Roosevelt Benton Center".)

{LC4439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2839

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Bissaillon, E Morgan, Acosta, Euer, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Allows the department of administration to temporarily loan the state battle flags and markers to approved federal or state agencies under the condition that such loan is insured by bond against damage or loss.)

{LC4946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2840**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Raptakis, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.)

{LC5691/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2841

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY (Amends the composition of the small business advisory council.)

{LC4323/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2842**BY** Cano, Mack, Pearson, DiMario, DiPalma, Lawson, McKenney, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILL OF RIGHTS FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS ACT (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to draft a written bill of rights for parents or guardians of students who are multilingual learners that safeguard and protect the rights of multilingual learners in public schools.)

{LC5612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2843**BY** Gallo, DiMario, Cano, Murray, LaMountain, Zurier, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Establishes guidelines for the continued implementation and expansion of high quality public prekindergarten education programs in the state.)

{LC4678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2844**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUD (Establishes the RI ombud for special education who ensures school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with the individualized education programs for students with disabilities.)

{LC3493/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2845**BY** Cano, Pearson, Zurier, McKenney, DiPalma, Mack, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILINGUAL, DUAL LANGUAGE AND WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS INVESTMENT ACT (Authorizes the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a program to expand the issuance of teaching certificates to bilingual dual language and world language teachers in urban and urban ring schools.)

{LC4134/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2846**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

(Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) years.)

{LC5792/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2847**BY** Cano, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE ESSENTIAL ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Child Care Assistance Program that governs both family eligibility for the state's child care subsidy program and the rates paid to child care providers serving families receiving a subsidy.)

{LC4136/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2848**BY** DiMario, Gu, Kallman, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT (Created the Rhode Island clean heat standards act to implement a system of tradeable clean heat credits earned from the delivery of clean heat measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.)

{LC5789/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2849

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY DiMario, Bissaillon, Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Amends the provision of notice to be provided for the release of any hazardous gas or liquid as determined by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.)

{LC4950/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2850**BY** Valverde, Murray, LaMountain, Kallman, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING

REDUCTION ACT (Updates the existing Toxic Packaging Act by delaying the ban on PFAS in processing agents, until July 1, 2027, and also expands the law by banning PVC and polystyrene in packaging.)

{LC5790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2851**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Burke, Zurier, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Provides all retired teachers and all retired state employees a one-time stipend in the amount of three percent (3%) of the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) of the member's retirement allowance.)

{LC4766/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2852**BY** Pearson, Gallo, Cano, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE

SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Extends the sunset date of the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program act from 2028 to 2030, in order to allow the program to provide eligible students with funding for tuition and mandatory fees for an additional two (2) years.)

{LC5728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2853**BY** Britto, Ciccone, DiPalma, Zurier, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Felag, Miller, Lombardi F, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE

ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT (Requires that public utilities plan utility work in accordance with the state transportation improvement program schedules when working on state roads.)

{LC5627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2854**BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT OF 1998 (Repeals the provision setting a different timeline for reimbursement of East Providence for the FY 2025, and would bring East Providence in line with other municipalities in the timing of reimbursements.)

{LC5719/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2855**BY** Lawson, Britto, Acosta, Pearson, Miller, Euer, Cano, Kallman, Lauria, Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) EAT WELL, BE WELL PILOT REWARDS PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program.)

{LC5776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2856**BY** Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax the sale of beer and malt beverages at retail.)

{LC5802/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2857**BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends provisions relative to the levy and assessment of local taxes and would provide that the city of Providence may adopt a tax classification with unrestricted tax rates for certain classes of property.)

{LC5712/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2858**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.)

{LC5055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2859**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

{LC5053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2860**BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Permits a school to calculate its maintenance of effort on a per-pupil basis and to deduct any nonrecurring expenditure from its maintenance of effort.)

{LC4286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2861**BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID (Exempts schools or school districts subject to an intervention for failing schools from the withholding of aid provisions for infractions related to nonpayment of tuition owed by one community to another.)
{LC4287/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2862**BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS (Enabling act required by § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by the Town of Burrillville in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)
{LC5649/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2863

(Emergency Management Agency)

BY Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Exempts the Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Inc. from payment of certain vehicles registration fees.)
{LC4339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2864**BY** Cano, Acosta, Quezada, Kallman, McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Lauria, Murray, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (Provides \$4 million to support after school and school vacation, summer learning workforce development programs for K-12 students with annual reports on status and programs.)
{LC5700/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2865

(General Treasurer)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lombardi F, Britto, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Requires any benefit
enhancements afforded under the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island or the municipal
employees' retirement system to be amortized over individual five (5) year closed periods.)
{LC5300/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2866**BY** Cano, Mack, Pearson, DiPalma, Lawson, Zurier, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that the permanent foundation educational aid
program would provide state funding for school-based mental health services pursuant to
specified conditions.)
{LC3842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2867**BY** Cano, DiMario, Pearson, Mack, McKenney, Zurier, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
LADDERS TO LICENSURE PROGRAM (Implements a grant program to fund public or
private partnerships that provide opportunities for healthcare paraprofessionals to pursue higher
education degrees and health professional licensure.)
{LC5661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2868**BY** Bissaillon, Kallman, DiPalma, Cano, Quezada, Burke, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
HOUSING PRODUCTION REVOLVING FUND ACT (Authorizes the department of housing
to issue bonds in the amount of \$50,000,000 with a maturity date not to exceed 20 years, to
establish the housing production revolving fund, to promote the development of housing and
ensuring more affordable housing.)
{LC5620/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2869**BY** Bissaillon, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires the director of the department of health to provide guidance to non-governmental employers and the public on acquiring opioid antagonist medication and training for its use.)

{LC5788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2870**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL SPAS SAFETY ACT (Provides that the performance of cosmetic medical services is the practice of medicine and surgery.)

{LC5397/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2871**BY** Lombardi F, DiMario, Ciccone, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists and expands the licensing of school psychologists for independent practice.)

{LC5801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2872**BY** Miller, Lawson, DiPalma, DiMario, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to concurrent review during the first 28 days.)

{LC5694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2873**BY** LaMountain, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DENTAL INSURANCE LOSS RATIO REPORTING AND STUDY ACT (Requires dental health insurance carriers to file an actuarial memorandum disclosing its incurred claims/earned premiums, to assist the health insurance commissioner with respect to a study report/recommendations regarding a dental insurance loss ratio.)

{LC5635/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2874**BY** Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CERTIFIED SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTS (Allows for the licensing of certified surgical first assistants to assist in surgeries through the department of health and a seven (7) member board of licensure.)

{LC5643/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2875**BY** Quezada, Ujifusa, Cano, Acosta, Mack, DiMario, Lombardi F, Lauria, LaMountain, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides insurance coverage for interpreter services for all medically necessary doctor appointments.)

{LC5233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2876**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Gu, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSURE COMPACT ACT (Allows the state to become a member of the physical therapist licensure compact adopted by twenty-five (25) states in order to facilitate the interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy service)

{LC4679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2877**BY** Mack, DiMario, Bissaillon, Lombardi F, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Provides for the operation and duties of natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. A disposition facility would be used for either cremation or natural organic reduction.)

{LC5707/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2878**BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to require the registration of certain business entities not registered with the secretary of state that are situated in Cumberland.)

{LC5689/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2879**BY** Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Bissaillon, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides that only residential properties and new or rehabilitated residential affordable housing units would be subject to the tax under § 44-5-13.1 relating to taxation of low-income housing.)

{LC4952/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2880**BY** Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (Makes various amendments to the chapter creating the Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

{LC5698/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2881**BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

(Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Cumberland.)

{LC5688/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2882**BY** LaMountain, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE FIRE

SAFETY ACT (Mandates an entity that owns five hundred acres or more of land to have a forest plan with fire mitigation.)

{LC5316/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2883**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Allows municipalities to seek recovery of fines associated with ordinance violations by permitting the municipality to include the fines on a property tax bill.)

{LC4290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2884**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires state, municipal and quasi-state agencies to post public comment periods on their website and provides email address for comments.)

{LC5795/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2885**BY** Bissaillon, Miller, LaMountain, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Permits hybrid cannabis cultivators to advertise regarding cannabis products during the transitional period.)

{LC5791/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2886**BY** McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Requires one of the seven (7) directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation be appointed by the mayor of the city of Warwick.)

{LC5800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2887**BY** Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, Zurier, Mack, Quezada, Gallo, Lawson, Cano, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS (Repeals the provision that requires new applicants for employment under this section to pay the expense for their background checks.)

{LC4613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2888**BY** DiPalma, Gu, Picard, Gallo, Lawson, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AUTOMATED DECISION TOOLS (Requires companies that develop or deploy high-risk AI systems to conduct impact assessments and adopt risk management programs, would apply to both developers and deployers of AI systems with different obligations based on their role in AI ecosystem.)

{LC5742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2889**BY** Bissaillon, Mack, Gu, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES (Defines who is eligible to bid at tax sales; Authorizes Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation to use excess funds collected under § 34-27-3.2 to purchase at tax sale owner-occupied residences.)

{LC5314/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2890**BY** Acosta, Gu, Zurier, Kallman, Ujifusa, Cano, DiPalma, Britto**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 54 OF THE 2023-2024 CONGRESS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO PROVE THAT THE RIGHTS PROTECTED AND EXTENDED BY THE CONSTITUTION ARE THE RIGHTS OF NATURAL PERSONS ONLY
{LC5785/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2891

(RI Chiefs of Police Association)

BY Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--- RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF MUNICIPAL POLICE CHIEFS (Provides protections to appointed police chiefs of cities and towns and provides they would be entitled to a hearing and due process before termination and provides for an appeal of an adverse decision under the administrative procedures act.)

{LC5722/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2892**BY** Bissaillon, Mack, DiPalma, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits use of algorithm or artificial intelligence to set residential rental amounts and prohibits landlord price fixing of residential rents. Violations constitute a deceptive trade practice and violators are subject to civil suit.)

{LC5713/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2893**BY** Bissaillon, Mack, Gu, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Makes it a deceptive trade practice for landlords to conspire with each other to set rents or withhold rental dwelling units from the market in order to increase demand.)

{LC4887/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2894

(Secretary of State)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lombardi F, Britto, Sosnowski, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

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

{LC5030/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2895**BY** Mack, DiMario, Bissaillon, Gu, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows

citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.)

{LC5704/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2896

(General Treasurer)

BY Britto, Murray, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, Gu, Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon, Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --

UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Provides conditions which persons paid to recover or assist in recovering reported property must comply with.)

{LC4943/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2897**BY** Gu, Euer, Burke, Valverde, DiMario, Sosnowski, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND

PRESCRIPTION (Amends current law to make denial of a right of footway applicable only to a private right of footway and not to the public right of footway accrued under the doctrine of implied dedication.)

{LC3588/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2898**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NOISE LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES (Enables municipalities to install and use automated systems to detect noise limit violations in order to enhance enforcement abilities and reduce noise violations state-wide.)

{LC4418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2899**BY** Mack, Gu, Murray, DiMario, Cano, Kallman**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY CALLING FOR PUBLICATION AND AFFIRMATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

{LC5705/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2900**BY** DiPalma, Lombardi F, Miller, Ciccone, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EXTREME TEMPERATURE WORKER PROTECTION ACT (Directs employers to take certain actions to protect their employees who are exposed to extreme hot and cold temperatures.)

{LC4966/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2901**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis, Lombardi F, Burke, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits contractors and subcontractors from paying employees the cash equivalent of any applicable healthcare benefit in lieu of actually purchasing the healthcare benefit. Violations would be subject to civil fines.)

{LC4771/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2902**BY** Cano, Mack, DiPalma, Pearson, DiMario, Zurier, McKenney, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CONTRACTORS BONDS (Provides that upon application, and good cause, the state may waive the bonding requirement for certified minority business enterprises or women owned businesses.)

{LC5642/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2903**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Authorizes driver education schools to offer the driver training curriculum in a classroom setting or an instructor-led virtual format.)

{LC5727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2904

(Judiciary)

BY Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Provides updates and clarifications to the current penalties for driving after denial, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license.)

{LC5124/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2905

(Judiciary)

BY Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employees who worked as certified or qualified court interpreter to be employed or re-employed for a limited period of time in a given year to provide court interpretation services within the unified judicial system.)

{LC5136/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2906

(Judiciary)

BY Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the statutory penalties for possession of marijuana offenses to conform to the penalties promulgated in the Rhode Island cannabis act.)

{LC5495/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2907

(Judiciary)

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- TREATMENT OF JUVENILES FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY (Amends the statute so as to conform to current statutory penalties for possession of marijuana offenses promulgated in the Rhode Island cannabis act allowing for possession of up to two (2) ounces of marijuana.)
{LC5492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2908

(Judiciary)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Amends the filing fees and time frame for certain claims of appeal to superior court.)
{LC5497/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2909

(Judiciary)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- CONDITIONAL ESCHEAT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN COURT REGISTRIES (Updates the process by which the Supreme Court reports, holds, and escheats unclaimed property in the court registries.)
{LC5114/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2910

(Judiciary)

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the statutory penalties for a second and third possession of marijuana offense to conform to the penalties promulgated in § 21-28-4.01.)
{LC5494/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2911

(Judiciary)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Clarifies and separates the different criminal penalties for first and subsequent convictions for reckless driving.)

{LC5491/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2912

(Judiciary)

BY Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Amends the definition of a wayward offense in the family court to conform to current statutory penalties for possession of marijuana offenses, promulgated in chapter 28 of title 21 (the "uniform controlled substances act").)

{LC5493/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2913

(Judiciary)

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

{LC5122/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2914

(Attorney General)

BY Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES (Permits grand juries to issue reports and would provide for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.)

{LC5521/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2915

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.)
{LC5129/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2916

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Amends procedures and fees relative to claims of appeal in small claims actions.)
{LC5496/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2917**BY** Cano, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT (Creates a new chapter for the support/access to bilingual education. It creates a dual language program fund to be administered by the department of education. Local education agencies would be eligible to apply to the department for funding. Eff. 7/1/24)
{LC5822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2918**BY** Mack, Kallman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,600,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING NAVIGATION RESOURCES (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,600,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Housing.)
{LC5217/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2919**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.)

{LC5833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2920**BY** Mack, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT -- JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS (Provides for just cause evictions for residential landlord tenancies.)

{LC5809/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2921**BY** Mack, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Recognizes tenants' unions and provides a procedure whereby the housing resources commission shall administer a hearing process for consolidated complaints filed by tenants' unions, pertaining to the rights and obligations of tenants and landlords.)

{LC5808/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2922**BY** Mack, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE -- NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS (Requires a housing code enforcement officer to give a copy of any housing code violation notice to all tenants of the building affected by a housing code violation along with any hearing dates scheduled for the violation.)

{LC5807/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2923**BY** Mack, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL TENANT'S RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION ACT (Creates the division of civil representation within the department of housing and require civil representation by a Designated Legal Organization to provide legal representation to all tenants who qualify in eviction proceedings.)

{LC5806/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE**

Chairwoman DiMario, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2043 SUB A**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Miller, Cano, Murray, Lawson, Euer, Bissaillon, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Adds climate change, sea-level rise and coastal resiliency to the analysis of data of the strategic plan for economic development policy.)

{LC3773/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2126**BY** Felag, F. Lombardi, Britto, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Gallo, Lombardo, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

{LC3881/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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


House Bill No. 7278

BY Baginski, Lima, Potter, McNamara, Handy, Cardillo, Bennett, Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CRANSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND/OR ACQUISITION OF LAND AND BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND/OR EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 50% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE
(Authorizes the City of Cranston to issue not to exceed \$40,000,000 general obligation bonds.)
{LC4261/1}

Referred to the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR VICTORIA GU District 38</p> <hr/> <p>Room 112 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>MOBILE: 401-388-0696 OFFICE: 401-276-5581 sen-gu@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Housing and Municipal Government</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Commerce</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment and Agriculture</p>
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March 25th, 2024


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

Dear Madam Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request the withdrawal of my name as a co-sponsor of the 2024 Senate Bill- 2438, referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

Sincerely,



Victoria Gu
VG/cb
RI State Senator for District 38 (Westerly, Charlestown, South Kingstown)

Placed on file.

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 28th at 4:05 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024****House Bill No. 8001**

(by request)

BY Spears, Kennedy

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.)

{LC5060/1 }

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR PAMELA J. LAURIA

Almighty God, help us through the stresses and strains of the day by granting us your serenity and peace. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024:

1. *The Reappointment of Marisa Brown to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.*

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

2. *The Reappointment of Bethany Lardaro to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.*

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

3. *The Reappointment of Silvermoon LaRose to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.*

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

4. *The Appointment of Amy Leidtke VICE Lorraine Hynes to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2026.*

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

5. *The Appointment of Elvys Ruiz VICE Mohammed Farzan to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.*

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

6. *The Appointment of Mary K. Talbot VICE Kate Blacklock to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.*

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

7. *The Reappointment of Kelly A. Morrissey to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2029.*

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

8. *The Appointment of Dr. Kim Stack VICE Bonnie Saccucci to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2029.*

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

9. *The Reappointment of Jane Bevan Linsley (Familiar with Land Use & Community Planning Issues) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2029.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

10. *The Reappointment of Michael Hutchinson (Knowledge/Experience in Agriculture) to the Agricultural Land Preservation Committee for a term expiring January 1, 2027.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

11. *The Reappointment of Mark Blackburn (Licensed Engineer) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2029.*

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

12. *The Reappointment of Dana Newbrook (Licensed Architect) to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals and Review for a term expiring March 1, 2029.*

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

13. *The Appointment of Robert E. Donovan VICE Robin Main to the State Properties Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2025.*

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

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024:**

- 1. 2024-S 2072**
BY DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 2. 2024-S 2720**
BY Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG
BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

- 3. 2024-S 2436**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 4. 2024-S 2121**
BY Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024:

1. **2024-H 7278**

BY Baginski

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

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024:

1. **2024-S 2043 SUB A**

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2024-S 2126**

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.