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Thursday, March 06, 2025

Ninth Legislative Day

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, at 4:12 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, 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 Seventh Legislative Day of the 2025 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.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

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



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE

January 27, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-23-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Coastal Resource Management Council:

Dr. Michael Reuter

(Public Member)

Vice

Catherine Hall

For a term expiring January 31, 2027

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor


Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, 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 Environment and Agriculture.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication:

<p>SENATOR VICTORIA GU District 38</p> <hr/> <p>Room 308 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>CHAIR Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment and Agriculture</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Housing & Municipal Government</p>
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March 6, 2025

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, March 6, 2025.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Senator Victoria Gu
Senate District 18

VG/cb

Placed on file.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025:****1. *The Appointment of Deborah J. Goddard as the Secretary of Housing***

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

Senator Bissaillon moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senator Mack discusses on the advice and consent.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative and 1 member abstaining as follows:

YEAS – 36: Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

ABSTAINED -1: Senator Britto.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Bissaillon and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber newly appointed Secretary of Housing, Deborah J. Goddard.

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 Urso invites everyone to the Pawtucket International Women's Day Friday, March 07th from 9:00am-11:00am at the Blackstone Valley Center.

Senator Tikoian announces that the Senate Annual Training will be held in the senate chamber at the rise of the senate.

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

Senator Lauria announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the senate in the Senate Lounge.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Lawson, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:24 o'clock P.M.

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

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

The Reappointment of David Spinella, Esq. as Chief Hearing Officer in the Division of Administration Adjudication in the State Department of Environmental Management for a term expiring March 1, 2030.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Appointment of Chris Dodge (Environmental Advocacy Org.) VICE David Prescott to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Appointment of Gregg Marsili (Municipal Harbormaster) VICE Edward Cabral to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Appointment of Coral Aiello (Representative of Commercial Fishing) VICE Jasper Coutu to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2028.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Appointment of Russell Sylvestre (Representative of Commercial Fishing) VICE Jason Jarvis to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GAMING

Chairman Ciccone, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 68

BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Kallman, de la Cruz, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Reduces the number of times the director of the lottery has to confer with the permanent joint committee on state lottery from nine (9) times per year to four (4) times per year or at the call of the chair or vice chair of the committee.)
{LC471/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON RULES, GOVERNMENT ETHICS AND OVERSIGHT

Chairman McKenney, from the Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Resolution No. 594

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2025-2026
{LC2312/1}

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. 72

BY Felag, Raptakis, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)
{LC236/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 627****BY** DiPalma, Gu, Burke, Paolino, Urso, Zurier, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT (Establishes regulations to ensure the ethical development, integration, and deployment of high-risk AI systems, particularly those influencing consequential decisions.)
{LC1407/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies

Senate Bill No. 628**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURES, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, updates definitions relative to common entities and sales.)
{LC1602/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 629

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Sosnowski, Pearson, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNIT PRICING (Provides that an electronic shelving label by itself would not satisfy the disclosure and display requirements for unit pricing by way of the attachment of a stamp, tag or label to the commodity.)
{LC1924/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 630**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

TRANSPARENCY IN ELECTRIC AND GAS BILLS ACT (Requires electric and gas utilities to provide a detailed breakdown of supply, delivery, and public policy costs on electric and gas bills, including specific costs for renewable energy sources, and mandates public comment and PUC approval.)

{LC1883/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 631**BY** Gu, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

{LC2239/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 632**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, Valverde, Euer, Kallman, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (RIDOT), AND THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPLORE INCREASING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S (MBTA) EVENING SERVICE TO THE WICKFORD JUNCTION/PROVIDENCE/STOUGHTON LINE ON WEEKDAYS AND INITIATING A WEEKEND SCHEDULE

{LC2228/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 633**BY** Valverde, DiMario, Thompson, Ujifusa, Gallo, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Requires the names of any noncredentialed school employee who is terminated for good and just cause, to be furnished to the department of education.)

{LC607/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 634**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Enables the Providence School Board to authorize local school-based councils to enhance communication between the board and the individual schools.)

{LC2122/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 635**BY** McKenney, Britto, Murray, Appollonio, Lauria, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires immediate notification to the person in charge of the educational program when a child has a cardiac emergency and the head of the educational program must notify the department of education within 24 hours.)

{LC2181/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 636

(Dept. of Education)

BY Ujifusa, Murray, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Mack, McKenney, Gallo, Zurier, LaMountain, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Amends the definitions of a "pupil transportation vehicle" to a vehicle contrasted to seat not more than ten (10) passengers plus the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.)

{LC1325/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 637**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and DOH to adopt policies, rules and regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.)

{LC1592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 638

BY Euer, Gallo, Pearson, Acosta, Kallman, Zurier, Urso, Appollonio, Patalano, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Develops standards of civics education in grades K-12 teaching history in the state of Rhode Island, representative government, the rights and duties of actively engaged citizenship, principals of democracy, and media literacy.)
{LC2270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 639

BY Gallo, Mack, McKenney, Tikoian, Raptakis, LaMountain, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT
(Creates the School Libraries Act.)
{LC2288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 640

BY Burke, Appollonio, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Eliminates child daycare centers from the statute regarding the health and educational building corporation and updates the statutory terminology by replacing the phrase "institutions of higher learning" with that of "educational institutions".)
{LC2292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 641

BY Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Kallman, Mack, Murray, Euer, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES -- LEAD BY EXAMPLE ACT (Takes several measures to lead by example by banning state purchases of plastic bottles, and requires state funds to be used to lease or purchase electric vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)
{LC1472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 642**BY** McKenney, DiMario, Britto, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- UNIFORM SEPTAGE DISPOSAL FEE (Establishes a uniform wastewater disposal fee in the amount of fifteen cents (\$.15) per every ten thousand gallons of wastewater effluent.)
{LC2014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

Senate Bill No. 643**BY** McKenney, Britto, DiMario, Urso, Sosnowski, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- SHELLFISH (Creates a shellfish hatchery program established by the department of environmental management to foster sustainable development and resiliency of the state's shellfish industry.)
{LC1597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 644**BY** DiPalma, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT (Strikes the words "which is naturally occurring" with regard to any promulgated rules and regulations of the department of environmental management (DEM) relating to the remediation of arsenic.)
{LC1196/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 645**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Britto, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Exempts certain products that have PFAS if deemed safe by FDA.)
{LC2131/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 646**BY** Vargas, Gu, Britto, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL

(Restricts application of pesticides and rodenticides at schools and child care centers and requires schools to provide copies of notice to parents and guardians.)

{LC2206/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 647**BY** Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Kallman, Urso, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

VETERINARY PRACTICE (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.)

{LC2328/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 648**BY** Britto, Sosnowski, DiMario, Tikoian, Murray, Felag, LaMountain, Lawson, DiPalma, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

VETERINARY PRACTICE (Requires veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug is prescribed and dispensed for that annual patient.)

{LC2268/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 649**BY** Bissaillon, Raptakis, Britto, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance policies and their contents and provisions.)

{LC616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 650

BY DiMario, Sosnowski, Valverde, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Britto, Acosta, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER POLLUTION (Requires quarterly testing of biosolids for PFAS contaminants by those seeking to apply biosolids to lands, with subsequent reports to the department of environmental management.)
{LC1559/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 651

BY Murray, DiMario, Lauria, Sosnowski, Valverde, Kallman, Urso, Ujifusa, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities. That choose to participate. Reports would be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and would be submitted to the department of environmental management.)
{LC1274/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 652

BY Rogers, de la Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL (Adds advanced recycling as a definition for refuse disposal. Adds the advanced recycling facility that means a facility that receives, stores and converts post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks using advanced recycling.)
{LC2241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 653

BY Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ONWARD WE LEARN SCHOLARSHIP ACT (Requires any remaining funds in the enacted budget from the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship program or the Rhode Island Hope Scholarship program to be reimbursed to the onward we learn for any scholarships paid on behalf of Rhode Island College students.)
{LC2221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 654**BY** Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PILOT PROGRAM FOR VIRTUAL REALITY LEARNING PLATFORM (Establishes a pilot program for a virtual reality learning platform to improve math skills for grades 6 through 12 STEM education.)

{LC2249/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 655**BY** Thompson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Vargas, E Morgan, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Caps delinquent tax interest rate at 12%. Prohibits audits beyond 3 years from date of tax filing, 7 years for fraudulent filings, and in no event beyond 10 years from date of filing or required filing date, whichever is later.)

{LC1968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 656**BY** Thompson, Patalano, Rogers, de la Cruz, Dimitri, Britto, Ciccone, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND TAX AMNESTY ACT OF 2017 (Authorizes the tax administrator to waive interest and penalties on delinquent taxes paid in full during a one week amnesty period. Also reinstates a suspended driver's license upon payment in full.)

{LC2253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 657**BY** Thompson, Patalano, DiPalma, Tikoian, Murray, Rogers, de la Cruz, Dimitri, Britto, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND TAX AMNESTY ACT OF 2017 (Authorizes the tax administrator to waive interest and penalties on delinquent taxes paid in full during a one week amnesty period.)

{LC2252/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 658

BY Murray, DiPalma, Felag, Thompson, Sosnowski, DiMario, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends the Rhode Island works program to allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period.)
{LC2225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 659

BY Britto, LaMountain, Appollonio, Felag, Burke, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT (Recalculates the retirement allowance related to early retirement and pension benefits for teachers, state employees and municipal employees.)
{LC2348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 660

BY Patalano, Tikoian, LaMountain, Thompson, Ciccone, Raptakis, Britto, Dimitri, Bissailon, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Adds probation officers and parole officers to the definition of "police officer" for purposes of salary payments during line of duty illness or injury.)
{LC1753/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 661

BY Appollonio, Patalano, Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds probation and parole officers to the list of state law enforcement professionals, for purpose of retirement on service allowance.)
{LC1752/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 662**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier, Murray, Tikoian, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Provides for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving CTE or pathways education.)
{LC2307/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 663**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE. (Removes the authority of the commissioner or elementary and secondary education to withhold funds from a debtor community through the general treasurer.)
{LC1615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 664

(General Treasurer)

BY McKenney, Burke, Appollonio, Euer**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE PURCHASE, CANCELLATION AND FORGIVENESS OF MEDICAL DEBT
(Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 for the continued purchase, cancellation and forgiveness of medical debt consistent with section 35-4-21.1 of the General Laws.)
{LC1711/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 665

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Felag, Murray, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Permits hit and run victims suffering serious bodily injury to recover under the crime victim compensation program.)
{LC1703/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 666

(General Treasurer)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a tax credit to individual taxpayers who convert their gas-powered vehicle into a vehicle propelled by an alternative fuel source.)
{LC1695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 667**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Zurier, Murray

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,100,000 OF FUNDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CATEGORICAL BUDGET (Requests appropriation of \$1,100,000 for higher quality infant and toddler early care and education.)
{LC2284/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 668**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE-OWNED AND OPERATED PRINTING FACILITIES PREFERENCE ACT (Requires any state agency that prints more than fifty (50) copies of a contract, publication, brochure, notice, or promotional material to use state-owned or operated print shop cable of processing the material.)
{LC2325/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 669**BY** Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Nullifies the department of elementary and secondary education recommendation that the turnaround plan for Providence public schools be continued.)
{LC1619/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 670**BY** Lauria, Felag, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Murray**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.)
{LC1876/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 671**BY** Bissaillon, Britto, DiMario, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides that any disaster response worker shall, in the course of their duties, be considered a state employee and be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.)
{LC989/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 672**BY** Bissaillon, Britto, DiMario, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS (Provides that architects and other authorized disaster response workers be considered, in the course of performing their duties, state workers and be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.)
{LC990/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 673**BY** Urso, Euer, Bissaillon, Acosta, DiPalma, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR WORKFORCE ACT (Directs the DHS and the department of education to work collaboratively to sustain and strengthen existing workforce development and compensation programs for educators working in licensed child care and early learning programs statewide.)
{LC1397/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 674**BY** Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

{LC2237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 675**BY** Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Defines Class 5 property to include the commercial portion of mixed use properties and fix the tax rate for Class 3 property at thirty-eight dollars and 33 cents (\$38.33) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

{LC2277/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 676**BY** DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, Bissaillon, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (Creates the Rhode Island Student Loan repayment program which would allow eligible individuals who have unpaid student loans, provided said individuals meet specified criteria.)

{LC1635/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 677**BY** Valverde, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, Acosta, Zurier, McKenney, Mack, Lauria, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME -- VISITING ACT (Changes annual reporting requirements for the state's family home-visiting program and also impacts appropriation and spending of funds in order to access maximum federal funding for these programs.)

{LC1317/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 678**BY** Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE PARKING SERVICES

TAXATION ACT (Grants municipalities the authority to impose a parking services sales tax on parking lots and parking structures that charge for parking services through an ordinance.)

{LC1614/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 679**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality except where prohibited.)

{LC963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 680**BY** LaMountain, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE (Requires that an individual's caregiver be present when healthcare decisions are discussed with the hospice team. It would also prevent a denial of home hospice care because of age or income.)

{LC1579/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 681**BY** Sosnowski, Murray, Lauria, Bissaillon, Burke, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE

OVERSIGHT (Amends powers/duties of the office of the health insurance commissioner to increase total cost of care for services reimbursed under contracts after risk adjustment that exceeds the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers percentage increase.)

{LC2075/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 682**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY (Requires hospitals to have a notary on staff all hours of the day and week.)
{LC1578/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 683**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Murray, Thompson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (Expands the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements to allow non-physician healthcare providers to enter into such agreements.)
{LC1783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 684**BY** Valverde, Ujifusa, Lauria, Murray, Thompson, Kallman, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE--PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS (Prohibits a policy of individual health insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for prescriptions of generic medication.)
{LC609/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 685**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Murray, Thompson, Kallman, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Adds new sections that set forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies, including education approved by state board of pharmacy. The cessation therapies to be covered by all health insurance carriers on or after 1/1/26.)
{LC1382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Bill No. 686

(Dept. of Health)

BY Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

(Authorizes a midwife, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant attending a newborn to cause that child to be subject to newborn screening tests for conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder.)

{LC1424/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 687

(Dept. of Health)

BY Valverde, Lauria, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

(Makes several changes to the licensing and disciplinary process of the board of nursing.)

{LC1412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 688

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Makes a technical amendment to correctly reference a section of general law that allows for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Rhode Island organ transplant fund.)

{LC1324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 689**BY** Valverde, Murray, Lauria, Pearson, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMBRYO SAFETY AND STORAGE ACT (Create the "Embryo Safety and Storage Act of 2025." Also requires the department of health to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.)

{LC1684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 690

BY Mack, Valverde, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa, Kallman, Euer, de la Cruz, DiMario, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance policies to cover licensed certified lactation
counselor services for childbearing families. It also prohibits requiring supervision or duplicate
payments for services and mandates annual reporting.)
{LC1582/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 691

BY Mack, Valverde, Urso, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa, Kallman, Euer, DiMario, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires individual and group health insurance policies that provide
pregnancy-related benefits to cover medically necessary expenses for diagnosis and treatment of
infertility and standard fertility-preservation services.)
{LC1630/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 692

BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern to perform technology-
assisted dispensing process validation for medications prepared for distribution by another
pharmacy technician or intern within an institutional pharmacy.)
{LC2231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 693

BY DiPalma, Vargas, Tikoian, Felag, Ciccone, DiMario, Britto, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICARE SAVINGS
PROGRAMS (Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by increasing
the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.)
{LC1222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 694**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, LaMountain, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

(Details each of those limited emergency circumstances where a registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurses, may safely administer sedation, such as critical life-saving or emergency situations where there is an imminent threat to life or limb.)

{LC2337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 695**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Ujifusa, Murray, Appollonio, Thompson, Urso, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLINICIAN WELLNESS AND SUPPORT ACT (Mandates establishment of a support program for nurse practitioners similar to that which is offered for physicians. Additionally, it requires professional licensing and reporting reforms to protect clinicians who seek support.)

{LC2266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 696**BY** Vargas, DiPalma, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Authorizes an increase in resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term-care needs who reside at home and requires semi-annual reports from Medicaid certified assisted living facilities and adult day service providers to the EOHHS.)

{LC2219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 697**BY** Murray, Thompson, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Lauria, Mack, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Mandates that EOHHS assemble a network of equity zones where local multisector groups of nonprofits, service providers, advocates, community members, state agencies, and municipalities can address social factors of health at a local level.)

{LC1867/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 698

BY Lauria, Kallman, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM (Allows the office of health insurance commissioner (OHIC) as the state agency that has the authority to designate patient-centered medical home (PCMH) care to obtain maximal health outcomes.)
{LC1788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 699

(Dept. of Health)
BY Britto, DiMario, Sosnowski, Murray, Patalano, LaMountain, Felag, DiPalma, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Includes the COVID-19 immunization under the consent and reporting provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations to individuals between nine (9) and eighteen (18) years of age.)
{LC1418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 700

(BHDDH)
BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.)
{LC1364/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 701

BY Lauria, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Allows advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and physicians who are and are not licensed in Rhode Island to provide telemedicine services to patients who are in the state when those services are rendered.)
{LC1654/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 702

BY DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Bissaillon, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Acosta, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Requires every individual or group health insurance plan on or after January 1, 2026, that provides benefits to reimburse child service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Services.)
{LC2076/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 703

BY Valverde, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Alters a PA's continuing education requirements, ability to provide charitable care, and authority to clear students to return to sports after health-concern related removal and protect PA's from certain restrictive covenants.)
{LC1802/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 704

BY Euer, Urso, Appollonio, Gu, McKenney, Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Murray, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- NURSING HOME FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT (Mandates transparency in nursing home finances and would establish procedures for compliance.)
{LC2269/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 705

BY DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, Bissaillon, Acosta, Murray, Euer, Kallman
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.)
{LC1159/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 706

BY Murray, DiMario, Lauria, Sosnowski, Lawson, Valverde, Gallo, Kallman, Urso, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.)
{LC1465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 707

BY Lauria, Felag, Kallman, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Mack, Lawson, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2025 (Creates the Rhode Island Individual Market Affordability Act of 2024 to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and moderate-income consumers enrolled in the health insurance coverage through the Rhode Island health benefits exchange.)
{LC1683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 708

BY Bissaillon, Kallman, Burke, Bell, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Municipalities required to amend zoning ordinances, to include special listed provisions, to authorize development incentives to increase development density or dimensional flexibility, identify provisions to promote and regulate commercial developments.)
{LC1633/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 709

BY Mack, Euer, Bissaillon, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE -- NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS
{LC851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 710

BY DiPalma, Felag, Ciccone, Britto, Murray, DiMario, Sosnowski, Ujifusa, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Directs the RITBA design a safety barrier or netting system on the several bridges within its authority. Any newly constructed bridges with a deck height of over one hundred feet (100 ft) would be required to have safety barriers of safety netting.)
{LC2220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 711

BY Bissaillon, Urso, Sosnowski, Mack, Gu
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT (Restructures the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increases its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocates the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.)
{LC615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 712

BY DiMario, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT -- NEW SHOREHAM (Provides that municipal water supply entities, including New Shoreham and Jamestown, be required to provide water service to only its designated service areas.)
{LC2323/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 713

BY Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Bell, Murray, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides for warming center and cooling center alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities shall follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with shelter.)
{LC475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 714**BY** Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS (Creates the home-fit dwelling units act to apply to all new construction of covered dwelling units to incorporate design features that provide safe and convenient use of to the greatest extent feasible, regardless of age or physical ability.)
{LC994/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 715**BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Quezada, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Limits municipal minimum lot sizes for residential use to 2,500 sq ft near transit, 5,000 sq. ft with water/sewer, and 1 acre otherwise, while protecting farmlands, forests, and wetlands, and requiring zoning updates to comply.)
{LC2039/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 716**BY** Gu, Sosnowski, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Britto, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a procedure for parking modifications near shoreline rights of way.)
{LC2184/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 717**BY** Gu, DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Requires that affordable housing would be provided for with some developments.)
{LC2177/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 718**BY** Appollonio, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Thompson, Patalano, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits the mandatory rental registry to properties constructed prior to 1978, and further push out the effective date of registration to September 1, 2025, with the penalty clause becoming effective as of October 1, 2025.)

{LC2226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 719**BY** Bissaillon, Mack, Britto, Acosta, Gu, Murray, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Increases the notification time about rent increases and termination of tenancy for month-to-month tenants.)

{LC2077/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 720**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, Mack, Quezada, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.)

{LC1618/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 721**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Mack, Bell, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION (Repeals legislation establishing the Capital Center Commission, which is a special development district commission for downtown Providence.)

{LC1616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 722

BY Thompson, Tikoian, Quezada, McKenney, Ciccone, Appollonio, Murray, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Prohibits the restriction of access in and out of a construction site by using locked gates or fences while work is ongoing.)
{LC1637/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 723

BY Thompson, Murray, Tikoian, Appollonio, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Exempts certain cities and towns whose communities exceed the low and moderate income housing threshold from the tax of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income.)
{LC1985/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 724

BY Valverde, Gu, Kallman, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa
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 condo association's approved annual budget for common expenses in associations where the minority of the units are deed-restricted units)
{LC2029/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 725

BY Raptakis, Rogers, de la Cruz, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney
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.)
{LC480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 726**BY** McKenney, Burke, Appollonio, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PARTITION (Creates a cause of action for partition of heirs property held in tenancy in common.)
{LC2342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 727**BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, Paolino, Thompson, E Morgan, McKenney, Patalano, Rogers, Dimitri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN OF 2022 (Makes a first offense of possessing a large capacity feeding device a misdemeanor and subsequent offenses felonies.)
{LC1853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 728**BY** Thompson, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney, Appollonio, Patalano, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Establishes the rights of adoptive/foster children or those in guardianship, to have post-separation visitation with their siblings.)
{LC2208/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 729

(Secretary of State)

BY Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Britto, DiMario, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)
{LC1332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 730

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Felag, Murray, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Exempts qualified tuition savings programs of any state authorized under 26 U.S.C. § 529 from judicial attachment.)
{LC1699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 731

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Felag, Murray, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Prohibits the state from seeking reimbursement for expenditures made on behalf of disabled Rhode Islanders from an ABLE account after death of the designated beneficiary.)
{LC1693/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 732**BY** LaMountain, Tikoian, Lawson, McKenney, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Permits retired superior court magistrates to be assigned to perform service pursuant to §§ 8-2-11.1, 8-2-39, 8-2-39.1 or 8-2-39.2 and be reemployed by the superior court without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits.)
{LC1899/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 733**BY** Kallman, Mack, Euer, Acosta, McKenney, Murray, Lauria, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the court to set reasonable bail for all those individuals who appear before it as probation violators and establish a presumption of personal recognizance unless the new alleged offense is a crime of violence as defined in the act.)
{LC2173/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 734**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Rogers, de la Cruz, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS

(Prohibits sale and possession of assault weapons, as defined and would provide certain exemptions to include law enforcement officers and those individuals legally in possession of any such firearm at the time of passage of this act.)

{LC2315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 735**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE

OFFICERS -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Establishes an equivalent training certification program at the municipal police academy.)

{LC2264/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 736**BY** Bissaillon, Acosta, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --

PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits a peace officer or a school resource officer from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.)

{LC1047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 737**BY** Bissaillon, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits those persons with felony convictions to have up to six misdemeanor offenses expunged from their criminal record.)

{LC1046/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 738

BY Euer, Urso, Appollonio, Gu, McKenney, Bell, Quezada, DiMario, Mack, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse, including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.)
{LC2246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 739

BY DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Gallo, Kallman, Dimitri, Acosta, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Makes all causes of action based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child not subject to any statute of limitations whether the claim has lapsed or was previously time-barred.)
{LC2015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 740

BY Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, DiMario, Ujifusa, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SUICIDE PREVENTION--VOLUNTARY FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ACT (Creates process for individual to voluntarily be either temporarily or indefinitely added to a list restricting their rights to purchase or possess firearms.)
{LC608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 741

(Secretary of State)

BY Raptakis, LaMountain, McKenney, Tikoian, Burke, Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, de la Cruz, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Amends several statutes relating to elections and the dates for primaries and dates within which to file nomination papers and object to nomination papers.)
{LC1157/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 742

(Secretary of State)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (Updates public records administration act, modifies records control schedule, designates records officer, establishes procedures for retention of records. Provides administrator submit yearly reports, establishes public reporting compliance.)
{LC1329/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 743**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Urso, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Beginning on July 1, 2025, allows state union employees to negotiate longevity payments in their collective bargaining agreements.)
{LC2346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 744**BY** Thompson, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney, Ciccone, Appollonio, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CORROSION PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations of the laws relating to corrosion prevention and mitigation work requirements. This act would also add civil monetary penalties for violations of those laws.)
{LC1625/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 745**BY** Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Amends the teachers' tenure act for Providence public school teachers and provides a process for the dismissal and demotion for teachers or other persons assigned full-time to the school.)
{LC1469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 746**BY** Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Changes salary minimum schedule for providence teachers.)
{LC1468/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 747**BY** Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Allows the Providence public School district by reason of a substantial decrease of pupil population within its school system, to suspend teachers in numbers necessitated by the decrease in pupil population and provide a process for any suspensions.)
{LC1470/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 748**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Patalano, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Effective 7/1/2026, the state lottery division of gaming stops renewing any existing sports wagering vendor contract. Prior to the expiration of any existing contracts the division shall issue an open invitation for applicants for sports wagering vendors.)
{LC2214/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 749**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING (Requires that beginning January 1, 2027, all contractors supervising structural remodeling or building new residential structures with one to four (4) family dwelling units be licensed by the contractors' registration and licensing board.)
{LC1869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 750**BY** Mack, Acosta, Zurier, Ujifusa, Euer, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Increases the minimum wage amount for any person committed to the adult correctional institution from three dollars to five dollars a day for every day the person shall labor.)

{LC805/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 751**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Dimitri, Felag, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NOTIFICATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AFTER EXPOSURE TO INFECTIOUS DISEASES (Amends the definition of infectious diseases to include the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).)

{LC902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 752**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT (Creates RI opportunity for employee ownership, worker gets notice within seven days of sale of business.)

{LC2309/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 753**BY** Valverde, DiMario, Euer, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Allows the dismissal of a teacher after the March 1 deadline if there is gross misconduct by a teacher upon a student. Also allows the notice to be given at any time and will not have any time constraints.)

{LC2124/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 754

BY Tikoian, Patalano, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.)
{LC1745/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 755

BY Mack, Urso, Acosta, Kallman, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (Designates as the state music, the genre of rhythm and blues which contains elements of pop, soul, funk, hip-hop, and electronic music.)
{LC1150/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 756

BY Bell, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 865 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.)
{LC1113/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 757

BY Patalano, DiMario, Ciccone, Appollonio, Thompson, Tikoian, Lawson, Burke, Britto, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a National Guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)
{LC2273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 758**BY** Sosnowski, Britto, DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE AND AMENDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS (This resolution would delete the language “by August 31, 2024,” on page 3, line 1, and extend the reporting date of the commission to study renewable energy programs from February 14, 2025, to May 30, 2025, and would expire on June 30, 2025.)
{LC2316/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5252 SUB A**BY** McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Bennett, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION (Creates a budget commission to oversee the Warwick schools district until such time as the fiscal year 2025 - 2026 Warwick school budget is approved.)
{LC917/A/2}

Introduced, referred to the senate committee on Finance.


House Bill No. 5189**BY** Knight, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.)
{LC896/1}

Introduced, referred to the senate committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication:

<p>SENATOR ANDREW DIMITRI District 25</p> <hr/> <p>Room 114 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5563</p> <p>sen-dimitri@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Judiciary</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Labor & Gaming</p>
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March 7, 2025

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

Dear Mrs. Secretary:


Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Senate Rules, I would like to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn:

2025 Senate Bill S-0355; AN ACT RELATING TO RELATING TO
CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES

This legislation has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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

Sincerely,



Andrew R. Dimitri
Senator – District 25

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Placed on file.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, March 11th at 4:05 o'clock P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, 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**INVOCATION****SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.**

Lord, today we express to You our gratitude and especially thank You for the many friendships we have formed and for the fruits of our efforts. As we depart from this chamber today, grant us your peace and grace. Enable us to enjoy the days ahead, ever mindful of Your presence in our lives. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025:

1. **2025-S 758**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE AND
 AMENDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION
 TO STUDY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025:

1. *The Reappointment of David Spinella, Esq. as Chief Hearing Officer in the Division of Administration Adjudication in the State Department of Environmental Management for a term expiring March 1, 2030.*

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

2. *The Appointment of Chris Dodge (Environmental Advocacy Org.) VICE David Prescott to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.*

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

3. *The Appointment of Gregg Marsili (Municipal Harbormaster) VICE Edward Cabral to the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstructed Removal Commission for a term expiring May 31, 2027.*

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

4. *The Appointment of Coral Aiello (Representative of Commercial Fishing) VICE Jasper Coutu to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2028.*

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

5. *The Appointment of Russell Sylvestre (Representative of Commercial Fishing) VICE Jason Jarvis to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2026.*

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

6. **2025-S 57**
BY Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

7. **2025-S 199**
 BY Lauria
 ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE
 HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

8. **2025-S 201**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING
 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

9. **2025-S 351**
 BY DiPalma
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT
 OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025:

1. **2025-S 242**
 BY McKenney
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

2. **2025-S 422**
 BY DiMario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM TO FINANCE ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

3. **2025-S 443**
 BY Sosnowski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2025-S 68 SUB A**
 BY Ciccone
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

5. **2025-S 594**
 BY McKenney
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2025-2026

Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight recommends passage.

6. **2025-S 72**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
 REGISTRATION FEES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2025-2026, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

☐ 2025-H

☒ 2025-S

(Bill Number)

Appointment of Deborah J. Goddard

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

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

☒ **APPROVE**

☐ **DISAPPROVE**

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio

Senate District 4

Date 03/6/2025

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 6th day of March, 2025, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggerio, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid
Notary Public Printed

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