

## State of Rhode Island

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# Journal of the Senate

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

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Thursday, May 01, 2025

Twenty-first Legislative Day

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### CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, on at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 32 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –32:** The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 5:** Senators Euer, Mack, Pearson, Thompson, and Ujifusa.

### INVOCATION

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Twentieth Legislative Day of the 2025 proceedings is read in part.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Kallman and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Ali Webber.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Senate  
Senate Chamber  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate

Pursuant to Sections 5.3 and 5.4 of the Senate Rules entitled "**Vacancies on Committees**" and "**Officers of Committees**," I am making the following appointments:

**Senate Committee on Labor & Gaming**

**Senator John P. Burke, Chairman**

**Senator Todd Patalano, Vice Chair**

**Senator Brian Thompson, Secretary**

**Senator Lammis Vargas, Member**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Valarie J. Lawson", followed by a horizontal line.

Valarie J. Lawson  
President of the Senate

Placed on file.

SENATOR  
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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Committee on  
Health & Human Services

Committee on Finance

Committee on Labor & Gaming

May 1, 2025

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that on Thursday, May 1, 2025, I will be absent from Senate Session.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Brian J. Thompson  
Senator District ~ 20

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SENATOR  
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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Committee on  
Health & Human Services

Committee on Special Legislation  
& Veterans' Affairs

May 1, 2025

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

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Wednesday, May 1, 2025 due to illness.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Ujifusa".

Linda L. Ujifusa  
Senator – District 11

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SENATOR  
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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

Committee on Commerce

Committee on Education

Committee on  
Housing & Municipal Government

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Valerie Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Thursday, May 1, 2025.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tiara Mack".

Tiara Mack  
Senator District 6

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

April 25, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I want to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-102-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I am rescinding this appointment to the Governor's Workforce Board:

**Jessica L. Key, MBA**  
(Rep of Higher Education)

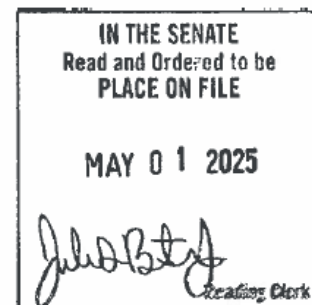
Vice  
Shannon Gilkey

For a term expiring January 1, 2027.

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

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**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

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



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

April 30, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 16-97-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Board of Education:

**Dennis L. Algieri**

Vice  
Thomas Izzo

For a term expiring January 31, 2029.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President  
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.



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

April 30, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Sections § 2-4-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Conservation Committee:

**Ashlee Barrett**  
(Southern RI Conservation Committee)

Vice  
Kate Sayles

For a term expiring, April 20, 2027

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

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President  
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, 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.



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

April 30, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

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

**Peter Mancini**

For a term expiring June 30, 2029.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President  
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.



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

May 17, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section § 21-28.11-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission:

**Kimberly R. Ahern**

For a term expiring May 17, 2031

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

Sincerely,

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

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor  
DJM/ecd

Cc: Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate President  
Honorable Frank A. Ciccone, III., 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 Judiciary.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 83**

**BY** Raptakis, Thompson, Burke, McKenney, Felag, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Gu, LaMountain, Patalano

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

{LC482/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 84**

**BY** Raptakis, Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Zurier, Urso, Paolino, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits an insurance carrier from assessing a premium surcharge against an insured for making an inquiry regarding the terms of their policy.)

{LC493/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 169**

**BY** Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices.)

{LC1054/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 172**

**BY** Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney, Raptakis, Appollonio, Lawson, Murray, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.)

{LC878/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 381****BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows mobile salons to visit the houses of individuals with special needs or sensory-related disorders or differences in order to provide haircuts or hairdressing services.)

{LC1427/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 387****BY** Appollonio, Dimitri, Urso, Bissaillon, Tikoian, DiPalma, Pearson, Burke, Euer, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Requires the installation of universal changing stations in all newly constructed, reconstructed, or remodeled public buildings and places of public accommodation.)

{LC1229/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 602**

(Commerce)

**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (Eliminates one of two (2) conflicting versions of the science and technology advisory council authorizing statute, clarifying the structure of the council.)

{LC2169/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 767****BY** Zurier, Valverde, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT (Establishes the Genetic Information Privacy Act, which would require a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, to provide a consumer with certain information regarding the company's policies and procedures regarding use of genetic data.)

{LC556/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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

**Senate Bill No. 21**

**BY** Acosta, Gallo, Mack, Valverde, Zurier, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2025.)  
{LC214/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 321**

**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Urso, Dimitri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS (Requires certified athletic trainers to be trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens) and would require such professionals to be equipped with the medication while performing professional activities.)  
{LC1564/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 323**

**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso, Gu, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs all local education agencies to select one of the identified high-quality curricula and materials for science and technology no later than June 30, 2026.)  
{LC699/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 397**

**BY** Ujifusa, Zurier, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Reduces the course time required to become a school bus driver for applicants who have a valid commercial driver's license.)  
{LC1825/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 774****BY** DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Murray, Bissaillon, Valverde, McKenney, DiPalma, Zurier, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.)  
{LC2013/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Murray, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 700**

(Dept. of 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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 165**

**BY** Urso, Murray, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF  
CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers  
from conducting or participate in spread pricing within the state.)  
{LC1208/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 166**

**BY** Britto, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Urso, Dimitri, LaMountain, Ciccone, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the administration  
of all forms of influenza immunizations to individuals of any age pursuant to a valid prescription  
or prescriber approved protocol.)  
{LC1055/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 168**

**BY** Murray, Felag, Sosnowski, Vargas, Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND  
UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits an insurer from imposing a requirement of prior  
authorization for any admission, item, service, treatment or procedure ordered by a primary care  
provider.)  
{LC1207/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 170****BY** Appollonio, Patalano, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Burke, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Grants the director of the department of health the authority to approve or deny any applications for professional licensure pending before a medical or dental board of licensure that has been unable to establish a quorum for 30 business days.)  
{LC1056/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 173****BY** Ujifusa, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)  
{LC1279/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 220****BY** DiMario, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, Bissaillon, Mack, Thompson, Murray, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT (Amends Rhode Island's existing healthcare services funding plan act by adding an account relating to a new psychiatry resource network to fund Rhode Island's present PediPRN and MomsPRN.)  
{LC977/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 477****BY** Britto, Zurier, DiPalma, Tikoian, Urso, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, McKenney, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2026.)  
{LC1403/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

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

**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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 944**

**BY** Thompson, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Woonsocket Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the city of Woonsocket on November 5, 2024.)

{LC2661/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 979**

**BY** Kallman, Urso, Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends Pawtucket property tax classification system.)

{LC2737/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

**Senate Bill No. 911**

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Nunzio Pontillo to join Andrew Peter Carson and Christos Nelson Anastasopoulos in marriage on or about May 10, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC2597/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**House Bill No. 6113**

**BY** Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Nunzio Pontillo to join Andrew Peter Carson and Christos Nelson Anastasopoulos in marriage on or about May 10, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC2514/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GAMING**

Chairman Burke, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

***The Appointment of Tracey Jeter (Employer Representative) VICE Rebecca Webber to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2028.***

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

***The Appointment of Xaykham Khamsyvoravong (Employer Representative) VICE David Chenevert to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2027.***

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

***The Reappointment of Paul MacDonald (Labor Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2028.***

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 856**

**BY** Ciccone, Patalano, DiPalma, Tikoian, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.)  
{LC2477/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 957**

**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Dimitri, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY (Extends the incentive pay plan to all full-time court clerks, including the traffic tribunal, who meet the eligibility requirements. It would also repeal § 8-4.1-6 regarding additional credit for a master's degree.)  
{LC2648/1}

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 measures:

**Senate Bill No. 74 SUB A**

**BY** Acosta, Urso, Britto, Kallman, Pearson, Murray, Thompson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, Inc. that would support the Blackstone River Valley Environmental Clean-up and Education Fund.)

{LC533/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 592 SUB A**

**BY** Dimitri, Tikoian, Ciccone, McKenney, Appollonio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the charity Real Access Motivates Progress, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.)

{LC1872/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**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}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 830**

**BY** Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (DMV to provide credit for portions of unused voluntarily cancelled vehicle registrations.)

{LC2447/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 833**

**BY** Tikoian, Lawson, Felag, LaMountain, Morgan, Raptakis, Appollonio, Urso, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION FEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's  
motor vehicle registration, that person receives a credit for the time remaining on the original  
registration to be applied to a future registration.)  
{LC2448/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 932**

**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Repeals a provision of the minimum prepaid special motor  
vehicle registration plate orders law that was set to expire on December 31, 2025.)  
{LC2613/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 76 SUB A**

**BY** Gu, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that applicants for a Bronze Star  
Medal license plate, pay a registration fee or transfer charge.)  
{LC196/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 75**

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION  
CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including  
active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.)  
{LC510/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 624**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Implements a thirty (30) day waiting period following the issuance of a learners permit and the waiting period must expire before the person is permitted to take the road test in order to obtain a full license.)

{LC1320/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 625**

(Veterans Services)

**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Raptakis, Lauria, Thompson, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Adds “space force” to the branches of the military included in various sections of general law regarding the veterans home, veterans cemetery and the power of armed forces officers to take acknowledgements.)

{LC1323/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 914 SUB A****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

{LC2612/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 01, 2025:

1. ***The Appointment of Christopher J. Fragomeni (Gubernatorial Appt) VICE Peter Willey to the East Providence Waterfront District for a term expiring March 31, 2029.***

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

2. ***The Reappointment of Jeffrey E. Bogosian to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2028.***

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

3. ***The Reappointment of Christopher H. Little, Esq. to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2028.***

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

4. ***The Reappointment of Jonathan N. Savage to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2029.***

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

5. ***The Reappointment of George Nee to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.***

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

6. ***The Reappointment of R. Jeffrey Hirsh to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2029.***

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

7.     **2025-S 992**  
      **BY** McKenney  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY OF 2025 TO BE “MYOSITIS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND”

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8.     **2025-S 993**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAY OF 2025 AS “RHODE ISLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH”

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9.     **2025-S 994**  
      **BY** Murray  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2025, AS "NATIONAL SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10.    **2025-H 5694**  
      **BY** Cortvriend  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

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

**YEAS – 31:** The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**Appendix****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 01, 2025:****1. 2025-S 720****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:****2. 2025-S 618****BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator LaMountain moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**3. 2025-S 959****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
WORKPLACE PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY ACT

Committee on Labor &amp; Gaming recommends passage.

Upon suggestion of Senator Ciccone and without objection, ordered to be recommitted to the senate committee on Labor and Gaming.

**4. 2025-S 591 SUB A****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER  
BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND

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

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

**5. 2025-H 5051 SUB A****BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND

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

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Valarie Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Gold Star wife Terri Potts, Command SGT. Major Raymond Viens, and David Jarrett.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Tiger Patrick.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

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

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 996**

**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Lawson, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Murray, Gu, Vargas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Provides extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, recycling of beverage containers, and provides general provisions for oversight of single-stage producer organizations.)  
{LC2805/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 997**

**BY** Valverde, Sosnowski, Lawson, McKenney, Gu, Vargas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE CONTAINERS RECYCLING ACT (Establishes the Beverage Container Recycling Act)  
{LC2804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 998**

**BY** Sosnowski, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Reforms the composition of the coastal resources management council to seven (7) members.)  
{LC2728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 999**

**BY** Urso, Ciccone, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center located in the city of Pawtucket.)  
{LC2814/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1000****BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Ciccone, Murray, Appollonio, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Ends difference between teachers retired before or after June 30, 2012 for pension adjustments and difference between COLA adjustments between state and municipal pensions.)  
{LC2815/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1001****BY** DiPalma, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Prohibits state agencies from entering into software contracts that limit the agency's ability to install or run the software on their hardware.)  
{LC2843/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1002****BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT (Amends provisions related to the maximum project credit allowed under the rebuild Rhode Island tax credit for certain qualified development projects.)  
{LC2655/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 1003****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$991,000 FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$991,000 for the town of Middletown to upgrade the gymnasium at the new Middletown middle high school to serve as a regional emergency shelter.)  
{LC2766/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1004****BY** DiMario, Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Murray, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT (Requires the executive office of health and human services to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a state plan amendment for reimbursement for health services in a school.)  
{LC2834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 1005****BY** Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, LaMountain, Gu, Ciccone, DiPalma, Tikoian, Appollonio, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Allows a clinical laboratory, that is incorporated in the State of Rhode Island, to analyze blood samples, from children under the age of six (6) years, for blood lead levels.)  
{LC2822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 1006****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Allows the director of the department of health to authorize the state registrar of vital records to change a person's race designation on their birth certificate, if justified.)  
{LC2557/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 1007****BY** Gu, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Grants the town council of the town of Charlestown the authority to enact a homestead exemption ordinance.)  
{LC2838/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1008****BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Validates and ratifies amendments to the charter of the Harrisville Fire District in the town of Burrillville.)

{LC2801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1009****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town council of New Shoreham to adopt a tax classification plan in accordance with the provisions of this section, to be applicable to taxes on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2025.)

{LC2807/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1010****BY** Rogers, Raptakis, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION A.D. 1942 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT" (Amends the public law incorporating Western Coventry Fire District to require a referendum & affirmative vote of the fire district electors prior to any merge/consolidation of the district with any other district or with the fire department of Coventry.)

{LC2784/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1011****BY** DiPalma, Britto, Ciccone, Burke, McKenney, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Amends the definition of affordable housing to create separate categories for housing using private or state financing as opposed to financing from the federal government.)

{LC2836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1012****BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN (Requires all entities delegated eminent domain powers under this section to adopt a plan and approval prior to exercising such power for a public purpose.)  
{LC2569/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1013****BY** Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, the act identifies what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.)  
{LC1954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1014****BY** Quezada, Thompson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES (Amends calculations of interest in civil actions a rate determined by average accepted auction price for last auction of 52 week U.S. treasury bills.)  
{LC2679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1015****BY** Quezada, Thompson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Clarifies the definitions of unfair claims practices pertaining to insurers with regard to appraisals and total losses. It also corrects a citation regarding salvage and reconstructed titles.)  
{LC2681/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1016****BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Britto, Tikoian, Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires persons convicted of driving under influence or refusal to submit to chemical test, have an ignition interlock system installed in vehicle as part of sentence and to pay an assessment to pay for the interlock systems.)  
{LC1896/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 1017****BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Allows the two (2) gaming facilities in the state to livestream images of gaming-related activities to one or more external jurisdictions for the purpose of facilitating external game play activities in external jurisdictions where gaming is permitted.)  
{LC2752/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 1018****BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 1039 Douglas Avenue in the city of Providence.)  
{LC2751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 1019****BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LITTLE COMPTON SCOUT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
{LC2776/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1020****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 10TH, 2025, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2799/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1021****BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING “Y DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE” ON APRIL 29, 2025

{LC2787/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1022****BY** Gallo, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Burke, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 29TH OF 2025, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" AND HONORING THE COLLEGE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

{LC2585/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1024****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY OF 2025 AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2863/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1025****BY** Tikoian, Gallo, Patalano, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2025, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS

{LC427/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1026****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOYCE JACQUES  
{LC2850/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 1027****BY** Lawson, Vargas, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL 24, 2025, AS "RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC2586/1}

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. 5032****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class T liquor license by the town of Jamestown.)  
{LC45/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**House Bill No. 5043****BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection from and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees by, anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.)  
{LC40/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**House Bill No. 5081**

**BY** Boylan, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Azzinaro, Giraldo, Casimiro, Abney, Ackerman, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION  
CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including  
active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.)  
{LC67/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**House Bill No. 5121 SUB A**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Read, Carson, O'Brien, Bennett, Serpa, Voas, Kazarian, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY  
TRANSMISSIONS (Creates a process for licensure and oversight by DBR over the practices and  
procedures of virtual currency kiosk operators to prevent fraud related to the use of virtual  
currency kiosks, by establishing daily transaction limits and the regulating of fees.)  
{LC155/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5155 SUB A**

**BY** Cotter, Bennett, Casimiro, Potter, Solomon, McNamara, Speakman, Fogarty, Slater, Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS  
(Provides that architects and other authorized disaster response workers, in the course of  
performing their duties, be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.)  
{LC538/A/3}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**House Bill No. 5157 SUB A**

**BY** Cotter, Bennett, Casimiro, Morales, Potter, Solomon, McNamara, Speakman, Fogarty,  
Slater  
**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.)  
{LC543/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**House Bill No. 5165 SUB A**

**BY** Cotter, Noret, Read, McNamara, Potter, Solomon, Casimiro, Spears, Carson, Kennedy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS (Requires the school board or committees of cities and towns to establish a safety and behavioral health committee and also lays out the representation requirements committee responsibilities to ensure a stable learning environment for all students.)  
{LC761/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

**House Bill No. 5171 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Edwards, Craven, Potter, Caldwell, Kislak, Bennett, Ajello, Batista, McEntee, Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Extends the sunset provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers for two (2) years to March 1, 2028.)  
{LC790/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5218**

**BY** McEntee, Donovan, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Handy, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.)  
{LC949/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5273 SUB A**

**BY** O'Brien, McEntee, Lima, Fellela, Corvese, McNamara, Casey, Read, Donovan, Hopkins  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires all lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, who work on a full time basis at any public beach or facility to be trained in administering opioid antagonists.)  
{LC771/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5292****BY** Fellela, Serpa, Read, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Requires that the basic education program data collection information for students that attend career and technical education schools be charged to the receiving school district and not the sending school district.)

{LC1073/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

**House Bill No. 5300**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Dawson, Shanley, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan**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.)

{LC1107/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5306**

(City of Providence)

**BY** DeSimone, Biah, Diaz, Slater, Hull**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.)

{LC967/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**House Bill No. 5311**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Shanley, Batista, Hull, Biah, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of elections to tabulate mail ballots in local special elections in the same manner as in tabulate mail ballots in statewide elections.)

{LC957/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5353 SUB A****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, Morales, Solomon, Shanley**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.)

{LC768/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human.

**House Bill No. 5384****BY** Boylan, Knight, Ajello, McGaw, Stewart, Tanzi, Shanley, Speakman, Furtado, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Increases from 7 days to 9 days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections and no certificates of election may be issued until the recount, if any, is completed.)

{LC1185/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5420**

(Dept. of Education)

**BY** McNamara, Cortvriend, Corvese, Azzinaro, Phillips, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Noret, Donovan**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.)

{LC1268/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

**House Bill No. 5438**

(Dept. of Public Safety)

**BY** Hull, Fascia, Azzinaro, Abney, Roberts, Biah, Lima, Place, Slater, Diaz**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.)

{LC1345/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5427 SUB A**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** McGaw, Donovan, Kislak, Casimiro, Cotter, Fogarty, Carson, Batista, Potter, Boylan**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.)

{LC1417/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5495**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Kislak**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.)

{LC1423/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5513**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Phillips, Perez, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Noret, Shanley, Read, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'

AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Implements a thirty (30) day waiting period following the issuance of a learners permit and the waiting period must expire before the person is permitted to take the road test in order to obtain a full license.)

{LC1264/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**House Bill No. 5514**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Furtado, Dawson, Kazarian, Messier, Fascia, Read, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Exempts emergency mail ballots from the requirement to have certain wording regarding "mail voters" on the ballot.)

{LC1109/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5518****BY** Baginski, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING

AUTHORITIES (Requires the local board of canvassers to publish early voting dates, hours, and location, at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation and to publish the same on the municipality's website for the duration of in-person early voting period.)

{LC1145/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5550**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Shanley, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS

AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Standardizes successor appointment language for various boards and adds language providing that a quorum be a majority of appointed members and the language applies across several healthcare professional boards that currently lack this language.)

{LC1764/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5558****BY** Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, McEntee, Spears, Place, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires all applicants who seek to register as a contractor to produce a legible copy of a valid government issued identification.)

{LC1655/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Gaming.

**House Bill No. 5562****BY** Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Provides that charitable organizations with a gross income of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less can meet the required reporting and records requirements by providing either an IRS Form 900 or other approved financial statements.)

{LC1409/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**House Bill No. 5569 SUB A****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance.)

{LC1722/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**House Bill No. 5570 SUB A****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits casualty insurers from assessing any premium surcharge or penalty against an insured solely for inquiring about the terms of the insured's policy.)

{LC2103/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5613 SUB A**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Donovan, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)

{LC1421/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5619****BY** Ackerman, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Dawson, McEntee, Bennett, Donovan, Cotter, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.)

{LC1918/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5625****BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.)

{LC1991/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5633****BY** McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Casimiro, Casey, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACIES (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients under certain circumstances.)

{LC1849/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5638**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa, Noret, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS

AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.)

{LC2192/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5640**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE

OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.)

{LC1498/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5649****BY** Caldwell, Batista, Edwards, Morales, Knight, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --

FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

{LC1446/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5686**

(CRMC)

**BY** Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires municipalities to maintain and update a list of CRMC designated rights-of-way to tidal areas in their municipality.)

{LC1771/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**House Bill No. 5695****BY** Voas, Messier, Stewart, Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Casimiro, Slater, Hull, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

LOCAL TAXES (Permits municipalities to enact ordinances that provide them the authority to organize local tax amnesty events once every three (3) years.)

{LC808/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**House Bill No. 5811**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Voas, Stewart, Kazarian, Casimiro, Solomon, O'Brien, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT

ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE

LICENSING ACT OF 2009 (Prohibits an individual who is licensed as both a Rhode Island real estate agent and mortgage loan originator to be compensated for both the sale of the property and the origination or referral of the loan in securing the property.)

{LC1765/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5844 SUB A****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Fogarty, Kislak, Carson, Morales**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.)

{LC1674/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**House Bill No. 5846****BY** Cortvriend, Edwards, Kislak, Speakman, Handy, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establish 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.)

{LC1611/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5866 SUB A****BY** McGaw, Boylan, Furtado, Caldwell, Casimiro, Stewart, Voas, Fogarty, Solomon, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Increases the maximum fill for non-opioid, non-narcotic controlled substances found in schedule II, so that a sixty-day (60) supply may be dispensed at any one time.)

{LC1584/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5871**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Cortvriend, Shanley, Tanzi, Dawson, Handy, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Provides that public historical vital records maintained by the state archives shall not be amended.)

{LC1415/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5892 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protects the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.)  
{LC1481/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5898**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Read, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Furtado, Santucci, McNamara, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY (Amends the general law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians to reference the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in § 31-41.1-4.)  
{LC1484/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5899**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casimiro, Dawson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (Adds five (5) driving violations to the statute that defines aggressive driving.)  
{LC1499/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5900**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Casey, Dawson, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Distinguishes, in two separate subsections, a first offense for reckless driving, which is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense for reckless driving, which is a felony.)  
{LC1485/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5901 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casey, Phillips, DeSimone, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima**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.)  
{LC1490/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5929**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Voas, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.)

{LC1265/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5950 as amended**

(by request)

**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Establishes a reimbursement system for a municipalities cost of training public safety personnel when they are hired by a different municipality or public safety agency within Rhode Island within 3 years of receiving the public safety training.)

{LC2047/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**House Bill No. 5960****BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS

(Allows for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to walking, biking, and hiking trails and access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.)

{LC925/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**House Bill No. 6038**

**BY** Ajello, McGaw, Alzate, Speakman, Boylan, Donovan, Cotter, Carson, Tanzi, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES  
(Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.)  
{LC2338/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 6111**

(Tiverton)  
**BY** Edwards, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS  
TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON (Validates and ratifies the  
amendments to the Tiverton Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the  
town of Tiverton on November 5, 2024.)  
{LC1052/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:32  
o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR JOHN P. BURKE**

Dear Lord, as we return to this chamber, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

**Appendix****TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MAY 01, 2025****Senate Bill No. 591 SUB A****BY** Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet River Bridge as the “Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet River Bridge.”)

{LC2126/A/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

**House Bill No. 5051 SUB A****BY** Azzinaro, Edwards, Fellela, Casimiro, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet River Bridge as the “Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet River Bridge.” This act would take effect upon passage.)

{LC445/A/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

**House Bill No. 5694****BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman, Carson, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a tax classification plan for residential real estate which divides the class into non-owner and owner-occupied properties with separate tax rates.)

{LC1759/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 06, 2025:

1. *The Appointment of Tracey Jeter (Employer Representative) VICE Rebecca Webber to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2028.*

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

2. *The Appointment of Xaykham Khamsyvoravong (Employer Representative) VICE David Chenevert to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2027.*

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

3. *The Reappointment of Paul MacDonald (Labor Representative) to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2028.*

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

4. **2025-S 1019**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LITTLE COMPTON SCOUT ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

5. **2025-S 1020**

**BY** Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 10TH, 2025, AS "NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6.     **2025-S 1021**  
      **BY** Vargas  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING “Y DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE” ON APRIL 29, 2025

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

7.     **2025-S 1022**  
      **BY** Gallo  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 29TH OF 2025, TO BE "COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND DAY" AND HONORING THE COLLEGE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

8.     **2025-S 1024**  
      **BY** DiMario  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY OF 2025 AS "MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

9.     **2025-S 1025**  
      **BY** Tikoian  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2025, AS "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915 TO 1923, AND IN HONOR OF ARMENIAN-AMERICANS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

10.    **2025-S 1026**  
      **BY** Pearson  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOYCE JACQUES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

11.    **2025-S 1027**  
      **BY** Lawson  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL 24, 2025, AS "RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 06, 2025:**

- 1. 2025-S 21**  
**BY** Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Committee on Education recommends passage.
- 2. 2025-S 321**  
**BY** Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Committee on Education recommends passage.
- 3. 2025-S 323 SUB A**  
**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2025-S 397 SUB A**  
**BY** Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 5. 2025-S 636**  
**BY** Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**6. 2025-S 640 SUB A****BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**7. 2025-S 774****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Committee on Education recommends passage.

**8. 2025-S 165 SUB A****BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**9. 2025-S 166 SUB A****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**10. 2025-S 168 SUB A****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**11. 2025-S 170 SUB A****BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

12.    **2025-S 173**  
      **BY** Ujifusa  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
      OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

13.    **2025-S 220 SUB A**  
      **BY** DiMario  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
      THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

14.    **2025-S 477**  
      **BY** Britto  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
      BENEFITS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

15.    **2025-S 911**  
      **BY** Euer  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

16.    **2025-H 6113**  
      **BY** Cortvriend  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

17.    **2025-S 754**  
      **BY** Tikoian  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
      MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION

Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.

18.    **2025-S 856**  
      **BY** Ciccone  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
      FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION
- Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.
19.    **2025-S 957**  
      **BY** Ciccone  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
      COURTS -- COURT CLERKS' INCENTIVE PAY
- Committee on Labor & Gaming recommends passage.
20.    **2025-S 74 SUB A**  
      **BY** Acosta  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite  
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
21.    **2025-S 592 SUB A**  
      **BY** Dimitri  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite  
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
22.    **2025-S 756**  
      **BY** Bell  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL  
      LICENSES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.
23.    **2025-S 830**  
      **BY** Tikoian  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
- Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

**24. 2025-S 833**

**BY** Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION FEES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

**25. 2025-S 932**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

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**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2025:**

- 1. 2025-S 83**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS  
AND LOAN BROKERS

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 2. 2025-S 84 SUB A**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE  
RATING

Committee on Commerce recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.
- 3. 2025-S 169**  
**BY** Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 4. 2025-S 172**  
**BY** Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
- 5. 2025-S 381 SUB A**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND  
ESTHETICIANS

Committee on Commerce recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A.

6.     **2025-S 387**  
      **BY** Appollonio  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --  
      PUBLIC BUILDINGS
- Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
7.     **2025-S 602**  
      **BY** Zurier  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
      SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL
- Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
8.     **2025-S 767**  
      **BY** Zurier  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL  
      REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT
- Committee on Commerce recommends passage.
9.     **2025-S 700**  
      **BY** Murray  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
      CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND  
      INFORMATION ACT
- Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
10.    **2025-S 711**  
      **BY** Bissaillon  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
      RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.
11.    **2025-S 944**  
      **BY** Thompson  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
      HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET
- Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

12.    **2025-S 979**  
      **BY** Kallman  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT  
      OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

13.    **2025-S 76 SUB A**  
      **BY** Gu  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

14.    **2025-S 75**  
      **BY** Felag  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE  
      IDENTIFICATION CHECKS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

15.    **2025-S 624**  
      **BY** DiPalma  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

16.    **2025-S 625**  
      **BY** Felag  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --  
      RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

17.    **2025-S 914 SUB A**  
      **BY** Felag  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
      REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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