

## 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 22, 2025

Twenty-eighth 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 4:11 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 31 Senators present and 6 Senators absent as follows:

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

**ABSENT – 6:** Senators Euer, Gu, Kallman, Mack, Pearson, and Thompson.

### INVOCATION

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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



**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Twenty-seventh Legislative Day of the 2025 proceedings is read in part.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>BRIAN J. THOMPSON</b> District 20</p> <hr/> <p>Room 213 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5568 sen-thompson@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Health &amp; Human Services</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Finance</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Labor &amp; Gaming</p>
<p>May 22, 2025</p> <p>The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>Dear Madam President:</p> <p>Please be advised that on Thursday, May 22, 2025 and Tuesday, May 27, 2025 I will be absent from Senate Session.</p> <p>I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>  <p>Brian J. Thompson Senator District ~ 20</p>		

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SENATOR  
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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

CHAIR  
Committee on  
Artificial Intelligence &  
Emerging Technologies

Committee on  
Environment and Agriculture

Committee on  
Housing & Municipal Government

May 22, 2025

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

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Senator Victoria Gu  
Senate District 38

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SENATOR  
**MEGHAN E. KALLMAN**  
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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

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Municipal Government

Committee on Commerce

Committee on  
Environment and Agriculture

May 22, 2025

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Senator Meghan E. Kallman  
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SENATOR  
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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Committee on  
Education

Committee on  
Finance

May 22, 2025

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

Dear Ms. Reid:

I would like to respectfully request that my name be removed as co-sponsor of 2025 Senate Bill, S-909 pursuant to Section 4.1 of the Senate Rules.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Paolino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "P".

Thomas J. Paolino  
Senator—District 17

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**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 1082****BY** Gallo, Lawson, LaMountain, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING MAY OF 2025, AS  
"NATIONAL SPEECH - LANGUAGE - HEARING MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE  
ISLAND  
{LC716/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Gallo and Vargas discuss the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Guests for the National Speech Language Hearing Month Resolution; Pamela Zellner, RICDHH (+ Interpreter), Allan Shaw, RISHA President (Cranston Public Schools), Beth Campanelli, Woonsocket School Department, Ellen Connery, Easterseals RI , Nancy Cordy, RISHA, Denise Corson, ATEL, Jennifer Huff, Cranston School Department, Joan Jordan &amp; Anne Ferraro, Brown University Health, Melanie Clark-Medyesy, Julia Rei, Alison Mathieu, Kathleen Stowik, Woonsocket, Pattie Bellini, RISHA, Dr. Bethany Milner, Gia Galati, Gianna Ramos, Olivia Paquet, URI NSSLHA, Michelle Kline, Executive Director RICDHH.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025:

1. *The Reappointment of Paul MacDonald to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2028.*

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

2. *The Reappointment of Peter Mancini 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.

3. *The Appointment of Shawn Karachsky (Public Member) VICE Donald Gralnek to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2027.*

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

4. **2025-H 5270**

**BY McGaw**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends passage in concurrence.

5. **2025-H 5307**

**BY DeSimone**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage in concurrence.

6. **2025-H 6111**

**BY Edwards**

**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 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, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

## Appendix

## CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025:****1. 2025-S 317****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE  
GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:****2. 2025-S 356****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO TRUSTS

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, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

Senators Zurier and LaMountain discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**



**3. 2025-S 514 SUB A****BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION

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

Senator Burke moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, 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 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

**4. 2025-S 532 SUB A****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT,  
AND LOAD LIMITS

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

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, 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 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

**5. 2025-S 568****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Tikoian moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

Senators Morgan and Tikoian discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

**6. 2025-S 730****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 30:** Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**7. 2025-S 731****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:****8. 2025-S 926****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD  
SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator LaMountain moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

**9. 2025-S 952****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 31 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

### **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 Bissaillon announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the senate in room 313.

Senator Tikoian would like to congratulate Senator Melissa Murray on her recognition by the RI Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Senator Tikoian wishes Senator Linda Ujifusa a Happy Birthday.

### **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.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
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:

**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}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**House Bill No. 5083 SUB A**

**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Corvese, Ackerman, Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID  
CASEY ACT (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the  
premises.)  
{LC120/A/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**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}

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. 497**

**BY** Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Kallman, Gu, Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Center for Southeast Asians.)  
{LC1156/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 799**

**BY** Bissaillon, Mack

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Codac, Inc., a Rhode Island nonprofit domestic corporation, located at 45 Royal Little Drive in Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC2370/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**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}

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 James P. Ferrara (Employer Rep.) VICE Susan Rittscher to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2026.***

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

***The Appointment of Sean G. Morrone (Employee Rep.) VICE Molly MaGee to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2027.***

Placed on the Consent 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:

**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}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 1083****BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.)

{LC2881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1084****BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.)

{LC2879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1085****BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.)

{LC2882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1086****BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING

BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.)

{LC2875/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.



**Senate Bill No. 1087****BY** Britto, Bissaillon, Burke, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Provides for the establishment and operation of an electronic permitting platform for all state and local permitting.)

{LC2874/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1088****BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends several definitions relating to low- or moderate-income housing as well as the procedure for the approval of low- or moderate-income housing.)

{LC2876/1}

5/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1089****BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the composition of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish a state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.)

{LC2885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1090****BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.)

{LC2880/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1091****BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends the provisions under which a city or town may exceed the maximum levy for the assessment of local taxes.)

{LC2878/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1092****BY** DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.)

{LC2935/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1093****BY** Burke, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Provides amendments to enable the development of state-owned vacant, abandoned or underutilized land for housing and the process therefor.)

{LC2877/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Resolution No. 1094****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL J. FOX, JR.

{LC2974/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 1095****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits the town of Little Compton a one-year levy cap for fiscal year 2026 not to exceed twelve percent (12%).)

{LC2973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1096****BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, DEMOLITION, ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, ENGINEERING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF (I) TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO REPLACE PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL AND TOLLGATE HIGH SCHOOL AND ON-SITE ATHLETIC FIELDS, AND (II) RECREATION AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY (Authorizes the city of Warwick to issue not more than \$50,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance two new high schools and school facilities.)

{LC2957/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1097****BY** McKenney, Appollonio, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides that the tax rate for Class 1 and Class 2 property be uniform and set to the same percentage.)

{LC2955/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 1098**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT PROJECTS IN TIVERTON (Prohibits applications filed in the town of Tiverton, for comprehensive permit projects, for low and moderate income housing, to include accessory dwelling units.)  
{LC2922/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1099**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Requires the Rhode Island housing authority to update the count of affordable housing stock in the town of Tiverton two (2) times per year.)  
{LC2916/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1100**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Permits the town of Tiverton to require additional testing, to be performed by the developer, to ensure that there is no dewatering or loss of effective recharge to surrounding wells within close proximity of the new well.)  
{LC2920/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1101**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits Tiverton to require two parking space for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing units upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability near these units.)  
{LC2921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1102**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Allows the town of Tiverton to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

{LC2915/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1103**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING -- TIVERTON (Requires any person who applies to rent or purchase a

residence located in Town of Tiverton which qualifies as low and moderate income housing,

shall require proof of Rhode Island residency or employment by a local, state or federal entity.)

{LC2923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1104**

(by request)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Ensures that minimum egress requirements for conventional subdivisions

in Tiverton apply equally to comprehensive permit applications and cannot be waived, modified,

or reduced for such applications.)

{LC2918/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1105**

(by request)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Requires the town of Tiverton to require a minimum number of

affordable housing units if there is less than ten percent (10%) of affordable housing in the

town.)

{LC2919/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1106**

(by request)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Allows the town of Tiverton, with an aggregate of five hundred (500) or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project, to enact a short-term emergency moratorium until the permit laws are amended.)

{LC2926/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1107**

(by request)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWN AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING -- COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT PROJECTS IN TIVERTON (Provides that comprehensive permit projects in Tiverton, involving property not connected to either public water or sewer or both, and for which the property is considered hydric said land be excluded from the building land calculation.)

{LC2917/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1108**

(by request)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT--COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS PROHIBITED IN WATERSHED OVERLAY PROTECTION (Prohibits applications for a comprehensive permit under the Rhode Island comprehensive planning and land use regulation act in any watershed overlay protection district located in the town of Tiverton.)

{LC2925/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1109**

(by request)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TIVERTON'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACT (Allows the town of Tiverton, with an aggregate of five hundred (500) or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project, to enact a short-term emergency moratorium until the permit laws are amended.)  
{LC2924/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1110****BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-GENERAL POWERS -- NARRAGANSETT LANDING FEES (Increases the landing fee for the town of Narragansett from fifty cents (\$.50) to one dollar (\$1.00).)  
{LC2972/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1111****BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE WARWICK CITY CHARTER TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, RAISING THE SMALL PROCUREMENT DOLLAR THRESHOLD BY ORDINANCE, AND ESTABLISHING MINORITY REPRESENTATION APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS VIA ORDINANCE (Proposes amendments to the Warwick City Charter.)  
{LC2956/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1112****BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UTGR MASTER CONTRACT AND THE TWIN RIVER -- TIVERTON MASTER CONTRACT -- CONSOLIDATED MARKETING PROGRAM (Restates the UTGR Master Contract and the Twin River-Tiverton Master Contract and would consolidate the marketing program of each into the Consolidated Marketing Program.)  
{LC2889/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 1113**

**BY** Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Tikoian, Ciccone, Vargas, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Prohibits payments in lieu of pension benefits to person employed more than ninety (90) days.)  
{LC1461/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 1114**

**BY** Ciccone, Bell, Bissaillon, Vargas, Mack, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the city of Providence to adopt higher rates for the marginal value of residential property in excess of \$1,000,000 per dwelling. Taxpayers below a certain income level may be exempt and additional revenue would be exempt.)  
{LC2959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1115**

**BY** Bell, Ciccone, Vargas, Mack, Bissaillon, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Bills nonprofit colleges and universities in the city of Providence for municipal services if they do not reach a memorandum of agreement with the city for increased payments.)  
{LC2960/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 1116**

**BY** Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Adopts a new tax classification system for the city of Providence.)  
{LC2980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.



**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 5050**

**BY** Phillips, Casey, Brien, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, Voas, Giraldo, Messier, Marszalkowski  
**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.)  
{LC156/1}

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

**House Bill No. 5084**

**BY** Ackerman, Fellela, Serpa, Newberry, Paplauskas, Donovan, McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND  
VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Adds early voting to the fifty (50) feet buffer  
prohibitions against politicking on election day voting.)  
{LC636/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5248 SUB A**

**BY** Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Potter, Boylan, Cotter, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries,  
limiting audits to one per year unless an identified problem exists or fraud or misrepresentation is  
suspected.)  
{LC622/A/3}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5251 SUB A**

**BY** Read, Noret, Paplauskas, Baginski, Fascia, Hopkins, Brien, Chippendale, Casimiro, Casey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS  
GENERALLY -- SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE (Allows the school  
building administration or teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to  
observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.)  
{LC1035/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

**House Bill No. 5312****BY** Carson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING

AUTHORITIES (Establishes a process by which vacancies in a municipal election office and local canvassing board are filled.)

{LC1204/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5376****BY** Donovan, Speakman, Carson, Boylan, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows for a special RI license plate to raise awareness for colon cancer. The plate would be designed by the partnership to reduce cancer in RI. The fees for the plate would be divided equally between the general fund and the partnership not-for-profit.)

{LC1174/1}

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

**House Bill No. 5447 SUB A****BY** Serpa, Edwards, O'Brien, Baginski, Solomon, Kazarian, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- TRADE IN FARMED ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS (Prohibits a person to sell, offer for sale, display for sale or otherwise distribute a farmed animal fur product within the state and provides graduated civil penalties for violations.)

{LC706/A/3}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**House Bill No. 5484 SUB A**

(Division of Public Utilities &amp; Carriers)

**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)

{LC1350/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5512****BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of PROJECT Weber/RENEW, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation.)  
{LC1626/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**House Bill No. 5517****BY** Baginski, Paplauskas, Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 and provide for existing polling places that exceed the maximum number of voters, not be required to be changed until the next decennial redistricting.)  
{LC1025/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5547**

(Division of Public Utilities &amp; Carriers)

**BY** Solomon, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.)  
{LC1348/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5557 SUB A****BY** Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, Alzate, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.)  
{LC1844/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5563****BY** Dawson, McEntee, Furtado, Kazarian, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT (Requires hotel employees and short-term rental property operators to annually receive human trafficking awareness training.)

{LC1986/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5611****BY** Noret, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Finkelman, Casey, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hopkins, Morales, Dawson**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.)

{LC1793/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

**House Bill No. 5635****BY** Spears, Azzinaro, Fogarty, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.)

{LC1804/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5637**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Ackerman, Kennedy, Fellela, Fogarty, Serpa, Speakman, Kazarian, Edwards, Corvese, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT (Adds "debit cards" to the section of law relating to fraudulent use of credit cards.)

{LC2190/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5639**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING (Establishes the crime of attempted kidnapping of a minor.)  
{LC2191/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5644**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS (Provides penalties for second and subsequent violations of installing and possessing a vehicle with sun screening materials in violation of this section.)  
{LC1768/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5645**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Dawson

**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.)  
{LC1698/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5709****BY** Serpa, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)  
{LC1962/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5714 SUB A**

**BY** Kazarian, Dawson, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Furtado, Giraldo, Cruz, Boylan, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

(Provides that a person eighteen (18) years or older could request that his or her race be modified or amended on their birth certificate.)

{LC2117/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

**House Bill No. 5730 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman, Boylan, Cortvriend, Edwards, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Includes boats and marine-related assets in the blanket permit available for overweight or over-dimensional vehicles.)

{LC1552/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5799 SUB A**

**BY** Cruz, Shekarchi, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Cotter, Solomon, Slater, Casimiro, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

(Provides that minor subdivisions would include oversized lot subdivisions under certain circumstances and relative to zoning ordinances, permit a modification to allow "neighborhood character-based modifications" under certain circumstances.)

{LC2159/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**House Bill No. 5841**

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Lombardi, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, Felix, Kazarian, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.)

{LC1904/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 5872 SUB A**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in elections.)

{LC2286/A/2}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 6039****BY** Casimiro, Noret, Cotter, Shanley, Fellela, Serpa, Read, Alzate, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Requires every school district to render assistance and cooperation within its jurisdictional power to further the objects of this chapter, to wit, providing the courts with any information concerning a child as the court may require.)

{LC2340/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 6063****BY** Brien, Baginski, Place, Cruz, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT (Makes certain personal watercraft violations a misdemeanor.)

{LC2379/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 6148****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Empowers the division of motor vehicles to make available special motor vehicle registration plates for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.)

{LC2396/1}

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

**House Bill No. 6159**

**BY** Craven, Noret, Knight, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS

(Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.)

{LC2438/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**House Bill No. 6165 SUB A**

**BY** Spears, Noret, McEntee, Read, Cotter, Craven, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Creates the PURPLE alert state system to aid in the search for a missing adult with a serious physical, behavioral health, neurological disabilities or medical condition.)

{LC2589/A/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

**HELENA S. REID**

*Secretary of the Senate*



## Appendix

## INVOCATION

SENATOR MARK MCKENNEY

**Lord: As we approach the Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of a Rhode Island summer, we appreciate and give thanks for all that we enjoy in the Ocean State: from our beaches to our restaurants to our Del's, clamcakes & coffee milk.**

**We give thanks for the time we'll be spending with family and friends.**

**Mostly, we recognize and give thanks for those who have made all of these gifts possible, the brave men and women who died in service to our country, giving their all so that we might enjoy our freedoms.**

**For us, in the Senate: Grant us the strength to act with the integrity and fidelity that honors their memories. Amen.**

**Appendix****TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025****House Bill No. 5270****BY** McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Friends of Little Compton Wellness Center, Inc.)  
{LC1023/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

**House Bill No. 5307**

(City of Providence)

**BY** DeSimone, Biah, Azzinaro, Ajello, Diaz, Slater, Hull

**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.)  
{LC972/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

**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}

Transmitted to the Governor.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025:

1. *The Appointment of James P. Ferrara (Employer Rep.) VICE Susan Rittscher to the Governor's Workforce Board for a term expiring January 1, 2026.*

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

2. *The Appointment of Sean G. Morrone (Employee Rep.) VICE Molly MaGee 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. **2025-S 1094**

**BY** LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
ON THE PASSING OF PAUL J. FOX, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix  
CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025:**

1.     ***The Appointment of Tracey Jeter VICE David Chenervert to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2029.***

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

2.     ***The Appointment of Karen M. Bradbury VICE John Revens to the Public Utilities Commission for a term expiring March 1, 2027.***

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

3.     **2025-S 497**  
       **BY Mack**  
       **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

4.     **2025-S 799**  
       **BY Bissaillon**  
       **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

5.     **2025-S 1008**  
       **BY de la Cruz**  
       **ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT**

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025:

**1. 2025-H 5273 SUB A****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

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

**2. 2025-H 5083 SUB A****BY** Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID CASEY ACT

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

**3. 2025-H 5513****BY** Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025:**

**1. 2025-H 5171 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM  
REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

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