

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 Sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty Six.**

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Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Eleventh Legislative Day

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## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

## ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –36:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 2:** Senators Pearson and Sosnowski.

## INVOCATION

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Tenth Legislative Day of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>ANA B. QUEZADA</b> <i>Deputy Majority Whip</i> District 2</p> <hr/> <p>P.O. Box 27666 Providence, Rhode Island 02907</p> <p>Room 219 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903 sen-quezada@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Judiciary</p> <hr/> <p>Committee Labor &amp; Gaming</p>
<p>February 10, 2026</p>		
<p>The Honorable Valerie Lawson President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903</p>		
<p>Dear President Lawson:</p>		
<p>Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 10, 2026.</p>		
<p>I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.</p>		
<p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>		
<p>Respectfully,</p>  <p>Ana B. Quezada Senator District 2</p>		

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## Senate Chamber

CHAIRPERSON  
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Committee on Finance

February 10, 2026

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

Dear Ms. Reid:

I respectfully request the withdrawal of Senate Bill 2026-S2366 entitled, an act relating to Taxation – Personal Income Tax.

This bill is assigned to the Senate Finance and no hearing is scheduled.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Walter S. Felag  
Senator, District 10

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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**

January 27, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

**Jina N. Petrarca, Esq.**

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2029

To this reappointment, 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 Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 27, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

**Leonard L. Lopes**

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2029

To this reappointment, 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.



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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

January 27, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

**Mario G. Carlino**

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2029

To this reappointment, 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 Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

January 27, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

**Christine M. DiBiase**

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2029

To this reappointment, 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**

January 27, 2026

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 46-25-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

**Lisa M. Andoscia**

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2029

To this reappointment, 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 Environment and Agriculture.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 2510****BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING JAMES PARISI ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THREE DECADES OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS A LOBBYIST FOR THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION OF TEACHERS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS  
{LC5158/1}

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 The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Gallo, Dimitri, and Thompson speak on 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 Jim Parisi, Rosemary Parisi, Frank Flynn, Maribeth Calabro, Jeremy Sencer, Mike Mullane, Sean Doyle, Maria Manzi, Bridget McDonough, Liz Larkin, John Thompson, Anna Landolfi, Colleen Calahan, Bob Delaney, Christina Tecar, and Anthony Parisi.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Euer and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Ashley Mercer, Intern.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 2511****BY** Britto

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 10TH, 2026, AS "211 DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND HONORING UNITED WAY 211 FOR ITS SERVICE TO RHODE ISLANDERS  
{LC4655/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Britto requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Britto moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Britto would like to wish his son Isiah Britto a Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 2512**

**BY** Vargas, Urso, Appollonio, Murray, Britto, Thompson

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2026, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC3433/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Vargas requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Vargas moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Vargas and Acosta speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Vargas and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber the Sarmiento Family, Norelys Consuegra, Mother, Salvador Sarmiento, Father, Ashton Sarmiento, Son, and Tristen Sarmiento, Congenital Heart Survivor.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 2513****BY** Ujifusa

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 10, 2026, AS "THE 3RD RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT/BLACK REGIMENT RECOGNITION DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK SOLDIERS DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR  
{LC5033/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ujifusa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Ujifusa and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Jason Roomes of the First Rhode Island Regiment, Juliette Roomes of the Roomes Family, Victoria Johnson of the Newport County NAACP, and Jimmy Winters of the Newport County NAACP.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**

**Senate Resolution No. 2514**

**BY** Lawson, Lauria, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS JOSEPH HOLLAND

{LC4122/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lauria requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lauria moves passage, seconded by Senator Tikoian.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Lauria and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Margaret Holland McDuff.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 2515****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY OF 2026, AS "NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC4595/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator DiPalma and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Fotini Dionisopoulos-RI Dental Association-President, Megan Daniel-RI Oral Health Coalition-Vice President, Chantel-RI Dental Hygienists Association, Marie Jones-Bridges-UnitedHealthcare Rlte Smiles Dental Program.

**FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 2340 SUB A**

(Governor/Attorney General)

**BY** DiPalma, Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026 RELATING TO ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO PROVIDE FINANCING SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE SALE OF THE HOSPITALS TO CHARTERCARE HEALTH OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

{LC4729/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Senators DiPalma, Acosta, and Ujifusa discuss the act.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 34:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 7408 SUB A**

(Governor/Attorney General)

**BY** Abney, Slater, O'Brien, Brien, Shekarchi, Corvese, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026 RELATING TO ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL

{LC4723/A/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiPalma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiPalma moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 34:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**RECESS**

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:12 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Thomas Joseph Holland.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
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. 2328**

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the new coveside dog park, located at Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington "The Christine Conrad Lane Memorial Dog Park.")

{LC4377/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 2331**

**BY** Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.)

{LC4034/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2516**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ciccone, Appollonio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Repeals the energy efficiency charge.)  
{LC4866/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2517**

**BY** Vargas, Thompson, Bell, Dimitri, Quezada, Lauria, Mack, Murray, DiPalma, Appollonio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMUNITY OBLIGATIONS AND BANKING OFFENSES (Requires that automated teller machines disclose the account balance prior to any cash withdrawal.)  
{LC4706/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2518**

**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, Britto, Bell, Burke, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- STATE OF RHODE ISLAND INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICE ACT (Enacts the State of Rhode Island interior design practice act to control and regulate the professional practice of interior designers.)  
{LC4467/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2519**

**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Bissaillon, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)  
{LC4839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2520**

**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Raptakis, Quezada, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan, Tikoian, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Terminates the requirement that the public utilities commission allocate five million dollars (\$5,000,000) annually to the Rhode Island infrastructure bank for use with energy efficient programs.)

{LC4315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2521**

**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Quezada, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan, Tikoian, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Amends the obligation of entities to sell at retail to Rhode Island and use customers.)

{LC4308/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2522**

**BY** Burke, Felag, LaMountain, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEE RESTRICTION ACT (Creates the interchange fee restriction act prohibiting interchange fees on sales and use tax or excise tax when payment is made with a credit or debit card.)

{LC5213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2523**

**BY** Gu, Tikoian, Bell, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS-VEHICLE SAFETY BARRIERS (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishments when new construction or renovations are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.)

{LC5057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2524****BY** Thompson, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Urso, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- STUDENT AND TEACHER CLASSROOM SAFETY (Establishes provisions for student and teacher classroom safety and provides the authority to remove students from classrooms. This act provides for student and educator protections from said removals.)

{LC4852/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2525****BY** McKenney, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo, Urso, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- LIBRARY EBOOK CONTRACTS (Establishes enforcement limitations on contract terms for the licensing of electronic books or digital audiobooks to libraries to preclude the library from being subject to unfair sales practices.)

{LC5144/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2526****BY** Bell, Bissaillon, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Nullifies the department of elementary and secondary education recommendation that the turnaround plan for Providence public schools be continued.)

{LC4243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2527****BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that any school teaching sexual education to students shall provide the sexual education curriculum to every parent or guardian of a student, and the parent or legal guardian shall consent to the teaching of such sexual education curriculum.)

{LC3297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2528****BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Repeals the establishment of statewide academic standards for core subjects and the implementation into the curriculum of all public schools.)

{LC3286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2529****BY** Urso, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Vargas, Kallman, Acosta, Ujifusa, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEXT GENERATION PUBLIC BUILDINGS ACT (Prohibits the use of heating systems utilizing fossil fuels as well as air or water heating systems in any state or municipal building open to the public constructed, altered or renovated on or after January 1, 2028.)

{LC5069/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2530****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Tikoian, Ciccone, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIODIESEL PRODUCTS (Establishes minimum percentages of bio-based product contained in heating oil sold in the state and sets dates for compliance to set standards.)

{LC4868/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2531****BY** Ujifusa, Bell, Euer, Murray, Mack, Zurier, Acosta, Kallman, Valverde, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PLASTIC WASTE CONVERSION FACILITY ACT (Establishes the Plastic Waste Conversion Facility Act.)

{LC4073/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2532****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Tikoian, Paolino, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Amends the definition of farm and agricultural land to include land on which agricultural operations are being conducted or is suitable for agriculture operations, and further expand the definition of a farmer.)

{LC5180/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2533****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases the membership of the energy facility siting board from 3 to 5 members and would revise the process of energy facility siting to mandate inclusion/participation of the host community of the facility as well as of the public and cities and towns.)

{LC3334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2534****BY** Vargas, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MICROPLASTICS REDUCTION ACT (Creates the Microplastics Reduction Act to prohibit the sale or distribution of products containing synthetic polymer micro particles.)

{LC3443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Resolution No. 2535****BY** DiMario, Britto, Euer, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, DiPalma, Vargas, Gu, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE CREATION AND ADOPTION OF A SEASONAL HEAT PUMP RATE AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE

{LC4472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2536**

**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Burke, Britto, Ciccone, Tikoian, McKenney, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income of \$25,000 of social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.)

{LC5185/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2537**

**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS RETIREMENT (Gives teachers who takes an unpaid parental or medical leave during the year credit for a year of service for that school year if they served a minimum of 135 days.)

{LC3791/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2538**

**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Murray, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Changes the teacher and state employees' retirement benefit calculations' cutoff date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2009, for all retirement members eligible to and who retire on or after the new July 1, 2009, cutoff date.)

{LC4387/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2539**

**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Felag, Britto, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Gradually phases in modifications to federal adjusted gross income over a four (4) year period for social security income, from twenty-five percent (25%) up to one hundred percent (100%), beginning on or after January 1, 2027.)

{LC4998/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2540****BY** E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM (Establishes a new program where the per pupil funding, calculated annually by RIDE, would be transferred into a newly created educational funding account run by the children's scholarship fund to pay for educational expenses.)  
{LC3320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2541****BY** E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Repeals the act authorizing toll facilities on state roads.)  
{LC3290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2542****BY** Lauria, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Vargas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Requires the EOHHS to amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for outpatient clinical pediatric services.)  
{LC5127/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2543****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days or its equivalent of six hundred thirty (630) hours.)  
{LC4990/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2544**

**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Quezada, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan, Tikoian, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Suspends the gross earnings tax on electric and gas companies until January 1, 2036.)  
{LC4319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2545**

**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds the administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator to the state retirement system.)  
{LC3274/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2546**

**BY** Ujifusa, Euer, DiMario, Valverde, Rogers, Gu, Urso, Raptakis, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY PROJECTS (Directs the general assembly to fund ten full time equivalent positions in FY 2027 to support DEM's efforts in the areas of forestry and forestry projects.)  
{LC4213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2547**

**BY** DiMario, Britto, Zurier, Kallman, Mack, Euer, Acosta, Lauria, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Raises the minimum fee per barrel of petroleum products or crude oil from five cents (\$0.05) to twelve cents (\$0.12) per barrel as part of the uniform oil spill response and prevention fee.)  
{LC5224/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2548**

**BY** Ujifusa, Bell, Euer, Murray, Mack, Zurier, Acosta, McKenney, DiPalma, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends State funding calculations for special education, revising extraordinary cost calculations for FY 2028-2029, and providing additional funds for excess costs when special education students move into a district after the budget is approved.)  
{LC3485/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2549**

**BY** Euer, Gu, Ujifusa, Bell, DiMario, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX ON GAINS FROM THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY (Creates new tax on gains from sale or exchange of real property held for short periods of time, 6 years or less, establishes a comprehensive framework to calculate and implement enforcement and provides imprisonment and/or fines for those who evade taxes.)  
{LC3243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2550**

**BY** Vargas, Zurier, Urso, DiMario, Kallman, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY A GOVERNMENTAL BODY (Requires as part of the director of administration's report to the general assembly to include information on the number of hybrid, combustion engine, plug-in hybrid, and ZEV vehicles in the light duty fleet. This act would take effect upon passage.)  
{LC4478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2551**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the current law on education to address unfunded mandates.)  
{LC5038/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2552****BY** Famiglietti, Ciccone, Bell, Bissaillon, Mack, Zurier, Kallman, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Increases the amount of state aid distributed to the towns and cities through appropriation in lieu of property tax provisions applicable to certain private and state properties that are exempt from property tax.)

{LC4025/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2553**

(by request)

**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides the general assembly make an annual appropriation of not less than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Rhode Island emergency management agency to assist with emergency communications during major or multiple emergency incidents.)

{LC3975/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2554****BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, Bell, Burke, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE MEDICAID REENTRY ACT (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or provided to all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions within the department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration when possible.)

{LC3841/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2555****BY** McKenney, Ciccone, Vargas, Tikoian, Britto, Gu, Murray, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT (Appropriates nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to establish a bilingual education support fund within the department of elementary and secondary education and provides for implementation of support and access to bilingual education.)

{LC4710/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2556****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT (Establishes a new educational program that allows students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.)  
{LC3323/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2557****BY** Dimitri, Ciccone, Patalano, LaMountain, Tikoian, Raptakis, Britto, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts a single-family, primary residence, owned by a taxpayer, who is at least sixty-five (65) years old, and has been a Rhode Island resident for at least forty (40) years. It also excludes multi-family and income-producing properties.)  
{LC4922/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2558****BY** Bissaillon, Mack, Acosta, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 to the Rhode Island Black Business Association.)  
{LC5240/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2559****BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, McKenney, Britto, Dimitri, Mack, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (Appropriates the sum of \$3,000,000 to Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc.)  
{LC5186/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2560**

**BY** DiMario, Murray, Britto, Mack, DiPalma, Lauria, Vargas, Thompson, Dimitri, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Permits licensed providers to accompany emergency medical services  
and treat patients within the community for mental health disorders, including substance use  
disorders.)  
{LC4840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2561**

**BY** Mack, Lauria, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Valverde, Dimitri, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES -- REGULATE HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION  
REQUIREMENTS FOR REHABILITATIVE AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES ACT (Limits  
prior authorization requirements for rehabilitative and habilitative services. Also prohibits prior  
authorization for the first twelve (12) visits of a new episode of care and for ninety (90) days  
following a chronic pain diagnosis.)  
{LC3402/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2562**

**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Vargas, Thompson, Dimitri, Britto, Zurier, Kallman, Mack, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE  
HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT (Includes both the MomsPRN and  
PediPRN teleconsultation lines in the healthcare services funding contributions payable by health  
insurers.)  
{LC4841/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2563**

**BY** Ujifusa, Lawson, Urso, Euer, Mack, Murray, Acosta, Zurier, DiMario, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
SAVINGS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026 (Establishes the "Prescription Drug Savings  
and Transparency Act of 2026.")  
{LC4525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2564**

**BY** Ujifusa, Euer, Mack, Zurier, Murray, Acosta, DiMario, Valverde, Lauria, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Provides that for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders, payors would rely upon criteria which reflect generally accepted standards of care when developing coverage.)  
{LC5074/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2565**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Ciccone, Raptakis, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, Appollonio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- "THE RHODE ISLAND INFORMED CONSENT PROTECTION ACT" (Requires written consent by recipient or parent before vaccine and prohibits discrimination against those who don't vaccinate and fines up to \$25,000 for violation. Also prohibits DCYF from investigating their for failure to vaccinate their child.)  
{LC3333/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2566**

**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Murray, LaMountain, Gu, Bell, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Limits the facility's ability to charge rent and fees for a maximum of seven (7) days or until removal of the personal property from the room, whichever occurs first. A violation would constitute a deceptive trade practice.)  
{LC5239/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2567**

**BY** Kallman, Murray, Lauria, DiMario, Mack, Valverde, Ujifusa, Zurier, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNIVERSAL AND UNIFIED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ACT (Establishes a universal and unified healthcare system and reform the current payment system for healthcare coverage in this state.)  
{LC3687/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2568**

**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Urso, Kallman, Thompson, Gu, Vargas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Require that routine childhood and adult immunization vaccine recommendations that are developed from evidence based, medically sound scientific research by the department of health.)

{LC4721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2569**

**BY** Kallman, Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Gu, Britto, Euer, Ujifusa, Vargas, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (Requires all major hospitals within the state constructed or substantially renovated or expanded on or after 1/1/2028 to use renewable energy sources for power.)

{LC4048/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2570**

**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Urso, Kallman, Thompson, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS NOTIFICATION ACT (Requires healthcare providers and healthcare facilities to inform patients of the use of artificial intelligence to memorialize patient visits.)

{LC4719/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2571**

**BY** Lauria, Ujifusa, Felag, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Mack, Urso, Kallman, Thompson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Requires annual inspections of those assisted living residences which contain units licensed to treat residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.)

{LC4794/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2572****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Permits physician assistants to practice without a physician's direct supervision and receives direct payments from Medicaid.)

{LC5375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2573****BY** Bell, Ujifusa, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and help control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).)

{LC4685/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2574****BY** de la Cruz, Burke, Patalano, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain landscaping equipment based on its power source.)

{LC5017/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2575****BY** Bissaillon, Murray, Burke, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Prohibits any city or town from enacting any zoning ordinance that would place restrictions on residential recovery houses that are not applicable to other residential homes.)

{LC4987/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2576**

(Tiverton)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Tiverton to apply different tax rates to all classes of property.)

{LC5242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2577**

(by request)

**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the town of Portsmouth to adopt, repeal, or modify their tax classification plan for any tax year on and after December 31, 2026.)

{LC4951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2578**

(by request)

**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Permits but not directs a municipality to establish, by ordinance, certain requirements regarding accessory dwelling units regarding ownership for 5 years, non-family ADUs to be rented at affordable rates and limit size to 1,000 sq. ft.)

{LC4950/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2579****BY** Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Increases the notification time about rent increases and termination of tenancy for month-to-month tenants.)

{LC4825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2580**

(Tiverton)

**BY** Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TIVERTON'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACT (Sets timelines for Tiverton's new construction, including one year for final approval, two (2) years for building permits, and temporary inclusion of units in the town's count until completion or three (3) years, whichever comes first.)

{LC5241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2581**

(Tiverton)

**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 500 or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project, to enact a short-term emergency moratorium until the permit laws are amended.)

{LC5234/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2582**

(Tiverton)

**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 500 or more units proposed in a comprehensive permit project, to enact a short-term emergency moratorium until the permit laws are amended.)

{LC5235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2583**

(Tiverton)

**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.)

{LC5243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

**Senate Bill No. 2584****BY** Bissaillon, Burke, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS (Creates the home-fit dwelling units act to apply to all new construction of covered dwelling units to incorporate design features that provide safe and convenient use of to the greatest extent feasible, regardless of age or physical ability.)  
{LC4636/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2585**

(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 verify and document the count of affordable housing stock in the town of Tiverton two (2) times per year.)  
{LC5232/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2586**

(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 and at the expense of the developer, to ensure that there is no dewatering or loss of effective recharge to surrounding wells within close proximity of the new construction.)  
{LC5237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2587**

(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.)  
{LC5238/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2588**

(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.)

{LC5245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2589**

(by request)

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

INCOME HOUSING -- TIVERTON (Prohibits applications filed in the town of Tiverton, for

comprehensive permit projects, for low- and moderate-income housing, to include accessory

dwelling units.)

{LC5236/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2590****BY** Zurier, Bissaillon, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

(Spells out rules and regulations for the presidential preference primary elections, and would also

establish rules for ranked choice voting tabulation and results reporting by the secretary of state.)

{LC4200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2591****BY** Kallman, Mack, Bissaillon, DiMario, Euer, Ujifusa, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR CHANCE IN HOUSING

BACKGROUND CHECKS ACT (Limits how landlords use criminal history in rental decisions

by delaying background checks until after a conditional offer has been made, restricting which

records may be considered, banning discriminatory ads, and providing enforcement and

penalties.)

{LC4187/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2592****BY** Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Mack, Britto, Bissaillon, Urso, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICE ACT (Amends the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act to clarify housing-status enforcement, ban discriminatory housing notices, align state law with federal standards and remove a ban on public discussion of fair housing cases.)

{LC4464/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2593****BY** Thompson, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Redefines "Political Party" and defines and distinguishes between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of votes a party's candidate received in the previous election among other factors.)

{LC4240/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2594****BY** Mack, Kallman, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Provides for the operation of and duties imposed on a disposition facility relating to the natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil.)

{LC3386/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2595****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.)

{LC3340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2596**

**BY** Thompson, Burke, Pearson, Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, DiMario, LaMountain, Tikoian, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Establishes the rights of adoptive/foster children or those in guardianship, to have post-separation visitation with their sibling(s).)

{LC4241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2597**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases minimum sentence for first degree sexual assault and provides first 10 years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault not be subject to a suspension or deferment of sentence.)

{LC3339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2598**

**BY** E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND'S CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT -- MINOR'S GENDER TRANSITION (Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds, discipline for health care providers, a 30 year statute of limitation, after reaching age of majority, and right to a civil action for damages.)

{LC3338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2599**

**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RAILROAD, STEAMBOAT, AND BRIDGE POLICE (Provides any police report involving a railroad fatality and all communications between railroad employees not be made public. Additionally, it makes a violation of this section a misdemeanor.)

{LC4856/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2600**

(by request)

**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (Directs the administrator of the public records management program to adopt a uniform statewide access to public records request form.)

{LC4948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2601****BY** LaMountain, Burke, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024 (Incorporates broadband, internet, and wireless means into the crime of injuring electric and communication lines and authorizes municipalities to grant zoning relief for the protection of critical infrastructure.)

{LC4916/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2602****BY** LaMountain, Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Allows someone convicted of a previous felony or a private complaint to be eligible under § 12-10-12 for a misdemeanor filing.)

{LC4680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2603****BY** McKenney, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Grants an affirmative defense for certain privileged communications, including communications made by an individual, without malice, regarding an incident of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.)

{LC4851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2604****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Spells out requirements for operation of recreational vehicles, manual, electric or gas powered.)

{LC5109/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2605****BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Zurier, Murray, Urso, Mack, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DEFENSE ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Federal Constitution defense act.)

{LC4682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2606****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES -- THE POWERS AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES (Expands the DCYF powers by overseeing and administer comprehensive behavioral health services for children with serious emotional disturbances and children with developmental or functional disabilities.)

{LC5263/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2607****BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, Kallman, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT (Established a cause of action against state government entities for violation of civil rights.)

{LC5265/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2608**

**BY** Kallman, DiPalma, McKenney, Mack, Acosta, Euer, Bissaillon, Urso, Zurier, Murray, DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT. (Prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing masks without an exception and criminal and civil penalties for violations.)  
{LC4842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2609**

(by request)

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Deceptive trade practice to sell vehicle used in violent crime or exposed to biohazards without notice to purchaser.)  
{LC5202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2610**

**BY** Urso, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Paolino, Dimitri, Murray, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Creates a cause of action for the intentional or negligent injury or death of a pet.)  
{LC5070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2611**

**BY** Lauria, DiMario, LaMountain, McKenney, Mack, Ujifusa, Valverde, Euer, Acosta, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --THE RHODE ISLAND FIREARM INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2026 (Establishes the Rhode Island firearm industry accountability act of 2026.)  
{LC4652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2612****BY** Zurier, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows advisory bodies to participate in a public meeting using videoconferencing, subject to certain requirements.)

{LC5274/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2613****BY** Acosta, DiMario, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Mack, Kallman, McKenney, Gallo, Murray, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Permits the family court to retain jurisdiction over juveniles and allow the family court to order juveniles detained in the training school until the age of twenty-one if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child.)

{LC4848/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2614****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Repeals the section of law relating to suspension of operator licenses for failure to pay fines.)

{LC5262/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2615****BY** Paolino, Lauria, de la Cruz, Acosta, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Makes a violation using the passing lane on limited access highways when not passing another vehicle.)

{LC4399/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2616****BY** McKenney, DiMario, Britto, Murray, Vargas, Urso, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --

PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Amends what is considered sexual abuse for purposes of limitations on actions based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child and would amend the provisions for when a cause of action may be brought.)

{LC3649/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2617****BY** Burke, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Adds a provision that allows a tenant to pay the last month's rent or any other prepaid rent. It also increases the amount that a security deposit can be requested from one to two (2) months of rent.)

{LC5072/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2618****BY** Bissaillon, Bell, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION

AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Administratively seals, upon request of the defendant following the conclusion of the matter in district court, individual counts of any criminal complaints dismissed pursuant to Rule 48(a) that were filed on or after October 1, 2026.)

{LC4855/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2619****BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Britto, Murray, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND CORPORATE POWER RESET ACT (Removes corporate and dark-money spending from all Rhode Island elections and ballot questions.)

{LC4712/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2620**

**BY** Kallman, Acosta, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Britto, Gu, Lauria, Thompson, Vargas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Sets the minimum wage for 2027 at twenty dollars (\$20) per hour.)  
{LC5046/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2621**

**BY** Paolino, Thompson, Patalano, Acosta, Murray, McKenney, Kallman, Bell, Raptakis, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HOMELESSNESS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (Creates a state-run pilot program in Rhode Island that provides paid, low-barrier employment to individuals experiencing homelessness for community beautification and cleanup projects while connecting participants to supportive services.)  
{LC4400/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2622**

**BY** Mack, Valverde, Kallman, Euer, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Increases the minimum wage amount for any person committed to the adult correctional institution from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a day for every day the person shall labor.)  
{LC3406/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2623**

**BY** Thompson, Murray, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Paolino, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGAN-DONATION LEAVE ACT (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ and duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.)  
{LC4267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2624**

**BY** Ujifusa, Bell, Euer, Murray, Mack, Acosta, Valverde, DiMario, Lauria, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 (Sunsets/discontinues the Jobs Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2026.)  
{LC3267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2625**

**BY** McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, LaMountain, Appollonio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Provides for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving CTE or pathways education.)  
{LC4765/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2626**

**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Establishes a restricted receipt account at the DLT for hospitality industry workforce training grants, funded by an annual \$50 dollar fee to be charged by RIDOH to food service establishments.)  
{LC3790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2627**

**BY** LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Britto, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TEMPORARY EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS (Authorizes temporary periods for extended service hours under existing liquor licenses for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, subject to limitations or opt out by a municipality via council resolution.)  
{LC5018/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2628**

**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, Gu, DiMario, Rogers, Lauria, Mack, Zurier, Valverde, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES --  
MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS (Implements statewide parking standards.)  
{LC4388/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2629**

**BY** Kallman, Lauria, Mack, Valverde, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of  
August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day.)  
{LC5159/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2630**

**BY** Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES  
(Repeals § 3-7-19 which prohibits retail liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools  
and religious institutions.)  
{LC4247/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2631**

**BY** Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Thompson, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan,  
Tikoian, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the PUC to produce report on comprehensive study by  
April 30, 2027.)  
{LC4312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2632****BY** Ciccone, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the state building code and would require that the state adopt the 2024 International Residential Code and prohibit the state building committee from adopting amendments for one to four residential dwelling units until 2030.)  
{LC4996/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2633****BY** Tikoian, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE (Adds property damage to statutory underinsured motor coverage, rather than just uninsured motorist coverage, as it is presently.)  
{LC4827/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2634****BY** Bissaillon, Gallo, Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Provides educators and administrators employed in a charter public school or mayoral academy with prevailing wage and benefits oversight and recourse if found in violation of the same.)  
{LC4944/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2635**

**BY** Lawson, Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, Bissaillon, Murray, LaMountain, Urso, Britto, Thompson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Ends transaction fees for school lunches in all districts. This act requires at least one no-fee payment method for school lunches and a full disclosure whether fees will be charged by a payment platform.)  
{LC4915/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 o'clock P.M

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

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

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR MELISSA MURRAY**

May we all stay safe and healthy over the vacation break, allowing us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people.

**Appendix**

**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**House Bill No. 7408 SUB A as amended**

(Governor/Attorney General)

**BY** Abney, Slater, O'Brien, Brien, Shekarchi, Corvese, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN  
SUPPORT OF FY 2026 RELATING TO ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER AND  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL  
{LC4723/A/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

**Appendix**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

**1. 2026-S 2328**

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

**2. 2026-S 2331**

**BY** Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.