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Twelfth Legislative Day

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 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT –37: 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, Lauria, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: Senator Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2636****BY** Kallman, Urso**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIVES OF RHONDA DORGAN, AIDAN DORGAN AND GERALD DORGAN, COMMENDING THE HEROISM OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND CITIZENS, AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE RHODE ISLAND SENATE FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EVENTS AT THE DENNIS M. LYNCH ARENA IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET
{LC5850/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Kallman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Kallman moves passage, seconded by 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, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Kallman and Acosta speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2637**BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 182ND ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2026
{LC5925/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by 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, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, 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 Quezada and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Pawtucket City Councilwoman Neicy Coderre and her husband Robert Coderre.

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.

Senator Lauria moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gu, Kallman, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Raptakis, Rogers, Valverde, and Vargas.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:****2. 2026-S 2331****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Lauria moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Lauria, Murray, Patalano, Raptakis, Quezada, Thompson, Tikoian, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

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

YEAS – 36: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, LaMountain, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.**NAYS – 0:**

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Chris Maxwell, President & CEO of Rhode Island Trucking Association.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Tikoian would like to wish a Happy Birthday to Senator Felag on February 15th, Senator Lauria on February 18th, and Senator LaMountain on February 26th.

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

Senator Bissailon announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 313.

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.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:47 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Rhonda Dorgan, Aidan Dorgan and Gerald Dorgan.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairman LaMountain, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 2341 SUB A

(Secretary of State)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)

{LC3679/A/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Senator Bissaillon, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs.

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}

Read and referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2638**

BY Gu, Zurier, Urso, DiPalma, Paolino, Vargas, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Amends the Identity Theft Protection Act by eliminating current definitions and establishing new definitions. This act also raises the penalty provisions for violations.)

{LC4835/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies.

Senate Bill No. 2639

BY Dimitri, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Britto, Thompson, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Allows customers to directly take single-use plastic straws from food service establishments.)

{LC5408/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2640

BY Britto, McKenney, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Gu, DiMario, Zurier, Bissaillon, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CATASTROPHE SAVINGS
ACCOUNTS ACT (Establishes the catastrophe savings account act.)
{LC4992/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2641

BY Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF
UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Establishes statewide standards governing electric meter reading
and billing practices.)
{LC5292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2642

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Britto, Gu, DiMario, McKenney, Zurier, Bissaillon, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC
TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES (Creates a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers
from coercive tactics at grocery stores.)
{LC4788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2643

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Gu, Britto, Tikoian, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that stores offering food product
discounts must provide the same discounts to in-store customers that are offered to customers
using electronic digital coupons.)
{LC4781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2644

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY

(Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)

{LC4779/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2645**BY** Tikoian, Ciccone, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Dimitri, Burke, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION -- UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC GENERATING

FACILITIES (Applies to electric generating facilities generating electricity on/after 1/1/25

regarding sale/transmission of electricity/facility restructuring/last-resort service.)

{LC5692/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2646**BY** Euer, Kallman, Lauria, DiMario, Zurier, Ujjifusa, Mack, Murray, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND INSURANCE

MARKET PROTECTION ACT (Regulates property insurers to limit underwriting and

investment in fossil fuel projects, requires climate risk reporting and emissions disclosures, and

aligns insurance practices with science-based climate targets.)

{LC4954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2647**BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMERCIAL

KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CLEANING, LICENSING AND

CERTIFICATION ACT (Establishes the commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and

cleaning licensing and certification act. It also requires entities inspecting or cleaning

commercial exhaust systems be licensed and insured.)

{LC5335/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2648**BY** Gu, Britto, Bell, Tikoian, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS (Expands the definition of operator to anyone who enables customers to purchase virtual currency. Expands the definition of a transaction to include a digital product or application where payment is made in person or through a third party intermediary.)
{LC5560/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2649**BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian, Appollonio, Thompson, Patalano, Burke, Britto, Vargas, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Ensures any public school with available seats, after completion of the initial enrollment period for students, shall make all open seats available to other students residing within the same school district.)
{LC5509/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2650**BY** Ciccone, Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Provides any student, who meets the requirements of this section, with an exemption from paying nonresident tuition at Rhode Island public universities, colleges, or community colleges.)
{LC5305/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2651**BY** Zurier, McKenney, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM (Directs the department of elementary and secondary education to provide a two-year pilot program that coordinates a national cultural exchange program for students of this state.)
{LC5834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2652**BY** Euer, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CHILDREN'S CARDIAC SAFETY ACT (Establishes "The Children's Cardiac Safety Act", and provide for childhood cardiac screening based on modules that incorporate current best practices.)

{LC5491/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2653**BY** Britto, Murray, Urso, Patalano, DiMario, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Kallman, Valverde, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

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

{LC5465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2654**BY** Zurier, Kallman, DiMario, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island clean heat standards program to implement a system of tradeable clean heat credits.)

{LC5295/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2655**BY** Britto, McKenney, Gu, DiMario, Bissaillon, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SITING AND REGULATORY ACT (Requires applications for energy facilities to take into consideration the 2021 Act on Climate and how the facility may advance or delay the greenhouse gas emissions reductions.)

{LC4853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2656**BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT (Creates the extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper program for the recycling of packaging and paper products.)

{LC5828/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 2657**BY** de la Cruz, Tikoian, Raptakis, Rogers**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO STUDY AND REGULATE THE IMPACT OF WAKE BOATS ON RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC WATERWAYS (Urges DEM to study and regulate the impact of wake boats on Rhode Island public waterways.)

{LC5412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2658**BY** de la Cruz, DiMario, Ciccone, Tikoian, Felag, Burke, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PORTABLE SOLAR GENERATION DEVICE (Creates a new category of residential solar energy generation for small portable solar generation devices.)

{LC5349/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2659**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Euer, Gu, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Requires the governor, when presenting his proposed budget articles for each fiscal year to set forth the climate considerations that were undertaken to move the state towards the mandated goals set forth in the 2021 Act on Climate.)

{LC5471/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2660**BY** DiMario, Euer, Gu, Lauria, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TICK CONTROL (Create a tick control program to be implemented by the department of environmental management.)
{LC5304/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2661**BY** Zurier, DiMario, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OFFSHORE WIND PROCUREMENT POLICY COMMISSION (Creates the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act which establishes a study of offshore wind in Rhode Island.)
{LC5288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2662**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Gallo, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (Allows Rhode Island employers can help pay employees' student loans in high-need fields if they work full-time for 2 years in undeserved areas and are in an income driven repayment plan. RISLA must provide annual reporting.)
{LC5859/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2663**BY** Vargas, Acosta, Mack, Appollonio, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Establishes a statewide "healthy school meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.)
{LC5877/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2664**BY** Britto, Dimitri, DiMario, Zurier, Bissaillon, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Removes the requirement that 5% of the hotel tax generated from the South County tourism district be paid to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

{LC4371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2665**BY** Dimitri, LaMountain, Raptakis, Thompson, Famiglietti, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES-ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS (Requires agencies preparing economic impact statements for small businesses contain findings that the anticipated compliance costs of a proposed rule scale proportionally with the business size, and do not impose fixed costs that favor larger businesses.)

{LC4656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2666**BY** Mack, DiMario, Gu, Murray, Kallman, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Requires Medicaid to provide coverage for fertility medication, care, and services, for at least 3 cycles of fertility treatment, and intrauterine insemination.)

{LC5593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2667**BY** Vargas, DiMario, Urso, Murray, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT (Expand eligibility for the childcare assistance program to meet the federal eligibility benchmark.)

{LC4412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2668**BY** Zurier, Bissaillon, McKenney, DiMario, Acosta, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX (Sets the allocation to RIPTA at the greater of \$0.1175 per gallon or 29.375% of total proceeds, with \$0.005 per gallon derived from the \$0.01 per gallon environmental protection fee.)

{LC5294/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2669**BY** Mack, Quezada, DiMario, Gu, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Requires Rhode Island Medicaid to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives and to collect utilization and cost data, while allowing limits consistent with Medicaid rules.)

{LC5520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2670**BY** Bissaillon, Mack**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$850,000 FOR NEW BRIDGES FOR HAITIAN SUCCESS (Authorizes the appropriation of \$850,000 for New Bridges for Haitian Success for the purpose of residential property acquisition for transitional housing to support immigrants with temporary protected status (TPS) and asylum status.)

{LC5247/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2671**BY** Mack, Quezada, DiMario, Gu, Murray, Kallman, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Requires Medicaid to cover services by licensed certified lactation counselors and EOHHS to oversee and implement the program and track related costs and use. It also ensures reimbursement consistent with similar providers.)

{LC5544/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2672

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Dimitri, Thompson, Patalano, Famiglietti, Burke, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX
(Establishes phased reduction of personal income tax rates.)
{LC5929/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2673

BY Bissaillon, Burke, DiPalma, Gu, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides modifications for payments of interest on student loans shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income to an amount equal to the payments of interest for the satisfaction of outstanding student loans.)
{LC5479/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2674

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FUND THE PROVIDENCE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE CITY (Authorizes the city of Providence to issue not more than \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds and notes to fund the providence housing trust fund to finance affordable multi-family housing projects in the city.)
{LC4832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2675

BY Appollonio, Ciccone, Raptakis, Burke, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Thompson, Dimitri, Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OFFENSES AGAINST REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE LAWS (Increases the fines for certain traffic offenses to one hundred dollars (\$100) and adds fines of one hundred dollars (\$100) for offenses required by law but omitted from the schedule.)
{LC5711/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2676

BY Urso, Acosta, DiPalma, Thompson, Tikoian, Bissaillon, Vargas, Zurier, Murray
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 TO THE MAIN STREET RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Main Street Rhode Island Program.)
{LC5787/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2677

BY Burke, Ciccone, Lawson, 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 consolidates the marketing program of each into the Consolidated Marketing Program.)
{LC5608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2678

BY Britto, Raptakis, Felag, Appollonio, Gallo, Gu, DiMario, Zurier, Bissaillon, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Increases monthly minimum benefit for a spouse, domestic partner, former spouse.)
{LC5838/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2679**BY** Kallman, Britto, Urso, Acosta

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SAMUEL SLATER MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES, OR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$22,500,000 CITY BONDS, CITY NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Joint resolution authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue bonds for school renovations.)

{LC5050/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2680**BY** Bell, Mack, Kallman, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Prohibits RIPTA from using state funds or the proceeds of any bond(s) to pay for any work performed after 8/1/26, pursuant to the “transit center joint development project” RFP and/or pursuant to related the preliminary services agreement.)

{LC5404/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2681**BY** Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING -- STATE-FUNDED RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM (Establishes the state-funded rental subsidy program.)

{LC5596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2682**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY TAX ACT (Provides an exemption for non-insulated, non-winterized property used by the taxpayer, not located in a substandard area, and continuously owned by the taxpayer for twenty-five (25) years.)

{LC5700/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2683**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Enhances and further defines the role of the board of trustees of the University of Rhode Island. This act would also provide a more efficient procurement process for the university.)

{LC5870/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2684**BY** Burke, Bissaillon, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax the amount paid for a parking space to a patron for one hour or less, in or on a parking facility on which a commercial establishment is located.)

{LC5330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2685**BY** Gu, Murray, DiMario, Ujifusa, Bell, Valverde, Lauria, Thompson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (Provides coverage and increases individual and group insurance rates of reimbursement for ambulance services.)

{LC4980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2686**BY** McKenney, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Britto, Gu, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF THE ELDER ADVOCATE (Establishes the office of the elder advocate to promote the rights of older adults in Rhode Island.)

{LC5014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Gallo, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH ACT (Requires health insurers to comply with federal mental health parity laws, prevent discriminatory treatment limits, and ensures meaningful mental health and substance use coverage in all benefit classifications.)

{LC5858/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2688**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Mack, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PATIENT PAYMENT INFORMATION (Prohibits a healthcare provider from requiring patients to provide electronic payment information to be kept on file as a condition to receiving treatment and makes it a violation a deceptive trade practice.)

{LC5448/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2689**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Mandates that the EOHHS assemble a network of equity zones where local multisector groups of nonprofits, service providers, advocates, community members, state agencies, and municipalities can address social factors of health at a local level.)

{LC5581/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2690**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Murray, Burke, Mack, DiMario, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends the current law on low-income housing to include moderate-income housing and eliminates the income percentages used to determine qualifications for low or moderate income housing.)

{LC5725/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2691**BY** Gu, Euer, DiMario, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Eliminates mandated housing densities/density bonuses for public drinking water supply watersheds/groundwater. Requires densities not exceed water availability, introduce pollution, stay within public water or sewer system capacity limits.)

{LC5175/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2692**BY** Bissaillon, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condominium associations to conduct structural surveys and reserve studies, fund reserves at 15%, and plan for repairs.)

{LC5695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2693**BY** Dimitri, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Johnston town council to set tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution for qualified individuals defined in the act.)

{LC5654/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2694

BY Felag, Raptakis, Tikoian, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, E Morgan, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE--DISABLED VETERAN HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Prohibits the imposition of fees associated with home modifications that are specifically required to accommodate a veteran's disability.)
{LC4845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2695

BY Dimitri, Ciccone, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Allows the town of Johnston to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)
{LC5864/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2696

(By Request)
BY Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends the low and moderate income housing act.)
{LC4946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2697

BY Gu, Kallman, McKenney, DiMario, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Allows a municipality to set its own conveyance tax rate for residential properties sold in excess of \$900,000.00 at \$10 per \$500. Provides collected taxes to be in a restricted account and distributed within 2 years for affordable housing.)
{LC4734/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2698**BY** DiPalma, Euer, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY TAX ACT (Defines a seasonably-habitable non-owner occupied residence, which is not the primary residence of the taxpayer, and which would be exempt from the non-owner occupied property tax.)

{LC5664/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2699**BY** Dimitri, Ciccone, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the town of North Providence to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)

{LC5860/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2700

(By Request)

BY DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

{LC5409/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2701**BY** Dimitri, Ciccone, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Authorizes the town of Johnston, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250) or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.)

{LC5863/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2702**BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condominium associations to charge a reduced fee to update a condominium resale certificate after issuance of the initial certificate.)

{LC5728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2703**BY** Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, Patalano, Famiglietti, Thompson, Rogers, Dimitri, McKenney, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PROPERTY TAX/RENT FREEZE BILL (Prohibits cities or towns that implement a rent control ordinance from raising property taxes and such prohibition would last for as long as the rent control ordinance is in effect.)

{LC5467/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2704**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, McKenney, Murray, Burke, Mack, DiMario, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACQUISITION OF LAND (Provides that cities or towns may, by ordinance, designate "special ways" throughout the city or town which would be subject to alternative regulations to preserve its cultural, historic or scenic character.)

{LC5503/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2705**BY** Gu, Burke, Mack, DiMario, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Requires that affordable housing would be provided for with some developments.)

{LC5506/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2706**BY** Rogers, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT PASSED AT THE JANUARY SESSION A.D. 1942 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE WESTERN COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT" (Amends the public law incorporating Western Coventry Fire District to require a referendum & affirmative vote of the fire district electors prior to any merge/consolidation of the district with any other district or with the fire department of Coventry.)
{LC3275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 2707**BY** Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Acosta, Gu, Kallman, Lauria, Felag

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE IMMIGRANT IMPACT TASK FORCE (Creates an 11-member task force to track and oversee immigration enforcement and support actions in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the General Assembly House no later than January 5, 2027, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2027.)
{LC5504/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2708**BY** Bissaillon, Burke, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Clarifies that a magistrate or sentencing judge sitting in a court with jurisdiction over motor vehicle offenses has the discretion to grant a conditional hardship license for a first-time offender upon request.)
{LC5318/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2709**BY** Raptakis, Burke, de la Cruz, Bell, Ciccone, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF (Requires nonprofit entities who receive grants or other funding, to provide a detailed list of their ten highest paid directors, officers or employees' salaries and benefits, including the names of said individuals.)
{LC4509/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2710

BY Mack, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, McKenney, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF PROHIBITED FIREARMS (Restricts the possession of prohibited firearms.)
{LC5538/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2711

BY Dimitri, Bissaillon, McKenney, Zurier, Mack, DiMario, Murray, Bell, Quezada, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN SLATE ACT (Authorizes the automatic expungement of eligible conviction records by operation of law, initiated and completed by state agencies through electronic processes established within the judicial system.)
{LC5201/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2712

BY Ciccone, Burke, Patalano, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Authorizes the state police to enforce municipal ordinances; provided that, the ordinances provide for civil penalties only.)
{LC5527/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2713

BY de la Cruz, Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY EQUITY PROTECTION ACT (Establishes the Property Equity Protection Act to protect property owners from losing their equity when their property is seized to pay a debt to the government by allowing ample time to pay off the debt and adequate notice of due process.)
{LC5510/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2714**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Removes the intent requirement relative to the definitions of "abuse" within the chapter on "abuse in healthcare facilities" and amends the definitions of "abuse" and "neglect" with regard to elderly affairs by deleting the element of willful conduct.)
{LC5650/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2715**BY** Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Burke, Bissailon, Felag, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Establishes the criminal offense of real estate title fraud. Allows municipalities to refuse to record "suspicious documents" from persons who are not trusted submitters. Also creates penalties for real estate title fraud.)
{LC5209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2716

BY Paolino, de la Cruz, Thompson, DiPalma, Urso, Euer, Zurier, Ciccone, Patalano, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates the joint committee of the repealer for a term of six (6) years to compile suggestions for repeal of certain statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)
{LC5333/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2717**BY** Burke, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Adds criminal penalties for operation of a motor vehicle after a suspension for lack of physical or mental fitness, or as a result of frequency of offenses pursuant to § 31-11-7 (a)(1)(i) or as result of a court ordered suspension.)
{LC5451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2718

BY Famiglietti, Raptakis, Thompson, Appollonio, Dimitri, Urso, Burke, Patalano, Tikoian, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Increases fines for speeding in residential or school zones.)

{LC5374/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2719

BY Bissaillon, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOMICIDE (Prohibits the imposition of a sentence of life without parole upon any person twenty-one (21) years of age or younger.)

{LC5480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2720

BY DiMario, Zurier, Euer, Gu, Lauria, Valverde, Murray, Bissaillon, McKenney, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Amends various sections of law relating to campaign contributions and expenditures, including prohibitions on self-dealing with committee funds and prohibits donations made in fictitious names.)

{LC4361/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2721

BY DiMario, Lauria, Gallo, Vargas, Valverde, Britto, Acosta, Murray, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD-SERVING PROVIDER LIABILITY JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION (Creates the child-serving provider liability joint underwriting association to provide a joint underwriting association to provide liability insurance coverage for eligible child serving providers.)

{LC5849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2722

BY Vargas, Britto, DiPalma, Urso, Famiglietti, Acosta, Bell, Appollonio, Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Creates a cause of action for the
replacement cost of a child restraint system that is in a motor vehicle at the time of a motor
vehicle accident.)
{LC5337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2723

BY Dimitri, Tikoian, Murray, Urso, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence
crimes committed by a family or household members against another.)
{LC5200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2724

BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Burke
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF
THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION (Petitions
congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution
to impose restraints on the federal government.)
{LC4711/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2725

BY Bissaillon, Burke, Acosta, Mack, Dimitri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of
execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)
{LC5187/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2726**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Britto, Gu, Zurier, DiPalma, Murray, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- RESPONSIBLE FIREARM PURCHASING ACT (Changes the application to purchase a firearm. Further, this act would require all persons seeking to possess a firearm except for police and military personnel to complete and pass a basic firearm safety training course.)
{LC5094/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2727**BY** Acosta, Euer, Valverde, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, Vargas, Bell, Zurier, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- THE EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY REGULATION ACT (Creates an intervenor compensation program to provide compensation in the form of grants for legal fees, expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs to an intervenor in both, energy siting board and public utilities commission proceedings.)
{LC5497/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2728**BY** Euer, Vargas, DiPalma, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Requires notice to E-ZPass users before DMV reporting, and set rules and regulations for transponder failures, requires outreach and free replacements, and allow mitigation or forgiveness of tolls and penalties from equipment failures.)
{LC5122/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2729**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Provides the board of trustees with tort claim protections and calls upon the board to undertake a feasibility study related to operations of the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center and the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission.)
{LC5873/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2730**BY** Bissaillon, Acosta, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits a peace officer, as defined in § 12-7-21, from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.)
{LC5833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2731**BY** Bissaillon, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCING RECONSIDERATION ACT (Allows eligible individuals serving sentences of imprisonment to seek sentence reductions from the superior court, individuals serving life without parole or minimum mandatory sentences pursuant to law, would not be eligible for such relief.)
{LC5481/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2732**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Allows lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.)
{LC3787/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2733**BY** Dimitri, LaMountain, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Makes it unlawful for a person in the custody of the department of corrections to use any force or weapon to resist a lawful request or directive.)
{LC4906/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2734**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, DiMario, Euer, Burke, Murray, Kallman, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords who rent shoreline property to provide their tenants, before the start of the tenancy, with a detailed, written disclosure regarding their shoreline access rights.)

{LC4471/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2735**BY** Burke, Bissaillon, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Amends the process for creating and governing project labor agreements ("PLA").)

{LC5116/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2736**BY** Burke, Bissaillon, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY (Ensures that the State of Rhode Island adopt the protections afforded under the Occupational Safety and Health Act if its scope or enforcement capacity is diminished.)

{LC5733/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2737**BY** Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Murray, Britto, McKenney, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Expands the benefit definitions to include a grandchild and care recipient and increases benefits period to 10 weeks for 2027 and 12 weeks for 2028 and provides a TDI/TCI opt-in option for self-employed workers.)

{LC5881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2738**BY** Burke, Bissaillon, Thompson, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PLUMBERS, IRRIGATORS, AND WATER SYSTEM INSTALLERS (Grants hourly credit of 288 hours against 576 hours if graduate of accredited trade school/raises to 4 years of work under master plumber and requires 8,000 hours of on-the-job training plus 5 years of registration with DLT.)
{LC5708/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2739**BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Euer, McKenney, Zurier, Bissaillon, Thompson, Bell, Raptakis, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- PROCEDURE (Amends the workers' compensation reimbursement provisions related to the liability of third person for damages.)
{LC5721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2740**BY** Burke, Bissaillon, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES -- HEALTHCARE WORKER OVERTIME PAY (Requires all health care workers who are employed on any Sunday or holiday, to be compensated at the rate of time and one-half.)
{LC5416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2741**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Allows retired teachers, state and municipal workers to be employed without the loss of any retirement benefits, as long as they reside in Rhode Island at least 270 days and have an annual income from all sources that is less than \$55,000.)
{LC5701/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2742**BY** Burke, Ciccone, Lawson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- NON-CHARITABLE BINGO (Creates a new chapter to provide for non-charitable bingo by the state lottery division.)
{LC5606/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2743**BY** Ciccone, Thompson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Raises the minimum threshold contract price before public works contractors are required to pay prevailing wages to their employees, from \$1,000 to \$100,000.)
{LC5837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2744**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Acosta, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT (Establishes an opportunity for employee ownership where the owner notifies all current full-time and part-time employees and provides them with a 30-day window in which to initiate a process to potentially purchase the business as a workers' cooperative.)
{LC5587/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2745

(by request)

BY de la Cruz, DiMario, Lauria, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the India Point Park Overpass pedestrian bridge as the "Joseph M. Lima Overpass" to honor the former Deputy Majority Leader's legislative achievements and his lifelong dedication to the Portuguese-American community.)
{LC5332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2746

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, E Morgan, Ciccone, Thompson, Burke, Felag, Famiglietti, Patalano, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Directs the division of motor vehicles to create a special plate for individuals in the manufacturing industry.)
{LC5459/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2747

BY Dimitri, Ciccone, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits Johnston to require 2 parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.)
{LC5862/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2748

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows the holder of a manufacturer's license to sell one-sixth of a barrel keg or any otherwise permitted vessel containing no more than the amount of malt beverage allowed.)
{LC4042/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2749

BY Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 819 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.)
{LC5439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2750**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the University of Rhode Island football practice field, located at 5E West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881, to the "Mark S. Cruise '81 '84 Football Practice Field.")

{LC5886/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2751**BY** Bissaillon, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT (Creates the RI Pedestrian Safety Act allows cities and town to use automated safety monitoring which a civil fine of \$50 for violations.)

{LC5857/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2752**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Allows any truck with a gross vehicle weight of eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) or less to be registered as an automobile and issued passenger plates.)

{LC5694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2753**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Felag, Euer, Kallman, Appollonio, E Morgan, Murray, Zurier, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME STAFFING SUPPORT ACT OF 2026 (Creates The Rhode Island Veterans Home Staffing Support Act of 2026.)

{LC5346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2754**BY** Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT
{LC5905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2755**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B or Class BV liquor license for the property located at 186 Wayland Avenue in the city of Providence.)
{LC5290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2756**BY** Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, E Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)
{LC5878/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2757**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC.
{LC5495/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2758**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELLIE CHASE
{LC5875/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

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 Tuesday, March 03rd at 4:05 o'clock P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:08 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR STEFANO V. FAMIGLIETTI

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

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MACH 03, 2026

1. **2026-S 2757**
BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2026-S 2758**
BY Euer
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELLIE CHASE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2026

- 1. 2026-S 2341 SUB A**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

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

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

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

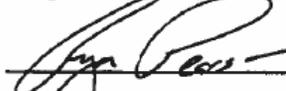
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APPROVE

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Respectfully Submitted,



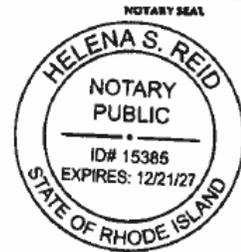
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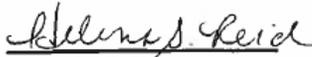
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NOTARY

State of Rhode Island
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On this 26th day of February 2026 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Ryan W. Pearson, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.




Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid
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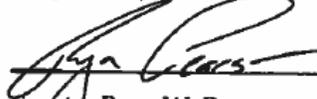
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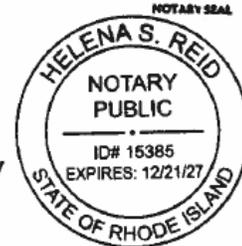
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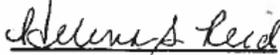
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