

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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Eleventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:36 o'clock P.M.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT -38: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte DiPalma, Doyle, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski

ABSENT – 0: Senators

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Cote 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 2017 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Archambault and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcomes to the Chamber Charles Jackvony, Senate Page from Smithfield.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 31, 2017

Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 due to inclement weather and unsafe road conditions. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis L. Algieri
SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Read and placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

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President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas D. Kettle
SENATE MINORITY WHIP

Read and placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 31, 2017

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate session on Tuesday January 31, 2017, I am out of state on business.

Sincerely,

James E. Doyle, II
Senator, District- 8
Pawtucket

Read and placed on placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 31, 2017

Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Due to inclement weather and unsafe road conditions, please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Elaine J. Morgan
DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP

Read and placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 2, 2017

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend the Senate Session today, Tuesday, January 31, 2017. I have personal business to attend to.

Warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

James C. Sheehan
Senator – District 36

Read and placed on file.

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

January 31, 2017

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Paiva Weed:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal obligations, I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Adam J. Satchell
Senate District 09

Read and placed on file.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Senator McCaffrey, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Resolution No. 5

BY McCaffrey, Coyne, Lynch Prata, Jabour, Metts

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT ALL BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE ON POLICY ACTIONS AND INVESTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FACILITATED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER
{LC231/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 6

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Nesselbush, Coyne, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CORRECTIONS - BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND PROBATION SUPERVISION (Creates a batterers intervention program fund and also adopts evidence-based probation and parole supervision systems.)
{LC237/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 7 SUB A

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley, Lynch Prata, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Changes the eligibility requirements and increases the amount of damages crime victims may recover under the criminal injuries compensation act.)
{LC238/A/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 8 SUB A

BY McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Makes various changes to the sentencing and execution guidelines for purposes of criminal procedure and would add new conditions of criminal probation.)
{LC232/A/2}

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 9

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Conley, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE, MEDICAL PAROLE, COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT, AND CORRECTIONAL IMPACTS (Reforms parole, medical parole, community confinement, and correctional impact statements.)

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 10 SUB A

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Jabour, Coyne, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT DIVERSION (Creates superior court diversion program, imposing certain service and screening conditions on defendants in return for exoneration of charges.)
{LC236/A/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 11 SUB A

BY McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Clarifies what constitutes a felony, misdemeanor, and petty misdemeanor and also amends the penalties for certain criminal offenses involving assault and larceny, based on the value of property stolen.)
{LC234/A/1}

Read and ordered to be place on the Senate Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 93

BY Cote, Picard, Fogarty, Pearson, Paolino

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING RICHARD CHAREST ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AT LANDMARK MEDICAL CENTER AND THE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF RHODE ISLAND

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Cote requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Cote moves passage, seconded by Picard, Metts and Pearson.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Conley announces that the committees on Environment and Agriculture and Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Ruggerio wishes Senator Roger Picard a belated Happy Birthday.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Ruggerio, the Senate stands in recess at 4:42 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 94**

BY Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Jabour, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN LENDERS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

{LC677/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 95

BY Archambault, Sosnowski, Miller, Conley, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT (The office of regulatory reform shall consult with various state agencies and plant-based representatives to facilitate economic growth.)

{LC423/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 96

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Defines the term an "opinion of value" to be an analysis, opinion, of conclusion prepared by a real estate broker pertaining to the price of property.)

{LC1046/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 97

BY Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - PRODUCE SCALES IN MARKETS (Requires sealers of weights and measures appointed by the cities and towns to receive the same fees as charged by state sealers who perform the same inspecting/testing services.)

{LC558/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 98**BY** Conley, Jabour, Coyne, Lombardi, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - SECURITIZATION ACT (Repeals The Public Utility Securitization Act (§§39-1-43 to 60), passed in 1997.)

{LC235/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 99**BY** Satchell, Conley, Lombardi, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS (Creates a process for the department of education collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibility performed by school social workers.)

{LC317/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 100**BY** Lombardo, Metts, Cote, Sheehan, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Permits students with necessary educational background to participate in career and technical internships.)

{LC1053/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 101**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes a process by which a virtual education plan may be established and used by school districts during inclement weather which would count as a school day, provided that the plan is approved by the council on elementary and secondary education.)

{LC515/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 102**BY** Archambault, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION (Requires state board of education approval of driver education courses for new drivers.)

{LC425/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 103**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires that the board of education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency.)
{LC512/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 104**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SOCIAL SERVICES (Defines and declares the purpose of child opportunity zones and would provide for annual reporting from the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to the general assembly on each zone.)
{LC517/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 105**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Crowley, Goldin, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen.)
{LC743/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 106**BY** Satchell, Conley, Metts, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to consider incorporating media literacy education in the basic education program.)
{LC316/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 107**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ALL STUDENTS COUNT ACT OF 2017 (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to use separate collection categories and tabulations for specified Asian ethnic groups in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of residents.)
{LC513/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 108**BY** Conley, Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Crowley, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESILIENT RHODE ISLAND ACT OF 2014 - CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL (Directs the climate change coordinating council to study a carbon pricing program.)
{LC507/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 109

BY Miller, Archambault, Goldin, Conley, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Prohibits retail sales establishments from making available to their customers, plastic checkout bags, or plastic water bottles or expanded polystyrene disposable food containers at the point of sale.)

{LC476/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 110

BY Lombardo, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - BIRDS (Legalizes the taking of wild migratory birds by crossbow.)

{LC919/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 111

BY Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY WATERFOWL HUNTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS (Extends the reporting and expiration dates for the special legislative commission to study waterfowl hunting laws and regulations from January 3, 2017, to November 1, 2017, and said commission would expire on December 31, 2017.)

{LC1095/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 112

BY Conley, Sosnowski, Miller, Paiva Weed, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Expands the renewable energy growth program for an additional ten (10) years after the fifth program year, with an annual target of forty (40) nameplate megawatts for each year of the ten (10) year period.)

{LC837/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 113

BY Miller, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds electronic nicotine-delivery systems to the definition of "Tobacco" for tax purposes.)

{LC466/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 114**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC522/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 115**BY** Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Jabour, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RIPTA -- ELDERLY AND DISABLED BUS PASS ASSISTANCE (Reinstates free RIPTA bus fares for elderly and disabled riders who meet means test criteria.)

{LC709/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 116**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Felag, Lombardo, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAX - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Adds disabled veterans with honorable discharge who purchase a new motor vehicle to the category of certain veterans exempt from sales and use taxes.)

{LC692/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 117**BY** Kettle, DaPonte, Paolino, Algieri, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INCOME TAX REFUNDS - STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Gives all state income tax return filers the option to have their tax refund directly deposited into their bank account.)

{LC559/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 118**BY** Lombardo, Archambault, Conley, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Requires the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation to annually pay six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the town of Johnston in addition to any other monies paid to the town by the corporation.)

{LC916/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 119**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Permits the town of Tiverton to be prospectively reimbursed at the forty percent (40%) floor of the housing aid share ratio on projects completed before June 30, 2010.)

{LC648/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 120**BY** Crowley, Conley, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - EXCISE TAX ON VEHICLES (Bases motor vehicle values for excise purposes on the NADA guidebook valuations.)

{LC871/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 121**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Lombardo, Ciccone, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand one hundred pounds (8,100 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)

{LC1003/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 122**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Miller, Metts, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (Eliminates the September 2017 termination date of the child care assistance program.)

{LC32/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 123**BY** Felag, Fogarty, Kettle, Coyne, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the Education and Property Tax Relief Act by setting the regionalization bonus at (2%) of the state's share of foundation education formula and by eliminating third year bonus provision.)

{LC332/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 124**BY** Sosnowski, Felag, Miller, Lynch Prata, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Repeals the sales tax on pet care services.)

{LC688/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 125**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases the maximum tax for qualifying low income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC530/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 126**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ELIMINATION (Provides a gradually increasing exemption to motor vehicle excise taxes for distressed communities starting FY 2018 \$2,000, FY 2019 \$4,000, and FY 2020 \$6,000.)

{LC27/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 127**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Miller, Metts, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE--STATE SUBSIDIES (Enhances the reimbursement rates paid by the departments of human services and children, youth and families for infants and toddlers enrolled in licensed child care centers and certified family child care providers.)

{LC36/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 128**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

{LC520/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 129**BY** Archambault, Felag, Doyle, Pearson, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Changes the minimum corporate tax by calculating the tax based on gross income.)

{LC439/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 130**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Morgan, Paolino, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Requires a long-term economic policy/strategic implementation plan to receive a public hearing by house/senate, but also a vote of approval with transmittal to the governor for signature before it takes effect.)

{LC292/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 131

BY Cote, Kettle, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts that portion of motor vehicle lease payments representing taxes payable by a lessor from the collection of sales and use taxes.)

{LC362/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 132

BY Miller, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires that the tax imposed on little cigars be imposed in the same manner of the tax imposed on cigarettes.)

{LC461/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 133

BY Conley, Crowley, Satchell, Miller, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows unused tax credits previously issued under the Historic Homeownership Assistance Act to be carried forward for tax year 2017 and thereafter.)

{LC504/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 134

BY Satchell, Conley, Cote, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Provides that applicants for historic tax credits shall have ninety (90) days after the date of the commission's written determination certifying the rehabilitation to pay the required three percent (3%) non-refundable fee to the division of taxation.)

{LC325/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 135

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Utilizes rebates instead of tax credits and increases the available amounts.)

{LC477/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 136**BY** Miller, Ruggerio, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Repeals the sunset provision of chapter 33.6 of title 44 which grants tax credits to individuals or companies redeveloping historic structures.)

{LC462/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 137**BY** Lombardo, Archambault, Lombardi, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Increases the Resource Recovery Corporation tipping fee from three dollars (\$3.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle to be paid to the town of Johnston on a biannual basis.)

{LC917/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 138**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Deletes the provisions regarding reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students. Provides permanent foundation education aid funding for services and instructional services for students residing in conventional public housing units.)

{LC518/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 139**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Exempts qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles from excise taxes.)

{LC469/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 140**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Conley, McCaffrey, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - RETIREMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Removes some of the restrictions on post-retirement re-employment of public employees.)

{LC118/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 141**BY** Goldin, Metts, Crowley, Gallo, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (Increases the income eligibility limit for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) to 200% of the federal poverty level from 180%.)

{LC839/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 142**BY** DiPalma, DaPonte, Nesselbush, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Amends the provisions by which charter public schools apply for state aid for reimbursement of school housing costs and further amends the calculation method of housing costs under this section.)

{LC974/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 143**BY** Archambault, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Felag, Doyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - START-UP RHODE ISLAND TAX FREE ZONE PROGRAM (Establishes the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act" to allow for the establishment of certain tax free zones in the state.)

{LC414/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 144**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Conley, McCaffrey, Gee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides for an increase in the marital estate deduction in certain instances.)

{LC440/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 145**BY** Goldin, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires a health care entity or health plan to issue a decision regarding the credentialing of a health care provider within forty-five (45) calendar days of receiving a complete credentialing application.)

{LC1000/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 146**BY** Miller, Goldin, Sosnowski, Crowley, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Adds two (2) requirements that a hospital provide to a prospective patient, the requested cost estimate of their requested anticipated hospital services within two (2) business days of request and the cost of any facility fee.)

{LC463/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 147**BY** Kettle, Satchell, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DELEGATION OF NON-ABLATIVE TREATMENTS (Provides guidelines for the delegation by licensed health care professionals of non-ablative laser or energy-based treatments to a properly-qualified delegate.)

{LC697/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 148**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Prohibits changing hospital from charging risk bearing hospital insurer for cost of unduplicated service more than 100% of lowest rate changing hospital accepts from insurer.)

{LC475/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 149**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Lombardi, Quezada, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 (Requires the health information exchange advisory commission to develop a strategic plan for interoperability of electronic health record systems.)

{LC997/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 150**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for at least ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance-use disorders for American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.1 and 3.3.)

{LC35/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 151**BY** Miller, Picard, Sosnowski, Goldin, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - INSURANCE BENEFITS (Enables adjunct faculty members eligible for state employee medical insurance.)

{LC467/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 152

(by request)

BY Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CONTINUITY-OF-CARE FOR MEDICALLY-FRAGILE STUDENTS ACT (Establishes standards of practice for providers of clinical nursing services for medically-fragile students.)

{LC995/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 153**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- SELF-INSURANCE OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY AGENCIES (Authorizes operators of developmental disability agencies acting as a group acting as a group, to self-insure health care costs for employees, retirees and other beneficiaries, and allows a qualified third-party administrator to administer said program.)

{LC531/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 154**BY** Calkin, Miller, Seveney, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Repeals the "Rhode Island Health Care Reform Act of 2004 – Health Insurance Oversight" as well as the "Rhode Island Health Benefit Exchange, and establishes the Rhode Island comprehensive health insurance program.)

{LC817/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 155**BY** Satchell, Conley, Crowley, Coyne, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 2017 (Creates ombudsperson program for developmental disabilities attached to department of administration with ombudsperson selected by committee named by governor to advocate on behalf of affected adults.)

{LC322/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 156**BY** Conley, Coyne, Crowley, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Creates the position of a state-designated ombudsperson for services for intellectually/developmentally disabled individuals.)

{LC506/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 157**BY** Gee, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of East Greenwich, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of East Greenwich on November 8, 2016.)

{LC241/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 158**BY** Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Permits the Barrington town council to appoint two alternate members to the planning board.)

{LC866/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 159**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER SUPPLY (Allows the town of Smithfield to charge interest on delinquent water payments at a rate of not more than twelve percent (12%) per annum.)

{LC438/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 160**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Miller, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging fees to the residents.)

{LC33/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 161

(by request)

BY Sosnowski, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies and validates the amendment to the South Kingstown Home Rule Charter which was approved by the electors of the town of South Kingstown at the polls on November 8, 2016.)

{LC972/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 162**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Changes the date of the annual meeting of the Coventry Fire District from the second Tuesday of December to the second Wednesday of November.)

{LC594/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 163**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THE KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (Adds two (2) members to the board of the Kent County Water Authority.)

{LC945/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 164**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify an amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendment was adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 8, 2016.)

{LC983/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 165**BY** Sosnowski, Fogarty, Felag, Archambault, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - TRESPASS AND ACTIONS FOR POSSESSION (Provides that a cause of action may be brought for encroachment upon open space land.)

{LC695/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 166**BY** Satchell, Coyne, Goldin, Archambault, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CHILD PRODUCTS AND UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE (Prohibits the manufacture, sale, and distribution of residential upholstered children's products that contain certain amounts of bromide or chlorine bonded to carbon that is added to a plastic, foam, or textile.)

{LC319/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 167**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS (Renders void/unenforceable motor transportation contract terms holding harmless indemnitee from or against its own negligence/intentional acts/omissions upon the effective date.)

{LC514/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 168**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Requires an escrow agent to release monies held in an escrow account within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a written release and instructions signed by all parties to a failed real estate transaction.)

{LC864/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 169**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Crowley, Metts, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WRONGFUL DISCHARGE FROM EMPLOYMENT (Ends Rhode Island's adoption of the "employment-at-will" legal doctrine and would provide some job protection for employees that satisfactorily perform their duties. The act would also provide specific remedies for wrongful discharge.)

{LC662/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 170**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION AT OF 2016 (Adds alcohol and alcohol-related overdoses and possession or transportation of alcohol by an underage person, to the Good Samaritan Act.)

{LC976/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 171**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew Nahmias to join Lauren Langwith and Matthew Lanuto in marriage on or about July 1, 2017, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1101/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 172**BY** Kettle, Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - AERIAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant.)

{LC567/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 173**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Jabour, Conley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Removes the requirement that the attorney general consent to a deferment of sentencing in a written deferral agreement and grant the superior court traditional discretion in sentencing matters.)

{LC685/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 174**BY** Satchell, McCaffrey, DaPonte, Gallo, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SAFETY BELTS IN SCHOOL BUSES (Requires every new school bus to be equipped with seat belts effective January 1, 2019.)

{LC818/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 175**BY** Sosnowski, Lombardo, Coyne, Conley, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Prohibits the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and would provide for monetary fines for violations.)

{LC691/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 176**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Increased the number of permits for medical marijuana compassion centers from three (3) to six (6).)

{LC436/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 177**BY** Sosnowski, Jabour, Conley, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Excludes preliminary drafts, notes, impressions, memoranda, working papers and work products involving research at state institutions of higher learning from the definition of a public record.)

{LC696/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 178**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Repeals §14-1-60 regarding placement for costs and expenses for certain complaints filed in family court, and chapter 4 of title 14, which establishes the O'Rourke Children's Center.)

{LC39/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 179**BY** Morgan, Kettle, Paolino, Raptakis, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT -- DRUG TESTING (Authorizes random drug screening as a condition for continued public assistance, and provides a mechanism for re-testing those who fail the test.)

{LC373/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 180**BY** Archambault, Conley, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL HEARINGS (Entitles criminal defendants charged with enumerated serious criminal offenses to a bail hearing within four (4) calendar days of initial court appearance.)

{LC962/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 181**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS (Repeals the law regarding contributions among joint tortfeasors and replaces it with the Apportionment of Tort Responsibility Act, in order to provide a uniform and comprehensive system for the apportionment of tort responsibility.)

{LC720/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 182**BY** Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thomas S. Kaplanes to join Autumn Yeo and Timothy Stauffer in marriage on or about June 24, 2017, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC955/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 183**BY** Ciccone, Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' LICENSE (Allows DMV to issue driving privilege licenses/permits to applicants unable to establish lawful presence in US which are not valid for ID purposes effective July 1, 2018.)

{LC981/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 184**BY** Morgan, Cote, Gee, Kettle, Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Requires most employers in Rhode Island to participate in the E/Verify employment authorization program and establishes deadlines to do so.)

{LC307/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 185**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS AND DECREES -- INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS (Provides that interest on judgments would accrue from the date of the filing of the civil action and not the date the cause of action accrued and would also apply to medical malpractice claims. Takes effect January 1, 2017.)

{LC721/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 186**BY** Archambault, Metts, Conley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Redefines "first-time offender" and permits individuals with a record of up to two (2) misdemeanor convictions to be eligible for expungement.)

{LC441/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 187**BY** Metts, Goldin, Crowley, Quezada, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Limits carrying of firearms on school grounds to peace officers.)

{LC926/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 188**BY** Archambault, Raptakis, Lombardi, Jabour, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Enhances the penalties for driving a motor vehicle without proof of financial responsibility.)

{LC433/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 189**BY** Ciccone, Satchell, Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE (Creates the "Healthy Workplace Act of 2017" and establishes a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct that is tolerated by employers.)

{LC1011/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 190**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Coyne, Jabour, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POLICE ARBITRATION (Changes the last day for a request for municipal police arbitration agreement to 120 days before the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement.)

{LC432/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 191**BY** Archambault, Crowley, Raptakis, Lombardi, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Adds campus police officers to the group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, benefits during periods of whole/partial incapacitation incurred while on-duty or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off-duty.)

{LC426/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 192**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Establishes a procedure for employees to secure liens against employers for unpaid wages. Contested claims would be decided by the superior court. Contracts of employment in contravention of this chapter would be void as against public policy.)

{LC486/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 193**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Fogarty, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION (Prevents funds from the worker's compensation administrative fund restricted receipts account from being transferred to the general fund.)

{LC430/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 194**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Gallo, Pearson, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS (Reduces the number of hours of instruction required to obtain a hairdresser's and cosmetician's license from fifteen hundred (1,500) to twelve hundred (1,200) hours.)

{LC1067/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 195**BY** Jabour, Ciccone, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Permits the Providence licensing board to issue a Class C liquor license for premises at 215 Dean Street.)

{LC796/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 196**BY** Sheehan, Jabour, Coyne, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS (Designates the Honor and Remember flag as Rhode
Island's emblem for service and sacrifice of members in the United States armed forces.)
{LC785/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 197**BY** Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE
(GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT)
(Amends the constitution so that in the year 2022 and thereafter, candidates for the office of
governor and lieutenant governor would form joint candidacies so that voters cast a single vote for
a candidate for governor and lieutenant governor.)
{LC521/1}

Introduced, referred to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 5006**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the
Honorable Eileen Koretz to join Jenna Jae Reid and Steven Paul Messer in marriage on or about
October 7, 2017, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)
{LC162/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5007**BY** Tanzi, Regunberg, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the
Honorable J. Aaron Regunberg to join Amanda L. Clarke and Corey A. Cantrell in marriage on or
about October 7, 2017, within City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC240/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5009**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joyce St. Germaine, to join Elizabeth Grzebien and Robert Grandchamp in marriage on or about August 4, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC8/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5010**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Clark Corrente, Esq., to join Brenda Gamba and Robert William Halstead in marriage on or about May 19, 2017, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC21/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5005**BY** Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mitchell Ross Edwards to join Allison Leslie Bowman and Kristian Erik Barry in marriage on or about September 2, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC44/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5034**BY** McEntee, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable James E. O'Neil, Esq., to join Leslie Anne Fines and Charles Thomas Dell'Anno in marriage on or about September 2, 2017, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC161/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5066**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Barbara Wilmot to join Meghan Jaillet and Benjamin Holloway in marriage on or about September 2, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC330/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5129**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Casimiro, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kimberly D'Aiello to join Catherine Wilkinson and Kyle Laprade in marriage on or about May 20, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC718/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5114

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Wardle to join Kacey Colleen Sullivan and Michael Anthony Pamula, Jr., in marriage on or about May 5, 2017, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC620/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5130

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Kennedy to join Courtney Kennedy and Randy Willard in marriage on or about May 20, 2017, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC710/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5131

BY Costantino, Winfield

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Paul J. Cesaro to join Brittney Crawford and Bryan Cardin in marriage on or about June 20, 2017, within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island.)

{LC722/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5180

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., to join Francesca M. Black and Justin Michael Port in marriage on or about June 10, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC819/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5008

BY Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Devin Driscoll to join Kayleigh Pratt and William Fischer in marriage on or about February 11, 2017, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC164/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5013

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF APOGEE PRODUCTS, INC.

{LC251/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5092

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Jennifer Elizabeth Sayles and Mary-Margaret Velan in marriage on or about February 15, 2017, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)

{LC554/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on Tuesday's Consent Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, calls the Senate back to order on Wednesday, February 01st at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Kettle, the Senate stands adjourn at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR MARC A. COTE**

Dear God, please grant us the wisdom to be aware of the vital needs of the people we are here to serve. Please grant us the courage to meet those needs to the fullest extent of our ability. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017:

1. **2017-H 5008**
 BY Blazejewski
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

2. **2017-H 5013**
 BY Corvese
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
 CHARTER OF APOGEE PRODUCTS, INC.

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

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017:

1. **2017-H 5092**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017:**

- 1. 2017-S 5**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT ALL BRANCHES OF STATE GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE ON POLICY ACTIONS AND INVESTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FACILITATED BY THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS JUSTICE CENTER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2017-S 6**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CORRECTIONS - BATTERERS INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND PROBATION SUPERVISION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2017-S 7 SUB A**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 4. 2017-S 8 SUB A**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.
- 5. 2017-S 9**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE, MEDICAL PAROLE, COMMUNITY CONFINEMENT, AND CORRECTIONAL IMPACTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

6. 2017-S 10 SUB A**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS
-- SUPERIOR COURT DIVERSION

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

7. 2017-S 11 SUB A**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL
PROVISIONS

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