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Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Fourth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 31 Senators present and 7 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.

ABSENT – 7: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mendes, Paolino, Valverde.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator de la Cruz, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Third Legislative Day of the 2022 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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January 21, 2022

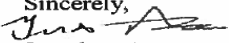
The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
State House, Room 318
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggerio:

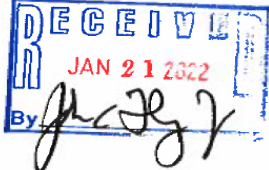
Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, due to personal reasons.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathon Acosta
Senator District #16

JA/nc



Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

Committee on Commerce

Committee on
Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

January 24, 2022

Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
Room 318
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President:

I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session Tuesday, January 25, 2022 due to illness.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate senate journal.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Mendes/CBS

Cynthia Mendes
Senate District 18

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

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Senate Chamber

Committee on Commerce

Committee on Housing and
Municipal Government

January 25, 2022

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I am unable to attend Senate Session today, January 25, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kendra Anderson".

Kendra Anderson
Senator – District 31

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

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Committee on
Health & Human Services

Committee on
Environment & Agriculture

January 25, 2022

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today,
Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget".

Bridget Valverde
Senator - District 35

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

State of Rhode Island

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Senate Chamber

Committee on Education

Committee on
Health & Human Services

January 25, 2022

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I am unable to attend Senate Session today, January 25, 2022.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanine Calkin".

Jeanine Calkin
Senator – District 30

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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

Senate Bill No. 2020

BY Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND (Authorizes the town of Johnston to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$215,000,000 to finance construction, additions, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.)
{LC3605/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 2026

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23-29, 2022, TO BE "CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC3958/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2019**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW OF CONSTANTINOPLE

{LC3318/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Raptakis requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Raptakis moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2027**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING BILL WHITE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

{LC3451/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Burke requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Burke moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2028**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ALVES FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. ALVES
{LC3515/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2029**BY** McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED COMMANDER MICHAEL J. BABULA
{LC3625/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.

The senate resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2030****BY** DiPalma, Kallman, Burke, Zurier, DiMario, Euer, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS -- NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.)

{LC3912/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2031**BY** DiPalma, Kallman, Burke, DiMario, Zurier, Euer, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTERNET PRIVACY AND SECURITY (Establishes that manufacturers of devices capable of connecting to the Internet equip the devices with reasonable security features.)

{LC3911/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2032**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Repeals § 16-7-34.3, reimbursement for public housing students. Adds similar language to § 16-7.2-6.)

{LC3668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2033**BY** Picard, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS - SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Allows a school district to conduct instruction through virtual education up to five (5) days when schools have been closed due to inclement weather, emergency or any nonscheduled school closings.)

{LC3667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2034**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the method for the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)
{LC3672/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2035**BY** Murray, Cano, DiMario, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PAUL W. CROWLEY STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Restructures professional development investment fund to assume duties of dissemination of curriculum materials/frameworks/assessments/development plans with annual allocation of \$200 per student.)
{LC4070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2036**BY** Seveney, Cano, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY (Establishes certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school.)
{LC3627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2037**BY** Murray, Picard, Pearson, Rogers, Cano, Seveney, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)
{LC4067/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2038**BY** Murray, Pearson, Cano, Seveney, Acosta, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)

{LC4068/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2039**BY** Lawson, Euer, DiMario, Valverde, Cano, Kallman, Gallo, Burke, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CLIMATE LITERACY ACT (Requires RIDE to implement a plan ensuring that students enrolled in public schools become climate literate by graduation from high school.)

{LC3905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2040**BY** DiPalma, DiMario, Seveney, Picard, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT (Requires the departments of elementary and secondary education and health to adopt policies/rules/regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.)

{LC3918/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2041**BY** Seveney, Cano, Pearson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires that benchmarks specific to each local education authority (LEA) be developed by the department of education to improve cost controls, efficiencies and program effectiveness.)

{LC3628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2042**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Algiere, Coyne, Pearson, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Prohibits total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous year.)

{LC3846/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2043**BY** Seveney, Cano, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) -- TRAINING AND EVALUATION--EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS (Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to implement an assessment and evaluation system that applies to both teachers and administrators and is aligned with the state's standards.)

{LC3631/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2044**BY** Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Cano, Kallman, Coyne, Miller, Pearson, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC PACKAGING REDUCTION ACT (Prohibits the sale or promotional distribution of any food package in Rhode Island which contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), effective January 1, 2024.)

{LC3662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2045**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Provides applicants/licensees for fossil fuel electricity generating facilities invest in renewable energy facilities with application denial/revocation of license for failure to comply with renewable energy requirements.)

{LC3765/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2046**BY** Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Quezada, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Mandates that all public water providers annually test and generate a report of the level of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in their water supply.)

{LC3241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2047**BY** Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Quezada, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROTECTION (Requires public drinking water suppliers to utilize technologies to remove PFAS from public drinking water supplies.)

{LC3238/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2048**BY** Felag, Miller, DiMario, Lawson, Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags from the state sales tax.)

{LC3957/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2049**BY** Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Mack, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PROHIBITION OF PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING, CLOTHING AND CARPETING ACT (Prohibits PFAS, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, from being used in food packaging and requires that any carpeting/clothing manufactured or sold in this state carry a warning label. Violations are punishable by fine of \$1000 for each offense.)

{LC3244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2050**BY** Miller, Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINERS (Prohibits a covered establishment from preparing, selling, processing or providing food or beverages in or on a disposable food service container that is composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam.)
{LC3761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2051**BY** Euer, Murray, DiPalma, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Provides districts with free and reduced lunch populations above 20% have their minimum housing aid share increased to 40% for projects completed after July 1, 2020 and school housing aid ratio increased to 5% if completed by December 30, 2027.)
{LC3433/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2052**BY** Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COASTAL AND RIVERINE HOME PROTECTION (Enables cities and towns to provide a tax exemption to individuals who take resiliency measures to rehabilitate their property because of flood hazards.)
{LC3432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2053**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.)
{LC4096/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2054**BY** Raptakis, Lombardo, Paolino, Euer, Rogers, Picard, Burke, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (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.)

{LC3324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2055**BY** Seveney, Cano, Pearson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Defines as “disabled,” persons receiving veterans’ affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief.)

{LC3629/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2056**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Modifies the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC3669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2057**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Exempts some incapacitated public service employees who are receiving benefits from the requirement to apply for accidental disability retirement allowances under certain certain circumstances.)

{LC3246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2058**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, DiMario, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Enables school teachers, state and municipal employees to retire earlier.)
{LC3755/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2059**BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS (Allows the town of North Smithfield town council to provide veterans' and gold star parents exemptions from real estate taxes.)
{LC3849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2060**BY** Raptakis, Murray, Anderson, Lombardi, Felag, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- INTEREST CHARGES ON OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX (Establishes a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.)
{LC3335/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2061**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the contracting department of the department of human services or the department of administration to pilot at least one contract for professional or technical services using automatic verification software to verify hours billed under contract.)
{LC3914/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2062**BY** Felag, Miller, Murray, Cano, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the state earned-income credit as of January 1, 2023, to eighteen percent (18%) of the federal earned-income credit, not to exceed the amount of state income tax.)

{LC3959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2063**BY** Felag, Murray, Raptakis, Gallo, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - MILITARY RETIREMENT (Excludes for the purposes of Rhode Island state income taxes, the first \$25,000 of eligible military retirement income, paid by the state or federal government to persons 60 years or older received in the 2023 tax year, and thereafter.)

{LC3961/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2064**BY** Raptakis, Felag, Murray, DiMario, de la Cruz, Quezada, Euer, Ciccone, Seveney, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD

(Raises the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

{LC3321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2065**BY** Lawson, DiMario, Murray, Goodwin, Pearson, Cano, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Ruggerio, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from taxation the retail sale of cloth or disposable face masks and facial coverings.)

{LC4213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2066**BY** Lombardi, Picard, Lombardo, Burke, Felag, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income for military pension income for tax years commencing on January 1, 2023 and thereafter.)

{LC4007/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2067**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from, and were taxed in another state.)

{LC4065/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2068**BY** Murray, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment collected for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise, or any other similar tax.)

{LC4066/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2069**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Updates and revises the current law on pharmacy benefit managers and prescription drug pricing including establishing maximum allowable cost limits and providing for amended administrative appeal procedures.)

{LC3764/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2070**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, de la Cruz, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE

PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

{LC3910/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2071**BY** Seveney, Cano, Pearson, Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR

MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for at minimum 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.)

{LC3630/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2072**BY** DiMario, Miller, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE

RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires the health insurance commissioner to adopt a uniform set of medical criteria for prior authorization and create a required form to be used by a health insurer.)

{LC3973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2073**BY** DiMario, Miller, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE

OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Raises Rhode Island Medicaid primary care payment rates to not less than federal Medicare rates for the same service.)

{LC3944/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2074**BY** DiMario, DiPalma, Miller, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER (Collects and disaggregates data on childhood cancer within the state's comprehensive cancer control program.)

{LC4004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2075**BY** Lawson, DiMario, Valverde, Miller, Coyne, Burke, Murray, Cano, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.)

{LC3415/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2076**BY** DiPalma, Miller, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, de la Cruz, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, ERISA or any health plans to purchase referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

{LC3921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2077**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.)

{LC3762/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2078**BY** Miller, Valverde, Goodwin, DiPalma, DiMario, Zurier, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires coverage for residential/inpatient mental health services for detox/stabilization/substance abuse disorders without preauthorization or be subject to concurrent review during the first 28 days.)

{LC3766/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2079**BY** Miller, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Zurier, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.)

{LC3772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2080**BY** Miller, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Archambault, Murray, Valverde, DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.)

{LC3760/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2081**BY** Lawson, DiMario, Miller, Coyne, Kallman, Euer, Cano, Burke, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Provides that nonprofit dental service corporations shall have the power to provide for the administering and/or insuring of vision and optometric programs.)

{LC3421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2082**BY** Lawson, DiMario, Miller, Coyne, Kallman, Euer, Cano, Burke, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe a partial refill of Schedule II controlled substances. Requires the department of health to adopt regulation conditions under which a pharmacist may prescribe drugs or devices.)

{LC3418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2083**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, DiMario, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE CONSUMER

PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT (Provides for consumer protection in eye care services by developing standards and enforcement protocols in the provision of eye care services.)

{LC4063/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2084**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.)

{LC3674/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2085

(By Request)

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

WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS -- COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (Prohibits commercial vehicles from operating on Chases Lane in the town of Middletown and would provide for fines for violations.)

{LC3234/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2086**BY** DiMario, Miller, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance providers to seek recoupment or set off of insurance payments made to health care providers within twelve (12) months and requires health care providers to seek reimbursement for underpayment within twelve (12) months.)

{LC3946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2087**BY** Euer, Quezada, Cano, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Mack, Acosta, Murray, Kallman, Anderson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACT (Requires the department of environmental management to create environmental justice areas.)

{LC3434/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2088**BY** Seveney, Pearson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Provides a procedure for homeowners to submit to a municipal zoning board of review or municipal official or agency for a review to determine whether or not a proposed use under this chapter requires a special use permit.)

{LC3633/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2089**BY** Mack, Kallman, Anderson, Zurier, Mendes, DiMario, Murray, Acosta, Miller, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BED BUGS IN

RESIDENTIAL PREMISES ACT (Spells out the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant with respect to the inspection and treatment of bed bugs in residential premises.)

{LC3636/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2090**BY** Lawson, Euer, Cano, Burke, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Gallo, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.)
{LC3408/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2091**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Replaces the requirement that the notice for the final canvass be posted in a newspaper and instead this act would require the notice for the final canvass to be published on the official website maintained by the city or town.)
{LC3930/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2092**BY** Raptakis, Lombardi, Felag, Algieri, Paolino**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.)
{LC3327/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2093**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL RECEIVERSHIP ACT (Creates temporary non-liquidating receivership program for businesses with substantial revenue decline after declared emergency/suspended/ceased substantial part of operation resulting by emergency police/regulatory powers.)
{LC3941/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2094**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Only protective orders issued against adults are to be transmitted to A.G.'s B.C.I. for inclusion in the R.O.N.C.O. system. Protective orders against juveniles will be accessible to law enforcement.)

{LC3939/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2095**BY** Picard, Quezada, Lawson, Burke, Zurier**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)

{LC3670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2096**BY** Mack, Kallman, Anderson, Mendes, DiMario, Murray, Acosta, Miller, Valverde, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) -- DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE PROHIBITED (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.)

{LC3650/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2097**BY** Mack, Zurier, Kallman, Anderson, Acosta, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the state voter identification law.)

{LC3644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2098**BY** Archambault, Goodwin, Burke, Ruggerio, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND SALVAGE LAW (Eliminates the notarization requirement of various certificates filed by insurance companies.)

{LC3571/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2099**BY** Archambault, Burke, Ruggerio, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Allows voters to endorse nomination of candidacy documents by mail, email, or facsimile and deliver to the candidate or board of canvassers in-person, via mail, email or facsimile.)

{LC3559/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2100**BY** Archambault, Burke, Euer, Raptakis, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE OR EXECUTION (Amends Hate Crimes Sentencing Act. Adds gender identity, expression to protected groups. Clarifies sentencing enhancements for hate crimes against victims in a protected group. Permits sentencing to community service or educational classes.)

{LC3563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2101**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Euer, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Prohibits littering upon private property owned by another person.)

{LC3565/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2102

BY Euer, McCaffrey, Kallman, Miller, Murray, DiPalma, Archambault, Lawson, Ruggerio, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES – THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Repeals health services council and expands the health services and amends several provisions relative to the review process of the hospital conversion act pertaining to maintenance of services and required disclosures.)
{LC4040/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2103

BY Archambault, Burke, Seveney, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Allows DOT to lease airport property up to 50 years for substantial improvement/building and increases RI airport corporation directors from 7 to 9 with one appointment (RIPA) and (RIGABOA).)
{LC3557/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2104

BY Lawson, Murray, DiMario, Valverde, Burke, Quezada, Euer, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires all persons or entities collecting social security and other personal identification numbers to create and publicly display a privacy protection policy. Violations of this requirement would incur a civil penalty of five-hundred dollars (\$500).)
{LC3417/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2105

BY DiMario, Coyne, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Establishes a military family advocacy program to address child abuse and neglect in military families.)
{LC3971/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2106**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Anne Marie Hartwell to join Lindsay Barrow and Sean Hackbarth in marriage on or about June 4, 2022, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)
{LC3342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2107**BY** Felag, Lombardi, Lombardo, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES – PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES – DISABILITY PARKING (Includes the governor’s commission on disabilities on the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and require an annual report be submitted to the governor’s commission.)
{LC3974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2108**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - LOSS OF RIGHTS BY PRISONERS (Repeals the provision of the general laws declaring prisoners serving a life sentence civilly dead.)
{LC3728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2109**BY** Archambault, Burke, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Includes the chief inspector and inspectors as those exempt from carrying a firearm without a permit and would define them as peace officers.)
{LC3569/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2110

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Algieri, Lombardi, Ciccone, Gallo, DiPalma, Burke, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Limits the governor to one thirty (30) day renewal of a declaration of emergency without a joint resolution of the general assembly.)
{LC3845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2111

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides that if an insured has one or more motor vehicles with uninsured motorist's coverage, the insured is permitted to collect up to the aggregate amount of coverage for all vehicles covered by the insurance policies)
{LC3568/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2112

BY Miller, Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Acosta, Lawson, Zurier, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act, to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using drugs prescribed by a physician.)
{LC3769/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2113

BY Archambault, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- CIVIL AIR PATROL ACT (Authorizes state assistance to the Rhode Island wing of the Civil Air Patrol to support continued training and equipment for use by the state during times of natural disaster or emergency.)
{LC3576/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2114**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Allows local boards of canvassers discretion to substitute the physical posting in each voting district of senatorial, representative district meetings/voting district meetings for the purposes of election/publication in a newspaper local circulation.)
{LC3929/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2115**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS (Allows audio recordings to be taken of local boards of canvassers' proceedings and be maintained as a permanent record of the board.)
{LC3928/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2116**BY** Archambault, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Authorizes the police authority making a background check of an applicant seeking to buy a firearm, to invoice the seller of any pistol, revolver, shotgun or rifle, a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee per non-disqualifying background check.)
{LC3561/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2117**BY** Miller, Valverde, Euer, Zurier, Seveney, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Prohibits the sale or offer for sale of any flavored electronic nicotine delivery system.)
{LC3767/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2118**BY** Archambault, Coyne, Burke, Felag, Raptakis, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)
{LC3575/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2119**BY** Coyne, Euer, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Ciccone, Burke, Kallman, Archambault, Miller, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of elections to begin the certification of mail ballots twenty (20) days prior to election day. It also establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.)
{LC3243/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2120**BY** DiMario, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases the age of children able to utilize a recorded forensic interview for cases of sexual abuse in grand jury testimony -- child assault from age fourteen (14) to age eighteen (18).)
{LC3967/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2121**BY** Archambault, Burke, Kallman, Ruggerio, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes a law enforcement or animal control officer to take possession and hold an animal unlawfully confined in a motor vehicle and the officer may hold the animal for up to 72 hours pending a district court hearing.)
{LC3564/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2122**BY** Lombardi, de la Cruz, Lombardo, Raptakis, Picard, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

SNOWMOBILES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (Allows driving and/or operating an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) on public lands that are designated trails for ATVs as provided in the department of environmental management regulations.)

{LC3952/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2123**BY** DiMario, Murray, Euer, Valverde, Lawson, Cano, Zurier, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.)

{LC3948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2124**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Euer, Valverde, Zurier, Murray, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to execute a nondisclosure agreement or non-disparagement agreement, regarding alleged violations of civil rights or criminal conduct, as a condition of employment.)

{LC3968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2125**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Raptakis, Ciccone, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Exempts full-time members of divisions of the state police, including the capitol police and the sheriff's department from the requirements of § 11-47-35.)

{LC3786/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2126**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

(Prohibits insurance companies from considering the zip code of the insured or the zip code of any insured real property or the zip code where any insured property is stored or garaged in determining casualty insurance rates.)

{LC4037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2127**BY** Lawson, Murray, DiMario, Burke, Quezada, Euer, Kallman, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

IMPLANTATION DEVICES AS CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (Prohibits an employer from subjecting its employees or prospective employees to the implantation of an implantation device and creates criminal penalties as well as civil damages, that may be assessed against violating employers.)

{LC3419/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2128**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, Euer, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (Enacts the Rhode Island Limited Partnership Act to govern the law of limited partnerships in this state and repeal chapter 12 of title 7 entitled "Limited Partnerships". Effective January 1, 2023.)

{LC3924/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2129**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, McCaffrey, Euer, Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND

PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ACT (Enacts the Uniform Partnership Act of 1997 to govern the law of partnerships in this state and would repeal chapter 12 of title 7 entitled "Partnerships".)

{LC3923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2130**BY** Lawson, Euer, Cano, Burke, Murray, DiMario, Kallman, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE "COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS ACT" (Establishes the commuter transportation benefit act. Employers with five hundred (500) or more employees provide a pre-tax transportation fringe benefit program or provide transportation to the employees.) {LC3414/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2131**BY** Picard**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) (Requires submission to voters in 2022 election constitutional amendment requiring governor/lieutenant governor to run as a team in elections commencing in 2026.) {LC3677/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2132**BY** Murray, Raptakis, Seveney, DiMario, Lawson, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires Class B licensees to offer to the public the opportunity to purchase and consume food in conjunction with the sale of alcoholic beverages, at all times while alcohol is consumed on the premises.) {LC4069/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2133**BY** Lawson, Murray, Seveney, Raptakis, DiMario, Coyne, Kallman, Euer, Cano, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Allows manufacturer-wineries to sell up to three (3) drinks of wine for on-site consumption or three (3) bottles of wine for off-site consumption or three (3) bottles of wine for off-site consumption.) {LC3242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2134

BY DiMario, Picard, Acosta, Euer, Lawson, Valverde, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SMALL BUSINESSES --
ZONING ORDINANCES (Imposes one year moratorium on enforcement of municipal
ordinance or zoning requirement that penalizes owners of food service establishments/bars for
modifications/alternations to their premises in response to an emergency declaration.)
{LC3969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2135

BY Morgan, Paolino, Lombardi, Raptakis, Lombardo, Ciccone, Picard, Sosnowski, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RETAIL LICENSES –
HAPPY HOURS (Allows licensees to offer happy hour alcoholic drink specials served in
conjunction with meals.)
{LC3947/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2136

BY Felag, Murray, Raptakis, Gallo, Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for
recipients of the United States Bronze Star Medal.)
{LC3963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2137

BY Felag, Murray, Raptakis, Gallo, Lombardo, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY
SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides issuance of occupational licenses for military members and
spouses stationed in Rhode Island.)
{LC3960/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2138**BY** Archambault, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Provides for a reduction in the minimum number of special plates to be ordered from the DMV to one hundred fifty (150) sets, upon payment of a conditionally refundable fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).)

{LC3560/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2139**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Burke, Coyne, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES --

HAPPY HOUR (Allows happy hour drink specials served in conjunction with meals prepared on the premises sufficient to constitute breakfast, lunch or dinner, excluding snacks.)

{LC4140/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2140**BY** Miller, Seveney, Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MINIATURE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER ACT OF 2022 (Creates a refundable fifty cent (\$0.50) deposit for miniature alcoholic beverage containers, often referred to as "nips.")

{LC3770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2141**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Reduces the required minimum number of special plates ordered from the DMV to 150 sets upon payment of \$3,000 conditionally refundable fee.)

{LC3622/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2142**BY** Archambault, Euer, Murray, Sosnowski, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Authorizes the issuance of farmer-brewery and farmer-distillery licenses to qualifying farms subject to conditions and regulations issued by the department of business regulation.)
{LC3573/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2143**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Creates an agreement to limit corporate incentives.)
{LC3256/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2144**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX-- DEFINITION OF CORPORATE NET INCOME (Repeals a state corporate income tax deduction to income allowed for federal tax purposes for investment property held for at least seven (7) years.)
{LC3262/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2145**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDUM (Provides for \$1,000,000,000 in bonds to improve local roadways, pedestrian spaces, bikeway paths and municipal parks.)
{LC4095/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2146**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Authorizes tax on private school tuition not including financial aid. Exempts \$13,000 in tuition for K-12 and \$25,000 for postsecondary. Requires cities to explain basis for exemption within municipality. Exempt status may be challenged.)

{LC3270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2147**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the tax rates for individuals, bankruptcy estates, trusts and estates.)

{LC3269/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2148**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Repeals the authority of various cities and towns to provide certain tax exemption and tax stabilization agreements.)

{LC3273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2149**BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVID-19 PANDEMIC

INSURANCE RECOVERY ACT (Allows businesses that had an insurance policy in place for business interruption as of March 9, 2019 to recover from their insurance companies for a COVID-19 business impact.)

{LC3267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2150**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND SANCTUARY STATE ACT (Designates Rhode Island as a Sanctuary State, prohibits law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.)
{LC3265/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2151**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that for all primaries, the candidates' names would be listed on the ballot, in an order chosen by lot, under the direction of the secretary of state.)
{LC3258/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2152**BY** Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Provides for the right to strike for public sector workers in Rhode Island, including teachers, with exceptions for police officers, firefighters, 911 employees, and correctional officers.)
{LC3272/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2153**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Repeals 3/1/22 sunset provision allowing Class B/brew pub licensees to sell wine/beer/mixed drinks with food takeout orders only.)
{LC4390/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2154**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING POWER CONFERRED UPON THE GOVERNOR

{LC4399/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022:**1. 2022-S 2025****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARMAND W. DUBOIS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 31: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Zurier.**NAYS – 0:****TRANSMITTAL**

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Leader McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:47 o'clock P.M. in memory of *The Honorable William L. Alves and Retired Commander Michael J. Babula*.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DE LA CRUZ

A Prayer by Martin Luther King, Jr.

O God, our heavenly Father, we thank thee for this golden privilege to worship thee, the only true God of the universe. We come to thee today grateful that thou hast kept us through the long night of the past and ushered us into the challenge of the present and the bright hope of the future. We are mindful, O God, that man cannot save himself, for man is not the measure of things and humanity is not God.

Bound by our chains of sin and finiteness, we know we need a savior. We thank thee, O God, for the spiritual nature of man. We are in nature but we live above nature. Help us never to let anyone or any condition pull us so low as to cause us to hate. Give us the strength to love our enemies and do good to those who spitefully use us and persecute us.

We thank thee for thy Church, founded upon the Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon thee. Then, finally, help us to realize that man was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity.

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace, help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all of God's children — Black, White, Red, and Yellow — will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

Appendix**SENATOR LEONIDAS P. RAPTAKIS REMARKS**

MR PRESIDENT

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN OF THE SENATE

THIS PAST OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WELCOMED HIS ALL HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE BARTHOLOMEW OF CONSTANTINOPLE TO OUR COUNTRY. THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF 300 MILLION EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE VISITED A DOZEN AMERICAN CITIES.

At an extremely critical time for Turkey's relations with the United States, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's visit to the United States (his first since 2009), marked the 30th anniversary of his election as Ecumenical Patriarch. During his visit, over 48 U.S. Senators wrote to President Biden in support of the spiritual leader of the second largest Christian Church in the world.

In the United States Senate Bipartisan Senators Democratic Senator Robert Menendez and his Republican colleague Marco Rubio, received His All Holiness as a world-leading advocate of interfaith dialogue and peace.

A BIPARTISAN RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY CONGRESS ON MAY 7 2021 HR 3056 An Act cited as the "Turkey and Ecumenical Patriarchate Religious freedom Act of 2021" AND CO-SPONSORED BY Congressmen James Langevin and David Cicilline Opposes the violations of religious freedom in Turkey by the Government of Turkey and calls on safeguarding the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Ecumenical Patriarch was received in Washington DC with the highest diplomatic and ecclesiastical honors, while the official program included visits to Pittsburgh, Chicago and an ecumenical event at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

His All Holiness raised the issue of the reopening of the Halki Seminary with many members of the US Congress as well as during his meeting with President Biden

With references to his trailblazing work on the protection of the environment and religious freedom, dialogue, and toleration, the prestigious American Jewish Committee (AJC) presented His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew with its Human Dignity Award.

Patriarch Bartholomew on November 3 2021 together with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and many leaders of various faiths celebrated the official Opening of the Church of St. Nicholas as a National Shrine which was destroyed during the collapse of the twin towers in 2001 at Ground Zero in New York City

MR PRESIDENT I MOVE PASSAGE of the Resolution

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022:

1. 2022-S 2020

BY Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$215,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION, ADDITIONS, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND

Committee on Housing & Municipal Government recommends passage.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 10.7-1 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2022-2023, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

☐ 2022-H

☐ 2022-S

(Bill Number)

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Consent Calendar 1/25/2022

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

☒ APPROVE

☐ DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Samuel W. Bell (PRINT NAME)

Date 01/25/2022

Senate District 5

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State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

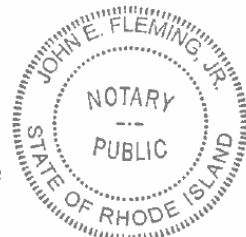
On this 25th day of January, 2022, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Samuel W. Bell, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Notary Public Signature

John E. Fleming, Jr.
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