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Thursday, March 17, 2022

Thirteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Maryellen Goodwin, Senate Majority Whip, at 4:10 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 Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Ciccone, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, and Zurier.

ABSENT – 7: Senators Algieri, Cano, de la Cruz, Euer, Felag, Raptakis, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Whip, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Burke, to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable Whip presents the following communications:

State of Rhode Island



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March 17, 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 will be unable to attend Senate Session today, March 17, 2022, as I am out of state on business.

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

Sincerely,



Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

LPR/djc

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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State of Rhode Island



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Judiciary

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

March 17, 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,
Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dawn Euer".

Dawn Euer
Senator - District 13

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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Committee on
Labor

Committee on
Commerce

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

March 15th, 2022

*Mr. John E. Fleming, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 220
Providence, RI 02903*

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that my name be removed from the following bill at the sponsor's request.

The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is 2022 Senate Bill 2501. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Lombardo, III". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Senator Frank Lombardo, III
Senator - District 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
STATE HOUSE

March 22, 2022

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "V. Susan Sosnowski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski
Senate District 37

VSS/ceb

Placed on file.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Coyne, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 2560**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Temporarily suspends the cap on the amount of days retired educators can work without penalty, suspends certain transportation of pupils requirements sunsetting at the end of 2021-2022 school year.)

{LC5440/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Ryan Matthew Marnane to join Katrina Marie Holmstedt and Robert James DiMarino in marriage on or about May 7, 2022, within the Town of South Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC5295/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2660**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Judge Judith Sheindlin to join Barbara Collins and Casey Barber in marriage on or about June 11, 2022, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC5498/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 7212**BY** Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows

Kathleen Coyne-McCoy to join Emily Ann Caron and Cullen Adare McCoy in marriage on or about September 10, 2022, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.)

{LC4193/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 7252**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dale J. Venturini to join Kaitlin F. Battista and Justin W. Venturini in marriage on or about July 9, 2022, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC4227/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2683****BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY AND RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORIC LINKS BETWEEN IRELAND AND RHODE ISLAND AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AMERICAN-IRISH STATE LEGISLATORS CAUCUS

{LC5533/1}

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 Gallo, Coyne, Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Ruggerio, Seveney, Valverde, and Zurier.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2684**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

{LC5534/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ruggerio requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ruggerio moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Gallo, Coyne, Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Valverde, and Zurier.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2682**
BY Goodwin
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING STEVEN J. ARTHURS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2077**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Coyne, Lombardi, DiMario, Acosta, Zurier, Lawson, Mack, Anderson, Archambault, Valverde, Kallman, Burke, Paolino, DiPalma, Mendes, Seveney, Quezada, Ruggerio.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Calkin, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators Bell and Morgan.

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.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Mendes and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Daniel Barbosa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator DiPalma announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator DiPalma announces that the Senate Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight will meet Monday, March 21st at 5:30 o'clock P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Bill No. 2685

BY Acosta, Cano, Kallman, Murray, DiPalma, Picard, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Expands the promise scholarship program to allow a student who is eligible to receive funds under the Rhode Island promise scholarship to use the same funds at most public or private institutions of postsecondary education in Rhode Island.)
{LC5167/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2686**BY** Cano, Miller, Euer, Quezada, DiMario, Acosta, Mack, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- SOCIAL COST OF CARBON (Requires the public utilities commission to establish a social cost of carbon and factor it a cost benefit analysis whenever programs are proposed to curb climate change and carbon dioxide emission.)
{LC5003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2687**BY** Euer, Seveney, Miller, DiPalma, Kallman, Coyne, Ruggerio, Quezada, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Climate incentives for connecting new gas customers.)
{LC4784/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2688**BY** Quezada, Murray, Euer, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees, asking questions about the applicant's financial past during interviews or including credit history questions in their job applications.)
{LC4922/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2689**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Rogers, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Modifies the application process for interconnection projects to require greater transparency/greater clarity through an 8 member committee and independent ombudsman with prospective application.)
{LC5520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2690

BY Kallman, Euer, Miller, DiMario, Mack, Lombardo, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Anderson, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires all state licensed health care facilities to convert the
powering of their operations, from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources.)
{LC4581/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2691

BY Euer, DiPalma, Burke, Murray, Seveney, Miller, Coyne, Kallman, Ruggerio, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2022
ENERGY STORAGE ACT (Requires the office of energy resources to initiate the process of
developing one or more programs, and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy
storage resources connected to the electric distribution system.)
{LC4954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2692

BY DiMario, Euer, Coyne, Miller, Kallman, Valverde, Burke, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - MULTI-
STATE MEDIUM AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE ACT (Strives to make
sales of all new medium and heavy-duty vehicles in the state zero-emissions by no later than
2050.)
{LC4823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2693

BY Mendes, Calkin, Bell, Anderson, Mack, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
(Increases the Medicaid rate of reimbursement for in-network dental care services.)
{LC5037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2694

BY Lawson, Miller, Valverde, DiMario, Kallman, Murray, Quezada, Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
MEDICAID REENTRY ACT (Mandates that a person's incarceration not affect his or her
enrollment status in medical assistance.)
{LC4786/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2695

BY DiPalma, Miller, Coyne, Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- ADVANCE INSTRUCTION FOR
MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT (Allows an individual to exercise their right to consent to or
refuse mental health treatment through an advance instruction when the individual lacks
sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate mental health treatment decisions.)
{LC4860/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2696

BY Murray, McCaffrey, Miller, Euer, Lawson, Bell, Valverde, DiMario, Acosta, Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for
insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30
days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2023.)
{LC5511/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2697

BY Mendes, Calkin, Bell, Anderson, Mack, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES--DENTAL INSURANCE (Expands dental insurance coverage,
prohibits certain deductions and requires coverage where there is a pre-existing conditions or any
earlier treatments. Annual reports must be publicized and filed with the department of health.)
{LC5090/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2698**BY** Lombardo, Ciccone, Archambault, McCaffrey, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWNS OF JOHNSTON AND SMITHFIELD -- REGIONAL JUVENILE HEARING BOARD (Amends the public law creating the Johnston/Smithfield Regional Juvenile Hearing board to allow a board member to serve more than two terms if no other person seeks appointment to the board.)
{LC5479/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2699**BY** Lawson, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES--EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION (Extends the current revaluation date in the city of East Providence from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2024.)
{LC5536/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2700**BY** DiPalma, Euer, Coyne, Kallman, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Expands definition of public buildings under Green Building Act to include buildings in any subdivision of state, and include private major facility projects; mandates public reports for all such projects.)
{LC3909/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2701**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Picard, Lombardi, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT (Creates the "animal abuser registry act" which would require all persons convicted of felonies involving animal abuse, to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the department of public safety.)
{LC5526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2702**BY** DiPalma, Lombardi, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATION PERSONNEL AND PEER SUPPORT MEMBERS (Establishes a testimonial privilege for communications with critical incident stress management peer support personnel.)

{LC4540/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2703**BY** DiPalma, Murray, Miller, Coyne, Acosta, Lombardi, Lawson, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Establishes general caseload limits for DCYF workers similar to those contained in the Council on Accreditation standards.)

{LC4401/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2704**BY** Coyne, Euer, Murray, DiPalma, Seveney, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Permits only attorney general to issue concealed carry permits, repeals provisions allowing minors to possess firearms, requires federal background check on all concealed carry applicants, repeals right of carry permits for retired law enforcement.)

{LC3879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2705**BY** Coyne, Seveney, Miller, Burke, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- JUSTICES OF THE PEACE -- UNIFORM LAW ON NOTARIAL ACTS (Codifies in the general laws the standards of conduct for notaries public in the state of Rhode Island by the secretary of state which came into effect on April 3, 2020. Takes effect on July 1, 2021; sunsets and expires on July 1, 2023.)

{LC5457/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2706**BY** Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Adds felony violations of Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking as a designated offense for an application for an order under the Interception of Wire and Oral Communications statute.)
{LC5059/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2707**BY** Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations.)
{LC5054/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2708**BY** Anderson, Mack, Mendes, Calkin, Bell, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS--POLICE INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS (Classifies any reports of investigations conducted by internal affairs units or their equivalent as public records with certain redactions allowed to prevent a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.)
{LC3553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2709**BY** Quezada, Murray, Euer, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Permits a petition for adoption, and if necessary, termination of parental rights, to be filed by a grandparent(s) without the noncustodial parent(s') consent, when the child is in the sole custody of the grandparent(s).)
{LC5515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2710**BY** Quezada, Murray, Euer, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 -- THE CROWN ACT (Defines the terms "race and ethnicity" to include ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background and inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.)

{LC5516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2711**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY--LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Exempts from attachment five hundred dollars (\$500) in savings or deposits in financial or banking institutions.)

{LC5527/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2712**BY** Mendes, Calkin, Bell, Anderson, Mack, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOCUS AREAS (Establishes environmental justice focus areas/coastal zones and establishes procedures for investigation/ remediation of contaminated sites within coastal zones by DEM with increased community participation.)

{LC4792/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2713**BY** Mendes, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Decriminalizes sex work and expands eligibility for expungement of related criminal records.)

{LC4887/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2714**BY** McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES -- RULES (Requires that all agencies final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31st of the year it is promulgated before it can become effective.)
{LC5525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2715**BY** Mack, Anderson, Calkin, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT STATEMENTS (Require that DEM, require an environmental justice impact statement for a new facility or for the expansion or the renewal of an existing facility's, if the facility is in an overburdened community.)
{LC5209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2716**BY** Mack, Anderson, Acosta, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Decriminalizes certain commercial sexual activity to a civil violation with a fine and repeals defendant detention unless they test positive for infectious venereal disease.)
{LC3890/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2717**BY** DiPalma, Acosta, Lombardo, Kallman, Euer, Lombardi, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits certain providers of digital application distribution platforms from requiring that payments for the software application be made exclusively through a particular in-application payment system.)
{LC5127/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2718**BY** Quezada, Euer, Murray, Cano, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Amends the law enforcement officers' bill of rights to provide greater accountability in the disciplinary process over law enforcement.)
{LC5517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2719**BY** Mack, Calkin, Anderson, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT (Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.)
{LC3763/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2720**BY** Mack, Anderson, Calkin, Mendes, Bell, Kallman, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Increases the wage amount for working prisoners, committed to the adult correctional institution, from three dollars (\$3.00) a day to the minimum hourly wage amount for most workers currently set at twelve dollars and twenty-five cents (\$12.25) per hour.)
{LC5187/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2721**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Murray, Acosta, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EVIDENCE AND OVERSIGHT ACT OF 2022 (Creates the Evidence and Oversight Act of 2022 to create and maintain a data transparency portal.)
{LC5129/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight.

Senate Resolution No. 2722**BY** Lombardi, Lawson, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BURRILLVILLE/PONAGANSET/BAY VIEW CO-OP GIRLS ICE HOCKEY TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND 2022 DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
{LC5509/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 2723**BY** Lombardi, Coyne, Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTINE DWYER KAVANAGH, THE LONGTIME AND HIGHLY-REGARDED DIRECTOR OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AT ST. MARY ACADEMY BAY VIEW
{LC5510/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2724

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses pursuant §31-27-2 ("driving under influence of liquor or drugs") and §31-27-2.1 ("refusal to submit to chemical test") from five (5) to ten (10) years.)
{LC5055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

TRANSFER OF BILL

Senator Cano, In accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Education to the Committee to on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2290

BY Pearson, Gallo, Cano, Goodwin, Murray, Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE

SCHOLARSHIP ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship act to provide up to the cost of two (2) years of tuition costs and mandatory fees for eligible students in hopes to increase the numbers for enrollment and graduation.)

{LC4677/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Paolino, the Senate adjourns at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JOHN BURKE

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His Hand.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2564**
 BY Gallo
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2. **2022-S 2660**
 BY Euer
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3. **2022-H 7212**
 BY Shekarchi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
4. **2022-H 7252**
 BY Solomon
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

 Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
5. **2022-S 2722**
 BY F Lombardi
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE
 BURRILLVILLE/PONAGANSET/BAY VIEW CO-OP GIRLS ICE HOCKEY TEAM
 ONWINNING THE RHODE ISLAND 2022 DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
6. **2022-S 2723**
 BY F Lombardi
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
 ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTINE DWYER KAVANAGH, THE LONGTIME AND
 HIGHLY-REGARDED DIRECTOR OF THE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AT
 ST.MARY ACADEMY BAY VIEW

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022:

- 1. 2022-S 2560**
BY Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

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Walter S. Felag, Jr.

3/15/2022

Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr.

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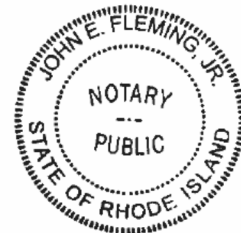
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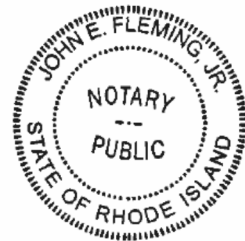
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Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica de la Cruz
 Senator Jessica de la Cruz (PRINT NAME)

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On this 17th day of March, 2022, before me the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Jessica de la Cruz, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

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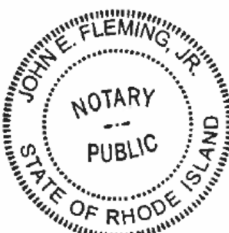
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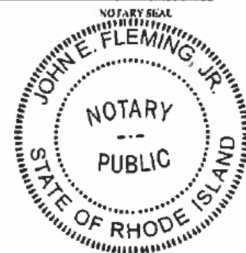
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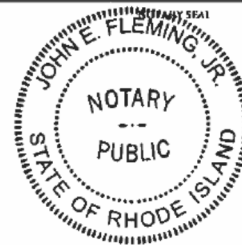
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