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Thursday, March 24, 2022

Fifteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde and Zurier.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Cano, Ciccone, Kallman, Paolino.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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March 24, 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 Thursday, March 24, 2022.		
I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.		
Thank you for your attention to this matter.		
Sincerely yours,  Sandra C. Cano Senator District #8		
cc Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate SC/nc		

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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Committee on
Finance

Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics & Oversight

Permanent Joint Committee
On State Lottery

March 24, 2022

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Thursday, March 24, 2022, I will be absent from Senate Session, due to out of town business.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Ciccone, III

Frank A. Ciccone, III
Senator District ~ 7

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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Committee on Rules,
Government Ethics and Oversight

Committee on Commerce

Committee on
Environment and Agriculture

March 24, 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 24, 2022.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Senator Meghan E. Kallman
Senate - District 15

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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

SECRETARY
Committee on Special Legislation &
Veterans' Affairs

March 24, 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 the following bill be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.

The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is 2022 -- S 2699 A N A C T RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES—EAST PROVIDENCE REVALUATION. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

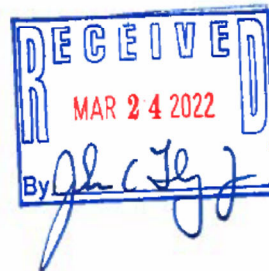
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valarie J. Lawson".

Valarie Lawson
Senate District 14

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Enclosure



Placed on File.

CONSENT CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022:**

1. **2022-S 2730**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON
 THE PASSING OF ANTOINETTE GULLIFA

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2022-S 2731**
 BY Pearson
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
 ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE EDWARD CASTRO, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2022-S 2732**
 BY DiMario
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING
 WILLIAM F. FLYNN JR. MSW, FOR HIS THIRTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED
 SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SENIOR AGENDA
 COALITION OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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

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

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022:

1. **2022-S 2080 SUB A**

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Coyne, Pearson, Gallo, Sosnowski, Mack, Zurier, Anderson, Burke, Mendes, Seveney, Euer.

Senator de la Cruz seconded by Senator Morgan offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT**TO****2022 -- S 2080 SUBSTITUTE A****AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE
COVERAGE**

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2022 -- S 2080 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE", as follows:

1. On page 8, between lines 7 and 8, by inserting the following language:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any insurance company may issue to an employer, an individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy that excludes coverages which are contrary to the employer's bona fide religious or moral tenets. As used in this section, 'contrary to the employer's bona fide religious or moral tenets' means an employer that asserts that providing or funding such coverage would be contrary to the employer's religious

beliefs or moral convictions. Every employer that invokes the exemption provided under this section shall provide written notice to prospective enrollees prior to enrollment with the plan, listing the health care services the employer refuses to cover for religious or moral reasons."

2. On page 8, between lines 27 and 28, by inserting the following language:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any insurance company may issue to an employer, an individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy that excludes coverages which are contrary to the employer's bona fide religious or moral tenets. As used in this section, 'contrary to the employer's bona fide religious or moral tenets' means an employer that asserts that providing or funding such coverage would be contrary to the employer's religious beliefs or moral convictions. Every employer that invokes the exemption provided under this section shall provide written notice to prospective enrollees prior to enrollment with the plan, listing the health care services the employer refuses to cover for religious or moral reasons."

3. On page 10, between lines 1 and 2, by inserting the following language:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any insurance company may issue to an employer, an individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy that excludes coverages which are contrary to the employer's bona fide religious or moral tenets. As used in this section, 'contrary to the employer's bona fide religious or moral tenets' means an employer that asserts that providing or funding such coverage would be contrary to the employer's religious beliefs or moral convictions. Every employer that invokes the exemption provided under this section shall provide written notice to prospective enrollees prior to enrollment with the plan, listing the health care services the employer refuses to cover for religious or moral reasons."

Respectfully submitted,

Senator de la Cruz

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LC003760/2
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Senators Miller, Morgan, Bell, Euer, de la Cruz discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails passage upon a roll call vote with 8 Senators voting in the affirmative and 26 voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 8: Senators Algieri, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Lombardo, Morgan, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers.

NAYS – 26: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

Senators de la Cruz and Calkin discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 26 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 26: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

NAYS – 8: Senators Algieri, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Lombardo, Morgan, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers.

2. 2022-S 2495

BY Algieri

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

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.

Senator Algieri moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Morgan, Felag, Archambault, Rogers, Zurier, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Quezada, Mack.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, Zurier.

NAYS – 4:

3. 2022-H 7817

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
OPEN MEETINGS -- REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

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

Senator Sosnowski moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Coyne, Lombardo, Lombardi, DiMario, Zurier, Seveney, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS – 1: Senator Calkin.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Mark Palange, President of the University of Rhode Island.

4. 2022-H 7825**BY** Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

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

Senator Archambault moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Coyne, Felag, Coyne, Gallo, Lombardi, Lombardo, DiMario, Zurier, Bell, Murray.

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

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde, 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.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

House Bill No. 6659**BY** Phillips, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Fellela, Casey, Filippi, S Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Same as 21H-5769 Sub A --A provider of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.)

{LC3608/1}

Introduced, referred to Commerce.

House Bill No. 7346 SUB A

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Baginski, Messier, Felix, Morales, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense FDA - approved hormonal contraceptive patches and self-administered oral hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)
{LC4522/A/2}

Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7393

BY McNamara, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TREATMENT FOR

PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS -- THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL

PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2022 (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients'

Right To Try Act of 2022," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.)

{LC4215/1}

Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 7785

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

ANIMAL DISEASES IN GENERAL (Authorizes the director of the department of environmental management to establish quarantine zones for animals and would permit the examination of any quarantined animal therein.)

{LC5252/1}

Introduced, referred to Environment and Agriculture.

House Bill No. 7087

BY C Lima, Knight, Bennett, Casimiro, Solomon, Azzinaro, S Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND

SEPARATION (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.)

{LC3439/1}

Introduced, referred to Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7429 SUB A**BY** Baginski, Fenton-Fung, Tanzi, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS -- POLLING PLACE CAP (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to four thousand (4,000).)

{LC4525/A/1}

Introduced, referred to Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2733**

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior convictions for possession of a firearm without a license from purchasing or possessing a firearm.)

{LC5052/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2734**BY** Seveney, Coyne, DiMario, Zurier, Miller, Goodwin, Pearson, Gallo, Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Felony to store firearms unlocked.)

{LC3632/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2735

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends the total amount of expenses that may be charged to a utility for those expenses related to a commission or division initiated investigation of public utilities with gross intrastate operating revenues exceeding \$400,000,000.)

{LC5341/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2736**BY** Murray, Euer, Sosnowski, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING--MULTI-TENANT PROPERTY RENEWABLE CREDITS (Allows a property owner with eligible net-metering systems with a master meter to allocate excess net metering credits to any meter on the property.)

{LC5014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2737

(Public Utilities Commission)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends the revenue decoupling reconciliation mechanism used by a gas distribution company for the purposes of revenue decoupling to not require that distribution be determined on a revenue-per-customer basis.)

{LC5337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2738**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS--SURCHARGES ON CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS (Provides that surcharges on credit card transactions may only be permitted when certain notice requirements are adhered to and provides for a misdemeanor penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or one year in jail in any violations.)

{LC5575/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2739**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CLAIMS ADJUSTERS (Authorizes the department of insurance, within the DBR, in lieu of passing in-state licensing examination, to recognize the competence of an applicant for an insurance claims adjuster license, through an out-of-state proctored examination.)

{LC5623/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2740**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS (Adds a new chapter known as the Labor Standards in Renewable Energy Projects.)
{LC5573/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2741

(Secretary of State)

BY Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BUSINESS FAST-START OFFICE (Requires the fast-start office to regularly convene business owners in the state to gather recommendations to improve business licensing procedures.)
{LC5317/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2742**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (A provider of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.)
{LC5611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2743

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND LIFE AND HEALTH GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT (Brings the Rhode Island Life and Health Guaranty Fund statute into conformance with the latest version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act.)
{LC5310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2744

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE DATA SECURITY ACT (Adopts the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act regarding data security.)

{LC5312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2745

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)

BY Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES (Requires national and state background checks for certain drivers transporting passengers for hire.)

{LC5339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2746

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE (Updates and clarifies various insurance statutes.)

{LC5311/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2747**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Modifies appointment/removal process for URI board of trustees with all appointments by governor for 3 yr-terms with advice/consent of senate/URI president appoints faculty member/student to serve in non-voting/ex officio capacity.)

{LC5592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2748

BY Acosta, Zurier, Cano, Quezada, DiPalma, Seveney, Pearson, Anderson, Mack, Mendes
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Assigns additional duties to the commissioner of on postsecondary education, including preparing strategic plan for public higher education provides for equitable distribution of public funds and adopts an outcomes based model.)
{LC5563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2749

(Dept. of Education)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Amends the definitions of a "Pupil Transportation Vehicle" to be and constructed to seat not more than ten (10) passengers including the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.)
{LC5380/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2750

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Kallman, Euer, DiMario, Zurier, Seveney, Miller, Rogers, Sosnowski, Valverde, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RHODE ISLAND UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT (Eliminates the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank financial advisory board and include the cleanup of residential heating oil tanks under the eligibility for reimbursement from the cleanup fund.)
{LC5345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2751

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL DISEASES IN GENERAL (Authorizes the director of the department of environmental management to establish quarantine zones for animals and would permit the examination of any quarantined animal therein.)
{LC5343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2752**BY** Mendes, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE CORPS (Creation of RI Climate Corps to implement a work program developed and administered by ServeRI.)

{LC4894/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2753

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - REFUNDING BOND AUTHORITY (Changes the designations of "state budget office" to the "office of management and budget".)

{LC5373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2754

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Felag, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Effective July 1, 2022, entitles environmental police officers to the benefits provided by chapter 45-21.2 entitled "Optional retirement for members of police force and firefighters.")

{LC5344/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2755**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

(Allows URI board of trustees to make small procurements up to \$50,000 for construction/\$10,000 for all other purchases with annual increases in the federal CPI.)

{LC5590/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2756**BY** Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.)

{LC5512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2757**BY** Miller, DiMario, Lawson, Valverde, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Uninsured for health care taxpayer to indicate on return whether they consent to being contacted by exchange.)

{LC5545/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2758**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Entitles correctional officers with twenty-five (25) years of service and who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age to a non-Medicare-eligible retiree health care insurance benefit.)

{LC4632/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2759**BY** Mendes, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX {LC5036/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2760

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Miller, Picard, Felag, Euer, Lombardo, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Increases the motion picture production company tax credit to ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) and cap the available total of credits to forty million dollars (\$40,000,000). This act would also eliminate the sunset provision.)
{LC5630/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2761

(Dept. of Health)

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Provides that any day(s) when the department of health is closed be excluded from the maximum number of days within which a hearing must be held by the board when a physician or limited registrant's license is suspended without hearing.)
{LC5377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2762

(BHDDH)

BY DiMario, Valverde, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Includes licensed advanced practice registered nurses (APRN), certified in psychiatric/mental health, as qualified to certify the need for mental health treatment in certain patients.)
{LC5375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2763

BY Pearson, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Sepsis and septic shock best practices for hospital and emergency care facilities.)
{LC5283/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2764**BY** Valverde, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (Allows individuals who have received their masters of social work from an accredited college or university within the past two (2) years to practice within the field prior to obtaining a license.)

{LC4993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2765**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Gallo, Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Establishes a lead water supply replacement program for public and private service lines and requires disclosure to tenants and buyers of real property of the presence of lead service lines.)

{LC4970/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2766

(Attorney General)

BY Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE (Permits the health care advocate to receive confidential health care information with individual patient information but would prohibit the disclosure of the information, except pursuant to judicial process.)

{LC5053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2767**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT HOSPITAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS--RATE REVIEW ACT (Creates uniform rate review procedure for rates to be changed.)

{LC4768/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2768**BY** DiMario, Valverde, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
PHARMACIES
{LC4633/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2769**BY** Bell, Calkin, Mack, DiMario, Anderson, Mendes, Valverde, Kallman, Acosta, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM
{LC5371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2770

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Lombardo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE,
WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Transfers all responsibility for oversize/overweight permitting
to the department of transportation and amends and increases fines for all oversize and
overweight infractions.)
{LC5107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2771

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY
SERVICES (Amends the formula used to reimburse a utility facility or company for the cost of
relocation necessitated by highway construction.)
{LC5347/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2772**BY** Valverde, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL, SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, ROOFS, HEATING, VENTILATION, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, LANDSCAPING, GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, VEHICLES AND FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island general laws § 16-7-44 in order for the interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

{LC5571/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2773**BY** Miller, Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Kallman, Zurier, Sosnowski, Gallo, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- TOURISM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (Enables municipalities to create tourism improvement districts to increase economic activity in the tourism industry.)

{LC4839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2774

(Judiciary)

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PROBATION AND PAROLE SUPPORT ACT (Modifies current procedures for the application and collection of court costs, fees and assessments in all criminal matters.)

{LC5066/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2775

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENTS OF WAGES

{LC5061/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2776

(Judiciary)

BY Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Corrects the erroneous misdemeanor classification of the criminal offense of fraudulent conversion by agent or factor.)

{LC5068/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2777

(Attorney General)

BY Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES (Permits grand juries to issue reports and provides for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.)

{LC5057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2778**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.")

{LC5599/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2779**BY** Mendes, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Prohibits the court from setting financial conditions of bail.)
{LC4645/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2780

(by request)

BY Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HARASSMENT (Creates the offense of criminal harassment. Persons who commit such an offense would be guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and felony for a second offense and subject to fines and imprisonment.)
{LC5593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2781**BY** Anderson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - LIMITATIONS (Allows any city or town to add the municipality as a third-party beneficiary where the original contract causes a violation of a municipal ordinance, in the amount of three percent (3%) of the total compensation of the contract.)
{LC5193/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2782**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Picard, Lombardo, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Allows a homebuyer to void a purchase and sales agreement prior to the transfer if the seller fails to provide a written sales disclosure. The act also increases the maximum civil penalty for violating this law from \$100 to \$1,000.)
{LC5588/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2783**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island to provide transparency in litigation.)
{LC5628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2784**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICE ACT (Makes it an unfair claims practices act violation for an insurer to fail to have an appraisal performed by a licensed appraiser when a vehicle sustains damage in excess of \$5,000. Also corrects a citation regarding salvage and reconstructed titles.)
{LC5626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2785**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES -- INTEREST IN CIVIL ACTIONS (Provides that pre- and post-judgment interest on civil actions begin on the date of the filing of the civil action and be calculated based upon a rate equal to the coupon issue yield equivalent.)
{LC5627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2786**BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides a unit owner's insurance policy as the primary insurance policy with respect to any amount of loss which is not payable under the association's policy because of the application of the deductible.)
{LC5612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2787

(Judiciary)

BY Archambault, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT (Creates within the district court a dedicated calendar offering treatment and sentencing alternatives to eligible defendants deemed to suffer from serious and persistent mental illness.)

{LC5070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2788**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Ciccone, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL

(Adds advanced recycling as a definition for refuse disposal. Adds the advanced recycling facility that means a facility that receives, stores and converts post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks using advanced recycling.)

{LC5514/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2789

(Judiciary)

BY Quezada, Euer, Burke, Murray, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- PROCEEDINGS IN AID OF EXECUTION (Requires that upon issuance of a citation, the judgment debtor is given twenty-five (25) days to contact the judgment creditor to resolve the matter prior to court intervention.)

{LC5065/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2790

(Judiciary)

BY Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Corrects an erroneous statutory citation found in § 12-12-9, which inaccurately referred to § 12-9-8 (extradition), rather than the correct statute § 12-19-8 (suspension of sentence and probation by superior or district court).)

{LC5064/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2791

(Judiciary)

BY Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS (Removes diversion programs from the list of criminal convictions subject to mandatory DNA collection.)

{LC5063/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2792**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Clarifies that the use of a wireless communication device for the purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to the vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

{LC5073/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2793**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Sunsets the provision which allows first-time violators to avoid the fine by presenting proof of acquisition of a hands-free device prior to the imposition of the fine effective September 1, 2022.)

{LC5071/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2794

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CREATION AND EXPANSION (Amends a number of provisions in the general laws relative to financial institutions by eliminating unnecessary requirements and/or clarifying language in order to reduce certain burdens on businesses operating in Rhode Island.)

{LC5313/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2795

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Quezada, McCaffrey, Euer, Acosta, Cano, Lombardi, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Permits the DOC to release a sentenced inmate up to 3 days early directly to a community partner for residential treatment or stable housing when completion of sentence is incompatible with the community partners staffing or scheduling capabilities.)
{LC5326/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2796**BY** Archambault, Burke, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Permits a judge, after consultation with a mental health professional, to order into a locked down mental health facility for a mental health assessment as an alternative to incarceration.)
{LC4973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2797**BY** Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Establishes penalties for vehicles exceeding twenty five thousand pounds (25,000 lbs) gross vehicle weight and requires certain civil penalties to be paid to the enforcing municipality.)
{LC4772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2798**BY** Archambault, Kallman, Burke, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.)
{LC5549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2799**BY** Archambault, Burke, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Same as 21H-5613 -- Increases committee in law enforcement officers' bill of rights hearing to 5, three as permanent. Hearings commenced in 15 days, allow for summary suspension of 5 days and would mandate pay suspended while the case is pending.)

{LC5589/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2800

(Secretary of State)

BY Sosnowski, Miller, Coyne, Felag, Lombardo, Gallo, DiPalma, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates the requirement that the signature on all certifying envelopes containing a mail ballot be made before a notary public or before two (2) witnesses.)

{LC5316/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2801

(Secretary of State)

BY Archambault, Kallman, Cano, Burke, Acosta, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Euer, Quezada, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (Updates public records administration act, modifies records control schedule, designates records officer, establishes procedures for retention of records. Provides administrator submit yearly reports, establishes public reporting compliance.)

{LC5318/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2802

(Secretary of State)

BY Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC (Allows the continuance of the remote notarization following the expiration of the executive emergency order currently in effect and requires a certificate of any notarial act.)

{LC5321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2803

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - VITAL RECORDS (Adds the division of taxation, division of motor vehicles and department of revenue to those agencies who receive lists of reported deaths.)

{LC5331/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2804

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Adds the chief inspector and inspectors within the office of inspections to the definition of "peace officer.")

{LC5327/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2805

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Effective January 1, 2023, creates Superior Court jurisdiction over all appeals of tax administrators concerning assessment, deficiency, refund claim, license or permit. It creates an exemption for the taxpayer from prepayment as a condition precedent.)

{LC5336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2806

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are beneficiaries of the policy.)

{LC5124/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2807

(Dept. of Health)

BY Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

(Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice before taking and receiving results of the NCLEX exam.)

{LC5376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2808

(Attorney General)

BY Raptakis, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Establishes

criminal penalties for a wanton or reckless act or omission of a parent, guardian or any other person who has custody or control of a child that result in substantial risk of serious bodily injury or sexual abuse of a child in their care.)

{LC5051/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2809

(Secretary of State)

BY Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE (Authorizes the secretary of state and board of elections to conduct an extensive cybersecurity assessment of our election systems and facilities and to establish a cybersecurity review board.)

{LC5319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2810

(Secretary of State)

BY Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE

ARCHIVES (Clearly defines permanent state records to be retained/ requires preparation of disaster preparedness plan/ allows access to superior court for injunctions/ restraining orders for violations of public records laws.)

{LC5322/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2811

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires correctional officers to qualify annually with the pistol or revolver rather than the previous requirement of biennial qualification.)

{LC5325/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2812

(Secretary of State)

BY Lombardi, Euer, Archambault, Ciccone, Lombardo, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM LIMITED 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".)

{LC5323/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2813

(Secretary of State)

BY Lombardi, Euer, Archambault, Ciccone, Lombardo, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT (Enacts the Uniform Partnership Act to govern the law of partnerships in this state.)

{LC5324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2814

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Revises the manner in which complaints against contractors are made, processed, investigated, and resolved in a more efficient and expeditious manner and makes various technical and grammatical corrections.)

{LC5315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2815

BY Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardo, Pearson, Lawson, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REAL JOBS RHODE ISLAND ACT (Establishes a real job Rhode Island program, which is an industry-led system to advance the skills of the state's workforce to grow the state's economy and increase sustainable employment for middle-class families.)
{LC4674/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2816

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Extends until June 30, 2023, an increase in the total amount of earnings a partial-unemployment insurance claimant can receive before being entirely disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits.)
{LC5346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2817

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES--LICENSE PLATES (Changes the location of "State of Rhode Island" and "ocean state" on the registration plates.)
{LC5334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2818

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Increases the non-Keno lottery prize awards from a maximum of sixty-five percent (65%) to seventy-one percent (71%) of the total revenue accruing from the sale of lottery tickets.)
{LC5332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2819

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY - LOTTERY SALES AGENT RENEWAL PERIOD (Extends the renewal period for lottery sales agent's license from one year to two (2) years.)

{LC5333/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2820

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Changes the definition of "street rod" motor vehicle to reference its registration certificate and not its title. It would also change the meaning of "custom vehicle" by adding a reference to its registration certificate.)

{LC5335/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2821**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- QUADRICYCLE PASSENGER VEHICLES (21H-5694 Sub A/3) --Authorizes municipalities to regulate the use of quadricycle passenger vehicles within their borders, provided there is approval by the local police chief.)

{LC5598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2822**BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Ciccone, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Creates a name for the Rhode Island Convention Center Boardroom as the James P. McCarvill Boardroom.)

{LC4930/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2823**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardo, Pearson, Felag, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (Establishes a seven (7) member public-private partnership infrastructure oversight commission to approve all requests for proposals submitted for public-private partnership construction of qualified facilities.)
{LC4671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2824**BY** Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE A REFERENDUM TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO ALLOW THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, REFUNDING BONDS, AND/OR TEMPORARY NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-THREE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$23,500,000) FOR THE NEW CONSTRUCTION OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART CARBON-NEUTRAL EDUCATION CENTER AND EVENT PAVILION AT ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO. (Allows the state to issue bonds, and/or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed twenty-three and (\$23,500,000) for the new construction of a state-of-the-art carbon-neutral education center and event pavilion at Roger Williams Park Zoo.)
{LC5613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2825**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Defines rifle and shotgun as weapons and makes it unlawful to possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in public subject to various exceptions inclusive of hunting activity punishable upon conviction by imprisonment up to 5 years or a fine up to \$5,000.)
{LC5547/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Picard announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Valverde announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:49 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA

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

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24th, 2022****House Bill No. 7817**

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Fogarty, Carson, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, O'Brien, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS -- REMOTE PARTICIPANTS (Allows University of Rhode Island trustee members to remotely participate in meetings, without excuse, and to have them considered as the meeting quorum.)

{LC5350/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

House Bill No. 7825

BY Amore, Ruggiero, Barros, J Lombardi, C Lima, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

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 sunseting at the end of 2021-2022 school year.)

{LC5396/1}

Transmitted to Governor.