

## State of Rhode Island

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# Journal of the Senate

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Third day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Fifth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT – 37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 1:** Senator Lombardo.

### **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 2023 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:

<p>SENATOR <b>FRANK LOMBARDO, III</b> District 25</p> <hr/> <p>10 Anson Brown Road Johnston, Rhode Island 02919</p> <p>Room 318 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>RESIDENCE: 401-270-1379 OFFICE: 401-276-5599 FAX: 401-222-2967</p> <p>sen-lombardo@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIRPERSON Committee on Housing &amp; Municipal Government</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Labor</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Commerce</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Rules, Government Ethics &amp; Oversight</p>
<p>January 31, 2023</p> <p>The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903</p> <p>Dear Mr. President:</p> <p>Please be advised that on Tuesday, January 31, 2023, I will be absent from Senate Session due to illness.</p> <p>I would appreciate you recoding my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>  <p>Frank Lombardo III Senator District - 25</p>		

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 47****BY** Felag, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KEVIN M. LYNCH ON BEING NAMED THE PRESIDENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION {LC745/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Gu, McKenney, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Felag, Tikoian, Lauria, Ujifusa speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 48****BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 9TH ANNUAL "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" ON JANUARY 29TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 4, 2023, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC786/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gu requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gu moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, McKenney, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Lombardi, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 49****BY** Cano, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING ELIZABETH BURKE BRYANT FOR TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RHODE ISLAND KIDS COUNT

{LC1113/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gu, McKenney, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Felag, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 50****BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING “INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY” ON JANUARY 27, 2023

{LC1214/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Kallman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Kallman moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Gu, McKenney, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 51****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MR. FRANK R. BURSIE  
{LC793/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Tikoian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Tikoian moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, McKenney, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 52****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RONALD F. HEROUX  
{LC785/1}Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**Senate Resolution No. 53****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RITA I. BLAIS  
{LC784/1}Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**Senate Resolution No. 54****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KRISTINE MARIE PELOQUIN  
{LC779/1}Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Senate Resolution No. 55****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WOONSOCKET DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ROGER E. PERREAULT  
{LC778/1}Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**Senate Bill No. 56****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN (Provides a tax abatement of up to \$2,000 to Jamestown firefighters based upon years of service, quantity of calls responded to and number of training hours and is transferrable to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.)  
{LC705/1}

Introduced, referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 57****BY** Raptakis, Rogers, Burke, E Morgan, Felag, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", THE FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE  
{LC728/1}Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar for Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023:****1. 2023-S 46****BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY NON-PLURALITY VOTING METHODS AND RUNOFF ELECTIONS FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GENERAL OFFICER PRIMARIES

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

**YEAS – 34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and 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 or to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator DiPalma announces that the State Committee Conservation District will meet next Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

Senator Mack announces that tomorrow the Black History Celebration will be held at 3:00 pm in the Bell Area of the State House.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Gallo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Former Executive of RI Kids Count, Family Members Dan Bryant, Eliza Bryant, and Kim Paull, Paige Clausius- Parks, EdM, Executive Director of RI Kids Count, Kelsey Bala, Policy Analyst of RI Kids Count, Leanne C. Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst of RI Kids Count, Ms. Wilsa Galarza, Ex. Assistant/ Office Manager of RI Kids Count, Stephanie Geller, EdM, Deputy Director of RI Kids Count, Katherine Linwood Chu, Communications Manager of RI Kids Count, Kaitlyn Rabb, Policy Analyst of RI Kids Count, Jessica Vega, Senior Policy Analyst of RI Kids Count, Marion Orr, Board Chair of RI Kids Count, Marisa Albanese, Board Chair Emeritus of RI Kids Count, Linda Newton, Board Chair Emeritus of RI Kids Count.

**RECESS**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the Senate stands in Recess upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian at 4:39 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Frank R. Bursie.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

***The Reappointment of Richard Charest as the Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals***

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman DiPalma, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

***The Reappointment of James E.Thorsen as the Director of the Department of Administration***

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 58**

**BY** Raptakis, Burke, F. Lombardi, Felag, Sosnowski, Murray, Mack, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates six (6) loans or less in twelve (12) consecutive months.)  
{LC357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 59**

**BY** Kallman, Euer, DiMario, Pearson, Murray, Miller, Sosnowski, Mack, Lauria, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE VEHICLE SURCHARGE (Implements a \$0.75 surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies and also requires that the surcharges be deposited in a restricted account to be used for street improvements in the municipality where the fare originated.)  
{LC601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 60**

**BY** Miller, LaMountain, Gallo, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- CIBA-GEIGY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (Requires the EPA to develop a plan for flooding on the Pawtuxet River, specifically at the site of the former Ciba-Geigy Chemical Company with regard to contaminants leaching into the Pawtuxet River and neighboring wells.)  
{LC1206/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 61**

**BY** Ujifusa, Zurier, Murray, Mack, Lawson, Sosnowski, Valverde, Lauria, Bell, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.)  
{LC931/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 62**

**BY** Lauria, Euer, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Establishes a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate.)  
{LC1021/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 63**

**BY** Murray, DiPalma, Valverde, Lauria, Quezada, Bell, Felag, McKenney, DiMario, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUD (Establishes the RI ombud for special education who ensures school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with the individualized education programs for students with disabilities.)  
{LC894/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 64**

**BY** Cano, Murray, DiMario, Lawson, Acosta, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that the permanent foundation educational aid program would provide state funding for school-based mental health services pursuant to specified conditions.)  
{LC275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 65****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and the DCYF to each pay 50% of the out-of-district transportation costs for children allowed to remain in the school where the child is enrolled at the time of placement.)

{LC897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 66****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino, E Morgan, Pearson**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 fiscal year.)

{LC951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 67****BY** Cano, Quezada, Murray, Lawson, Acosta, Pearson, Euer, DiMario, Kallman, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Adda to the determination of the need to support high-need students a separate and independent qualifying factor of whether the student is an English language learner as defined by the department of education's regulations.)

{LC261/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 68****BY** Cano, Quezada, Murray, Lawson, Kallman, Acosta, Pearson, Euer, DiMario, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools, to the extent state and federal funds are available.)

{LC258/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 69****BY** Cano, Murray, Lawson, Euer, Pearson, DiMario, Burke, Quezada, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides local education agencies (LEAs) hiring site-based specialists for reading and math to receive state reimbursement based on enrollment and specific guidelines.)

{LC293/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 70****BY** Cano, Quezada, Gallo, Kallman, Acosta, Picard, Lawson, DiMario, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE COLLEGE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP (Provides that scholarships received directly from the College Crusade Scholarship Program would not be considered financial aid pursuant to the Rhode Island Promise Scholarships.)

{LC267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 71****BY** Acosta, Lawson, Valverde, Murray, Quezada, Kallman, Pearson, Zurier, Gallo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools.)

{LC1234/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Resolution No. 72****BY** Picard, Quezada, Zurier, Gallo, Lawson**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.)

{LC911/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 73****BY** Kallman, McKenney, Burke, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Allows a municipality, by ordinance or resolution, to increase the minimum bid for small purchases to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).)

{LC574/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 74****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.)

{LC872/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 75****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.)

{LC871/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 76****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Reduces the sales tax rate to five percent (5%).)

{LC945/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 77****BY** Pearson, Gallo, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Mack, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program to provide two-year scholarships to junior and seniors at Rhode Island college.)

{LC1193/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 78****BY** Burke, Euer, LaMountain, McKenney, E Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax the sale of beer and malt beverages at retail.)

{LC1033/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 79****BY** Felag, McKenney, Pearson, DiPalma, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Requires quasi-public corporations to use all funds and property to perform the function or service for which the quasi-public corporation was created.)

{LC1110/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 80****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the state earned-income credit as of January 1, 2024 to sixteen percent (16%) of the federal earned-income credit, not to exceed the amount of state income tax.)

{LC846/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 81****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Effective July 1, 2023, entitles environmental police officers to the benefits provided by chapter 45-21.2 entitled "Optional retirement for members of police force and firefighters.")

{LC840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 82****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, McKenney, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts reusable bags from the state sales tax.)

{LC839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 83****BY** Felag, Euer, Pearson, Ciccone, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services and pet care services.)

{LC851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 84****BY** E Morgan, DeLuca, de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Raptakis, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income for all social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.)

{LC946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 85****BY** Britto, Lawson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

(Increases the maximum amount of days a retired teacher and athletic coach may substitute teach from 90 days to 120 days.)

{LC774/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 86****BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Enables school teachers, state and municipal employees to retire earlier.)

{LC1139/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 87****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 makes an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing.)

{LC900/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 88****BY** Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Raptakis, Felag, Britto, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS (Requires those vehicles traveling on any roadway or highway to move over to the left lane or slow down upon approaching a nonemergency vehicle that is stationary on the side of any roadway or highway.)

{LC1047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 89****BY** Kallman, DiPalma, Murray, Ruggerio, Euer, Acosta, Miller, Gallo, Gu, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes a 7 member board to oversee/provide/manage IRA-type retirement investments in a secure choice retirement savings program for employees with employers in noncompliance subject to \$250 penalty per employee.)

{LC941/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 90****BY** Kallman, Euer, Lawson, Acosta, Gu, McKenney, Burke, Miller, Mack, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Requires cities and towns to implement affordable housing requirements upon all developers of tax stabilization applications for developments of more than five (5) housing units based upon median income as defined by HUD.)

{LC85/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 91****BY** Felag, Raptakis, Gallo, Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

{LC1109/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 92****BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Felag, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Reduces the sales tax rate to six percent (6%).)

{LC1121/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 93****BY** E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Provides PILOT to Exeter for state owned properties. Imposes no duty on Exeter to protect these properties. Requires payments to be used to create a police department or defray town expenses used to provide police protection.)

{LC1089/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 94****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.)

{LC898/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 95****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Removes the exemption from the state hotel tax for residences rented in their entirety.)

{LC1222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 96****BY** Miller, DiMario, Gu, Lawson, Valverde, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMBRYO SAFETY AND STORAGE (Creates the "Embryo Safety and Storage Act of 2023" and requires the department of health to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.)

{LC860/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 97****BY** McKenney, Burke, Kallman, LaMountain, Euer, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT

{LC782/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 98****BY** DiPalma, Miller, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde, Goodwin**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.)

{LC307/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 99****BY** DiPalma, Miller, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde, Goodwin**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.)

{LC312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 100****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS (Establishes home care nursing assistants licensed by the department of health to work exclusively in home care.)

{LC850/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 101****BY** F. Lombardi, Raptakis, Felag, Tikoian, Miller, LaMountain, DiPalma, Ciccone, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Extends authority of physical therapists to order x-rays until December 31, 2025.)

{LC518/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 102****BY** Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Raptakis, Felag, Britto, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF INSURANCE CLAIMS (Prohibits a health insurer from denying a claim for any medical bill based on sole reasoning that the bill may arise from a motor vehicle accident or other third-party claim and prohibits a medical provider from refusing to submit medical for same reason.)  
{LC994/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 103****BY** Kallman, McKenney, Euer, Miller, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)  
{LC1050/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 104****BY** Euer, Miller, Kallman, Murray, DiPalma, Lawson, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES -- 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.)  
{LC520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 105****BY** Ujifusa, Quezada, Zurier, Lawson, DiMario, Valverde, Miller, Kallman, Tikoian, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (State websites to comply with WCAG 2.1 standards by July 1, 2028.)  
{LC1210/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 106**

**BY** Ujifusa, Valverde, Quezada, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Miller, Sosnowski, Lauria, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTROL OF HIGH PRESCRIPTION COSTS -- REGULATION OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS (Regulates PBMs policies and practices relating to accurate costs and pricing reporting, restricts discriminatory practices and establishes consumer protections and enforcement of penalties for violations by the office of the attorney general.)  
{LC926/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 107**

**BY** Cano, Miller, Gallo, Euer, Quezada, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates all insurance contracts/plans/policies provide coverage for the expense of diagnosing/treating infertility for women between the ages of 25 and 42 including preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).)  
{LC282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 108**

**BY** Miller, Valverde, Lawson, DiMario, Lauria, Murray, Bell, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires EOHHS working with the auditor general to develop a plan within two (2) years of the passage of this act to transition to a fee-for-service state-run Medicaid program.)  
{LC1172/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 109**

**BY** Ujifusa, Bell, Valverde, Miller, Quezada, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Gu, Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the auditor general to oversee an audit of Medicaid programs administered by managed care organizations and submit a report of such findings within six (6) months to the general assembly and EOHHS.)  
{LC927/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 110****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE (Amends the Burrillville Town Charter.)

{LC443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 111****BY** E Morgan, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Richmond, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of Richmond on November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2022.)

{LC444/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 112****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts real and tangible personal property of a municipal and school district employee, with ten (10) years of employment, at a rate of fifty percent (50%) of the property tax bill or \$5,000, whichever is greater.)

{LC1194/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 113****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)

{LC972/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 114****BY** Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HISTORICAL AREA ZONING (Allows the town of Bristol to appoint a second auxiliary member to its historical district commission.)

{LC880/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 115**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Raptakis, McKenney, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, Euer, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS**

(Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries, without becoming an affiliated party voter.)

{LC353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 116****BY** Raptakis, Burke, Sosnowski, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, DiMario, McKenney, Ciccone, Felag, DiPalma**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION****OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES** (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a police officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence.)

{LC93/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 117****BY** DiPalma, Felag, Gu, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --****COMMISSION TO MONITOR THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN STATE****GOVERNMENT** (Establishes a commission to study the use of artificial intelligence in the decision-making process of state government.)

{LC315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 118****BY** Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, de la Cruz, DiMario, McKenney, Ciccone, Felag**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR****VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

{LC91/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 119**

**BY** Raptakis, Burke, Sosnowski, Tikoian, F. Lombardi, DiMario, McKenney, Ciccone, Felag, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from 5 years to 10 years.)  
{LC92/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 120**

**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.)  
{LC852/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 121**

**BY** Euer, Murray, Mack, Pearson, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Acosta, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Creates a new section which provides a streamlined adoption process for children born through assisted reproduction and who need adoption to confirm, not establish, their legal parentage to protect them against discrimination in all jurisdictions.)  
{LC895/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 122**

**BY** Cano, Quezada, Acosta, DiPalma, Zurier, Kallman, Murray, Sosnowski, Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.)  
{LC260/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 123****BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, McKenney, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Increases sentences for carrying a firearm when committing a crime of violence and for possessing a stolen firearm and requires that a person convicted of these offenses serve a period of time in which they would not be eligible for parole or probation.)

{LC340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 124****BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Felag, McKenney, Tikoian, Quezada, LaMountain, Burke, Ciccone, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Removes the requirement that unopposed candidates who file valid declarations of candidacy need to file nominating signatures for certification.)

{LC352/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 125****BY** Felag, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ciccone, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SOCIAL HOST REGULATIONS (Creates a social host statutory framework to address the presence and consumption of controlled substances, including marijuana, at social parties, gatherings and events.)

{LC984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 126****BY** Kallman, Miller, Valverde, Murray, DiMario, Acosta, Euer, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Establishes the process to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using medications prescribed by a physician.)

{LC336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 127**

**BY** DeLuca, Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Gallo, Britto, Lauria

**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.)  
{LC960/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 128**

**BY** Cano, Euer, Quezada, Burke, Acosta, Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS  
{LC268/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 129**

**BY** Cano, Ciccone, Quezada, Lawson, DiPalma, Burke, Murray, Acosta, Euer, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS (Allows the division of motor vehicles to issue a state identification card to residents unable to establish lawful presence in the United States upon proof of residence in this state and a tax identification number.)  
{LC269/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 130**

**BY** Euer, Pearson, Gallo, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Felag, Raptakis, Miller, LaMountain, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.)  
{LC1221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 131**

**BY** Ujifusa, Murray, Zurier, DiMario, Mack, Lawson, Gu, Lauria, Bell, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT OF 2023 (Provides for a prohibition on any new high-heat waste facility.)  
{LC928/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 132****BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, Euer, Murray, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS {LC351/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 133****BY** LaMountain, Quezada, McKenney, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires applicant for license to carry concealed weapon to complete firearms safety course taught by certified firearms instructor and must include one hour of instruction by an attorney licensed in this state on the law of self-defense.) {LC138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 134****BY** LaMountain, Quezada, McKenney, Euer, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits any city or town from issuing permit to carry a concealed weapon unless they reside or have business in that city or town and requires out of state applicants to meet all requirements of § 11-47-18.) {LC139/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 135**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Kallman, Euer, Mack, Lawson, Acosta, Lauria, Quezada, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY (Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants, and provides for fines for failure to comply, and requires notices of denials to be sent to the prospective tenants.) {LC329/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 136****BY** Euer, Kallman, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (Allows an owner or owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)  
{LC522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 137****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS -- PRESUMPTION FOR HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION (Allows the presumption of in-the-line-of-duty illness unless contrary evidence is presented.)  
{LC568/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 138****BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Quezada, Euer, Ciccone, E Morgan, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the minimum hourly wage commencing January 1, 2028, by an amount equal to the total percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Northeast Region for the calendar year 2026.)  
{LC347/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 139****BY** Lawson, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Miller, Euer, Murray, Ciccone, Acosta, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Includes siblings/grandchildren/care recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's allowances from \$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1, 2024.)  
{LC731/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 140****BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.)

{LC1138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 141****BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.)

{LC1137/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 142****BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, McKenney, Tikoian, Quezada, Murray, Paolino, Zurier, Britto**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW RHODE ISLAND'S MINIMUM WAGE (Creates an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to study Rhode Island's minimum wage, and who reports back to the Senate no later than May 4, 2024, and whose life expires on January 4, 2025.)

{LC1029/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 143****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days.)

{LC959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 144**

**BY** Cano, Quezada, Murray, Mack, DiMario, Kallman, Lawson, Acosta, Miller, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY  
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
{LC273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 145**

**BY** Cano, DiMario, Quezada, Euer, Lawson, Pearson, Burke, McKenney, DiPalma, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE  
ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of  
parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-four (24)  
weeks in any two (2) calendar years.)  
{LC266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 146**

**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Gu, Acosta, Zurier, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO  
LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING -- THE RHODE ISLAND  
CONSUMER PROTECTION GAMING ACT (Prohibits the use of facial recognition technology  
and biometric recognition technology in video-lottery terminals at pari-mutuel licensees in the  
state or in online betting applications.)  
{LC310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 147**

**BY** Picard, Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE  
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE  
BALLOT) (Requires submission to voters election constitutional amendment requiring  
governor/lieutenant governor to run as a team in elections commencing in 2026.)  
{LC913/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 148****BY** Felag, Ciccone, Raptakis, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides issuance of an occupational license, certificate and permit for military service members licensed in other states and relocated to Rhode Island.)

{LC845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 149****BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROPOSALS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING THE INCARCERATION OF WOMEN (Reinstates and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study justice reinvestment proposals and make recommendations to reduce the incarceration of women, from June 1, 2022 to November 10, 2023, and expires on January 6, 2024.)

{LC1129/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 150****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, DeLuca, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Picard, DiPalma, Zurier, Bell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. DANIEL SMITH HARROP, III

{LC918/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 151****BY** Paolino, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CORONA CORP.

{LC571/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 152****BY** McKenney, Ruggerio, Pearson, Goodwin, Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2023-2024

{LC1264/1}

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

**Senate Resolution No. 153****BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Gu, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN D. GLASHEEN

{LC661/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 154****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GUIDO J. PETROSINELLI

{LC1439/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>WALTER S. FELAG</b> District 10</p> <hr/> <p>51 Overhill Road Warren, Rhode Island 02885</p> <p>Room 318 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>RESIDENCE: 401-245-7521 OFFICE: 401-276-5599 FAX: 401-222-2967</p> <p>sen-felag@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>CHAIRPERSON Committee on Special Legislation &amp; Veterans' Affairs</p> <hr/> <p>2ND VICE CHAIRPERSON Committee on Finance</p>
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February 3, 2023

*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 Bill S -125 be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.*

*I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.*

*Sincerely,*

*Walter Felag Jr.*  
Walter Felag, Jr.  
Senator - District 10

Ordered to be placed on file.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 07<sup>th</sup> at 4:04 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by Senator Goodwin, the Senate adjourns at 4:06 o'clock P.M.

**JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix****INVOCATION****SENATOR JESSICA DE LA CRUZ**

Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for bringing us together this day and for the opportunity to serve your people here in Rhode Island. We ask that you grant us wisdom like King Solomon so as to enact policies that help and not harm, to build up and not tear down, and the courage to maintain our promise to abide by the guidelines outlined in our constitution. May we be unwavering in our oath to serve our state and country. Lastly, we also pray for our colleagues who are ill and battling health conditions. We ask not only to restore their health but also for a quick recovery. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Appendix****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2023:**

1.     **2023-S 52**  
      **BY Murray**  
      **ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES**  
      **ON THE PASSING OF RONALD F. HEROUX**  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
  
2.     **2023-S 53**  
      **BY Murray**  
      **ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON**  
      **THE PASSING OF RITA I. BLAIS**  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
  
3.     **2023-S 54**  
      **BY Murray**  
      **ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON**  
      **THE PASSING OF KRISTINE MARIE PELOQUIN**  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
  
4.     **2023-S 55**  
      **BY Murray**  
      **ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES**  
      **ON THE PASSING OF WOONSOCKET DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ROGER E.**  
      **PERREAULT**  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
  
5.     **2023-S 57**  
      **BY Raptakis**  
      **ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 80TH**  
      **ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", THE FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO**  
      **SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT**  
      **LIVE**  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

6.     **2023-S 149**  
      **BY** Kallman  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND  
      EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL  
      LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT  
      PROPOSALS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING THE  
      INCARCERATION OF WOMEN
- Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
7.     **2023-S 150**  
      **BY** de la Cruz  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON  
      THE PASSING OF DR. DANIEL SMITH HARROP, III
- Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
8.     **2023-S 151**  
      **BY** Paolino  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE  
      CHARTER OF CORONA CORP.
- Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
9.     **2023-S 153**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
      ON THE PASSING OF JOHN D. GLASHEEN
- Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
10.    **2023-S 154**  
      **BY** Ruggerio  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON  
      THE PASSING OF GUIDO J. PETROSINELLI
- Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**Appendix**  
**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2023:**

**1.     *The Reappointment of James E.Thorsen as the Director of the Department of Administration***

Committee on Finance recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

**2.     *The Reappointment of Richard Charest as the Director of the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals***

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.