

## 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, February 14, 2023

Seventh Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 2:** Senators Cano, and Goodwin.

### INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

The Senate Journal of the Fifth Legislative Day of the 2023 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Felag 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><b>SENATOR</b> <b>FRANK LOMBARDO, III</b> District 25</p> <hr/> <p>10 Anson Brown Road Johnston, Rhode Island 02919</p> <hr/> <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><b>CHAIRPERSON</b> 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>
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February 13, 2023

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, I will be absent from Senate Session due to illness.

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

Sincerely,

  
Frank Lombardo III  
Senator District - 25

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR  
**SANDRA CANO**  
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State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

CHAIRWOMAN  
Committee on Education

Committee on  
Finance

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

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President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra C. Cano".

Sandra C. Cano  
Senator District #8

SC/nc  
cc Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR  
MARYELLEN GOODWIN  
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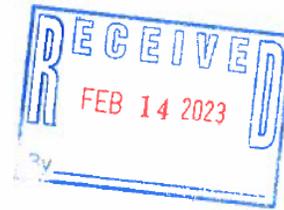
State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

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February 14, 2023



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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. I will be voting by proxy.

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

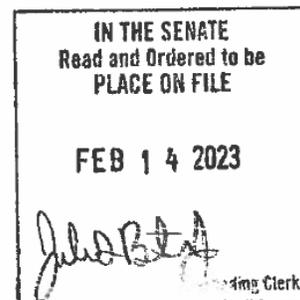
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Maryellen Goodwin  
Senate Majority Whip

/hsr

cc: Mr. John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate



Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR**

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions Rhode Island General Laws § 23-28.2-1, I have made the following reappointment to the State Fire Marshal:

**Timothy P. McLaughlin**

For a term expiring January 29, 2028

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section §23-28.2-23 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Fire Education & Training Coordinating Board:

**Joseph E. Bertholic**

(RI State Fire Fighter Assoc)

Vice  
Robert Peacock

For a term expiring January 31, 2025

To this Reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-128-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the **Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission**

**Paula B. McFarland**  
Senior Housing Advocate

Vice  
Maureen Maigret

For a term expiring January 31, 2025

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 8, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 23-27.3-100.1.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the **Building Codes Standards Committee**.

**Joseph L. Walsh, Jr.**  
Building Trade  
Vice  
Vacant

For a term expiring May 1, 2025

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President  
Honorable Ryan W. Pearson, Senate Majority Leader  
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS****Senate Resolution No. 160****BY** Quezada, Tikoian, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 179TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023

{LC410/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 161****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARCIA CHRISTINE ALMEIDA

{LC1482/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023:****1. 2023-S 159****BY DiMario****ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2023, TO BE "CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

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

**NAYS – 0:****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023:****1. *The Reappointment of Terrence D. Gray to the Director of the Department of Environmental Management***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

Senator DiMario moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

Senators Rogers, Raptakis, and Felag discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 1:** Senator Bell.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator DiMario and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber newly reappointed Director of the Department of Environmental Management, Terrence D. Gray.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gu and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ryan Harackiewicz, from Westerly and Miranda Oakley, from South Kingstown.

**2. 2023-S 18****BY** Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, IMPROVEMENTS, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF AND/OR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, THE RENOVATION OF TWO MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 79.8% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Senator Pearson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Euer, Felag, Gallo, Lombardi, Acosta, Lawson, Picard, Kallman, Paolino, Burke, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Murray, Valverde, Tikoian, Quezada, de la Cruz.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

**3. 2023-S 152 SUB A****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2023-2024

Committee on Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator McKenney moves passage of the act seconded by Senators Pearson, Euer, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Britto, Gallo, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Lauria, Murray, Quezada, Tikoian.

Senator Rogers seconded by Senators de la Cruz, Paolino, DeLuca, Morgan offers the following written motion to amend:

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO****2023 -- S 0152 SUBSTITUTE A**

SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2023-2024

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0152 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2023-2024", as follows:

1. On page 16, line 23, after the word "same", by inserting the following language: ", including a companion of the senate or house bill that was defeated,".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Rogers

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LC001264/2  
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Senators McKenney, de la Cruz, Lombardi, Bell, Rogers, and Pearson speak on the amendment.

The motion to amend fails upon a roll call vote with 5 Senators voting in the affirmative and 30 voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 5:** Senators de la Cruz, DeLuca, Morgan, Paolino, and Rogers.

**NAYS – 30:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Mack, McKenney, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Valverde, and Zurier.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative and 0 members abstaining as follows:

**YEAS – 37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Bell, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, De Luca, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, 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.

#### GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Paolino and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of The Senate, welcomes to the Chamber former RI State Representative Jeremiah O’ Grady.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans’ Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30pm in Room 313.

Senator Tikoian would like to congratulate Alex Rocha from the Office of Senate Constituent Services on being accepted to the MBA program at Bryant University.

Senator Lawson invites all members to the Rank Choice Chocolate Election Voting table just outside the senate chamber.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge and also on Thursday at 5:00pm in the Senate Lounge.

Senate Majority Leader Pearson would like to wish Senator Felag a Happy Birthday on Wednesday, February 15th.

Senate Majority Leader Pearson would like to wish Senator Lauria a Happy Birthday on Saturday, February 18th.

Senate Majority Leader Pearson would like to wish Senator LaMountain a Happy Birthday on Sunday, February 19th.

Senate Majority Leader Pearson would like to wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

### RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator Pearson, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:02 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Marcia Christine Almeida.*

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Resolution No. 162**

**BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Gu, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VINCENT VESPIA, JR.

{LC1323/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

#### **Senate Bill No. 163**

**BY** Euer, Cano, Goodwin, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lawson, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE--MEDIATION CONFERENCE (Removes the sunset provision relative to mediation coverage prior to mortgage foreclosures.)

{LC1374/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 164****BY** LaMountain, Euer, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Prohibits the offering or renting of accessory dwelling units for tourist or transient use or through a hosting platform, and enables municipalities to fine property owners and hosting platforms a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).)

{LC1245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 165****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP

(Provides that a condo unit owners policy would be the primary insurance policy with respect to any loss covered by the association's policy but not payable under the association's policy because of the application of the deductible.)

{LC1563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 166****BY** Gu, Valverde, DiMario, Euer, Mack, Miller, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN

BUILDINGS ACT (Creates building energy performance standards based on the size of buildings, to achieve, by way of benchmarking and reporting, a statewide analysis of energy use and strategies to increase energy efficiency.)

{LC1810/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 167****BY** Kallman, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, Valverde, Tikoian, Pearson, Sosnowski, Lawson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires all state licensed health care facilities to convert the powering of their operations from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. DOH would promulgate rules and regulations to implement the requirements.)

{LC1550/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 168****BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Ujifusa, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS (Prohibits financial institutions from investing in private detention centers or any entity that owns or invests in a for-profit institution that owns or contracts with a government entity to manage or run a prison.)

{LC1232/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 169****BY** Murray, Valverde, Acosta, McKenney, LaMountain, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Directs PUC to extend utility termination moratorium for gas/electricity from April 15 to May 1, of each year with discretion to respond to emergency/economic conditions/customers needs.)

{LC1462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 170****BY** Murray, Euer, Kallman, Valverde, Miller, Britto, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET-METERING (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.)

{LC912/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 171****BY** Euer, Felag, Lawson, DiMario, Acosta, Ruggerio, Lauria, Cano, Quezada, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires businesses that offer automatic subscription renewals/continuous service offers to provide consumers with notice to the consumer prior to their engagement in the contract along with notice of renewal of subscription/cancellation info. eff. 1/1/24)

{LC1616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 172****BY** Rogers, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Allows the commission to defer or suspend any fees/charges collected for demand-side management or renewables and notifies the governor, speaker of the house, and the senate president of the commission's decision to suspend any fees/charges.)  
{LC1925/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 173****BY** Lawson, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Cano, Britto, Lauria, Mack, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS ACT (Establishes the commuter transportation benefit chapter. Employers with five hundred (500) or more employees would be required to establish a pre-tax commuter transportation fringe benefit program.)  
{LC33/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 174****BY** DeLuca, de la Cruz, Paolino, E Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLAR PANELS (Requires that all sales representatives selling or leasing solar panels are licensed by the department of business regulation and that a statement be provided to homeowners setting forth pertinent information pertaining to the solar panels.)  
{LC1920/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 175****BY** Quezada, Cano, Ujifusa, Euer, DiMario, Acosta, Britto, Lawson, Miller, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")  
{LC414/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 176**

**BY** Quezada, Euer, Cano, DiMario, Acosta, Britto, Lawson, Miller, Valverde, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees, asking questions about the applicant's financial past during interviews or including credit history questions in their job applications.)  
{LC438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 177**

**BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT (Mandates 20 students per classroom for kindergarten through second grade. Exceptions for emergencies and temporary situations, not to exceed 3 days and mid-year enrollments.)  
{LC882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 178**

**BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- APPRENTICESHIP PATHWAYS TO EARNING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE ACT (Creates the Apprenticeship Pathways to Earning a Bachelor's Degree Act, to enable an individual to earn a bachelor's degree at public higher education institutions throughout the state by earning credits through apprenticeships.)  
{LC886/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 179**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca, E Morgan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION ACT (Enables parents to review public school learning materials/object if the parent decides that the material is harmful. Also a parent may withdraw their student from the activity or class where the material is used and request an alternative assignment.)  
{LC965/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 180****BY** DiMario, Euer, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Requires parental consent prior to conducting an initial evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program, as well as prior to changes being made to any IEP services or placement.)

{LC1213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 181****BY** DiMario, Lawson, Euer, Valverde, Gallo, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND

JASON FLATT ACT (Provides that in the event of the death of an educator or a student, a local educational agency be given up to five (5) days after the death to implement a flexible school schedule for teachers and students.)

{LC1201/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 182****BY** DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Acosta, Lauria, Valverde, DiPalma, Picard, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY

AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Adds the Rhode Island teacher of the year as an additional ex officio member of the council on elementary and secondary education as well as the board of education.)

{LC1443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 183****BY** Kallman, McKenney, Acosta, Burke, DiPalma, Lawson, DiMario, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires that each child under the supervision of DCYF be provided a team of educational advocates which would be required to attend meetings on a regular basis to ensure the child's educational planning, progress and success)

{LC1395/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 184****BY** Ujifusa, Lauria, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS (Removes the towns of Warren and Bristol from school bus district Region III and places Warren and Bristol in school bus district Region V.)

{LC1959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 185****BY** DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EARLY LEARNING HUBS (Establishes "early learning hubs" to serve as an intermediary among regional partners in order to coordinate support for early learning providers in the delivery of early childhood care and education.)

{LC1199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 186****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF STUDENTS ACT (Provides protections for students and parents against discrimination on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression in schools. Allows students to pray or engage in religious activities before, during or after school.)

{LC1516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 187****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino, Raptakis, Ciccone, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Repeals the establishment of statewide academic standards for core subjects and the implementation into the curriculum of all public schools.)

{LC1863/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 188****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH

PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games.)

{LC1437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 189****BY** Quezada, Cano, Euer, DiMario, Acosta, Miller, Pearson, Valverde, Kallman, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS (Authorizes the school administration to issue an out-of-school suspension to students if they are a threat to the safety of others.)

{LC1583/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 190****BY** Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Quezada, Kallman, Miller, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE

ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to ratify collective bargaining agreements entered on behalf of the

Providence public school district at a public hearing at least 7 days after a tentative agreement is made public.)

{LC279/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 191****BY** Acosta, DiPalma, Kallman, Valverde, Euer**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.)

{LC1227/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 192****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS (Allows the taking of any wild bird by using a crossbow in addition to the weapons spelled out in this section.)

{LC1530/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 193****BY** Valverde, Euer, LaMountain, Miller, DiMario, Murray, Sosnowski, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT (Prohibits the use of hazardous waste or solid waste as fill on any construction site project and renders the use of such material as fill a felony.)

{LC1286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 194****BY** Sosnowski, Euer, Miller, Ujifusa, DiMario, McKenney, Gu, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires that a super majority of three-fifths (3/5) of the duly appointed council is required to override a recommendation by the CRMC staff.)

{LC631/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 195****BY** DiMario, Euer, Gu, Valverde, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Tikoian, Kallman, Miller, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM (Requires the DEM adopt motor vehicle emissions standards based on California's promulgated standards; provided that, the California standards achieve greater motor vehicle pollution reductions than the federal standards as required by § 31-47.1-1(a).)

{LC1212/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 196**

**BY** Kallman, DiMario, LaMountain, Euer, Miller, Pearson, McKenney, Ujifusa, Valverde, Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE PFAS BAN ACT OF 2023 (Prohibits the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or "PFAS" in various products including carpets, cookware, cosmetics, ski wax, and various other items.)

{LC1502/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 197**

**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Ujifusa, Euer, DiMario, McKenney, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires that the appointment of public members include an active, licensed fisher, a representative from Save the Bay and from an organization representing developers.)

{LC634/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 198**

**BY** DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- AQUACULTURE (Requires all aquaculture leases in Sakonnet river area to be located at least one thousand feet (1,000') from the median high tide/tide line. Existing oyster farms would be exempt and this restriction would expire on July 1, 2025.)

{LC1547/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 199**

**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Paolino, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, DiPalma, Burke, Britto, E Morgan, Quezada

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING (Changes the fine for any person convicted of a first violation of this chapter from eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100).)

{LC1278/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 200**

**BY** Valverde, Gu, Sosnowski, Lawson, Raptakis, DiMario, Miller, Ujifusa, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING (Reduces equitable relationships between packaging  
producers and local governments and communities by establishing the Package Reduction and  
Recycling Program.)  
{LC974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 201**

**BY** Valverde, Gu, Kallman, Miller, DiMario, Euer, LaMountain, Acosta, Tikoian, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL --  
FOOD WASTE BAN (Requires a covered entity generating organic waste materials of more  
than 52 tons/year and located less than 30 miles from an authorized composting facility or  
anaerobic digestion facility to recycle the waste at that facility beginning January 1, 2024.)  
{LC1075/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 202**

**BY** Gu, Valverde, DiMario, Euer, Mack, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY  
PRODUCTS  
{LC1789/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 203**

**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, DiMario, McKenney, Gu, Valverde, Felag, Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Creates appointment of executive director of  
coastal resources management as an employee and respected staff of coastal resource  
management to coordinate with DEM and division leaders to plan management of coastal  
resources.)  
{LC936/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 204****BY** de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, DiPalma, Ciccone, E Morgan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases membership of EFSB 3 to 5 members, revises process of energy facility siting to mandate participation of public, permits hearing officers to make findings on major non-generating facilities, sets forth requirements for public board members.)  
{LC947/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Resolution No. 205****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES OF DECARBONIZING RHODE ISLAND BY 2030  
{LC1350/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 206****BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AND THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS; PROVIDED THAT, THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the town of Middletown to issue not more than \$1,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance school construction and renovation.)  
{LC1484/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 207**

**BY** Valverde, Gu, Lawson, Murray, Lauria, DiMario, Miller, DiPalma, Pearson, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY HOME-VISITING ACT (Makes the Medicaid rate increase permanent for the first connections family home-visiting program and requires additional information to be added to the annual family home-visiting report.)

{LC1628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 208**

**BY** Gallo, Pearson, Ciccone, Picard  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks weighing fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.) or less from sales and use tax.)

{LC890/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 209**

**BY** Gallo, Pearson, Ciccone, Picard  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax the trade-in values of motorcycles.)

{LC892/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 210**

**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Pearson, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the amount of exemption from sales tax for clothing including footwear from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to five hundred dollars (\$500).)

{LC914/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 211****BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - INSURANCE BENEFITS (Enables adjunct faculty members eligible for state employee medical insurance.)

{LC1209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 212****BY** McKenney, Burke, DiPalma, Kallman, LaMountain, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows real property owner a one-time non-refundable tax credit for the actual costs of connecting a single family or multi-family dwelling to a municipal sewer system credited to the owner's personal or corporate income tax.)

{LC1392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 213****BY** McKenney, Burke, DiPalma, LaMountain, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday on August 12 and 13, 2023.)

{LC1388/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 214****BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows volunteer firefighters who pay for their own training and equipment to receive an income tax credit.)

{LC955/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 215****BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Lawson, Burke, Zurier, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Provides teachers/state employees retired prior to June 30, 2012, a one-time stipend in the amount of 3% of the lesser of either the member's retirement allowance or the \$30,000 of the member's retirement allowance.)

{LC878/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 216****BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Valverde, Lawson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL

EDUCATION (Establishes a group to develop a tuition formula for schools sending students to technical programs.)

{LC891/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 217****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Tikoian, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES --

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax any items sold or provided for use in conducting memorial, funeral, or burial services.)

{LC1610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 218****BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.)

{LC954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 219****BY** E Morgan, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Permits certain volunteer firefighters to purchase motor vehicles by utilizing state purchasing provisions.)

{LC1523/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 220****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, DeLuca, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Secures general assembly appropriations in lieu of property taxes for state-owned properties within the town of Exeter.)

{LC1522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 221****BY** Rogers, Zurier, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- MUNICIPAL ROADS AND BRIDGES MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (Establishes a new fund, with 50% of the collected state motor vehicle registration fees, to be administered by the director of the department of transportation, and earmarked for municipal road and bridges maintenance and construction projects.)

{LC1667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 222****BY** Sosnowski, Ciccone, Valverde, Gu, DiPalma, Miller, Murray, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Provides that the current COLA suspension schedule would be replaced with a fractional annual COLA of twenty-five percent (25%) of the COLA declared for that plan year, as it pertains to retired teachers, state and municipal employees.)

{LC940/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 223**

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Lawson, Murray, F. Lombardi, Quezada, Valverde, Ciccone, LaMountain, Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Allows anyone who rendered services as a correction officer to receive pension credit for service as a state or municipal employee.)

{LC698/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 224**

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Lawson, Sosnowski, Lauria, Valverde, Picard, Murray, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (Establishes the Rhode Island student loan repayment program wherein eligible individuals may apply to have their student loans, or a portion thereof, paid by the state directly to the individual's lending agency.)

{LC1444/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 225**

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Murray, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Valverde, Gallo, F. Lombardi, Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS (Increases the maximum post retirement employment earnings from eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) a year for certain retired educators.)

{LC1073/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 226**

**BY** Sosnowski, Pearson, Valverde, Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS (Defines a fire fighter as a member of a fire department or a city, town, or fire district emergency services unit for the purposes of cancer benefits for firefighters.)

{LC1055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 227**

**BY** Murray, Pearson, Acosta, Sosnowski, Zurier, DiPalma, Valverde, Lauria, Euer, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES – THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Provides eligibility for benefits for a pregnant person from onset of pregnancy and allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period. Increases the monthly cash benefit to fifty percent (50%) of the federal poverty level.)  
{LC1105/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 228**

**BY** Murray, LaMountain, McKenney, Tikoian, Euer, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiMario, Picard  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows participating municipalities to elect to its employees the deferred compensation plans offered by the state.)  
{LC1450/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 229**

**BY** Pearson, Murray, DiPalma, Gallo, Cano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP (Expand the Wavemaker Fellowship Program to include public school teachers.)  
{LC1057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 230**

**BY** Murray, Acosta, McKenney, Ciccone, Tikoian, Euer, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Extends IOD benefits to police officers/firefighters suffering from post-traumatic stress injuries/provides municipal police/firefighters retiring due to PTSI accidental disability retirement allowance.)  
{LC1453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 231**

**BY** Murray, Pearson, Acosta, Picard, Euer, Zurier, DiPalma, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary  
and secondary education.)

{LC901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 232**

**BY** Murray, Acosta, Valverde, Euer, DiPalma, Miller, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Imposes  
a tax on Rhode Island taxable income in excess of four hundred seventeen thousand five hundred  
dollars (\$417,500), to be adjusted for inflation, annually.)

{LC1030/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 233**

**BY** Kallman, Cano, Acosta, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, Bell, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX --  
CAPITAL GAINS (Amends the capital gains tax rates and holding period from 5 years to 1 year.  
Imposes a non-owner occupied tax on homes assessed at more than \$1,000,000.)

{LC1013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 234**

**BY** Kallman, Euer, Cano, Pearson, Goodwin, Mack, Acosta, Murray, DiMario, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE  
ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Prohibits the Rhode Island Public Transit  
Authority (RIPTA) from imposing any fares and/or charges for service provided to the general  
public. Effective January 1, 2024.)

{LC1270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 235**

**BY** Murray, Pearson, Acosta, Euer, Picard, Felag, Zurier, DiPalma, Lawson, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and  
secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high  
need students.)  
{LC909/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 236**

**BY** Murray, Pearson, Acosta, Euer, Picard, Zurier, DiPalma, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of  
the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the  
student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)  
{LC902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 237**

**BY** Acosta, DiPalma, Britto, Mack, Pearson, Zurier, Kallman, Euer, DiMario, Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL  
SUPPORT (Requires that the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by five percent (5%) for  
projects that ensure Rhode Island based minority business enterprises reach a minimum of  
twenty percent (20%) of the dollar value of the bid.)  
{LC1555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 238**

**BY** Tikoian, LaMountain, Picard, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$105,000 TO THE  
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO IMPLEMENT CARDIOPULMONARY  
RESUSCITATION (CPR) TRAINING IN HIGH SCHOOLS (This resolution would authorize  
the appropriation of the sum of \$105,000 to the Rhode Department of Health to implement CPR  
in High Schools.)  
{LC1494/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 239****BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to exempt or stabilizes tax payments for real/personal property related to environmental remediation, historic preservation, affordable housing, manufacturing, commercial, residential, or mixed-use purposes.)  
{LC801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 240****BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES  
{LC1495/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 241****BY** Murray, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Woonsocket city council to increase the period of exemption or stabilization of taxes on qualifying property located in designated districts in the city from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years.)  
{LC1053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 242****BY** Lawson, Murray, Euer, DiMario, Cano, Britto, Lauria, Mack, Acosta, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Expands the Rhode Island promise scholarship program to include students at Rhode Island college as well as students with medical, personal leave, military obligations or disabilities.)  
{LC96/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 243****BY** Lawson, Murray, Euer, DiMario, Cano, Britto, Lauria, Mack, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.)

{LC101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 244****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Felag, Britto**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$180,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND STATE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND ITS THREE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$180,000 to the RI State Conservation Committee and its three Conservation Districts.)

{LC1355/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 245****BY** Lauria, DiMario, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Ujifusa, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CLINICAL PRECEPTORS TAX CREDIT ACT (Allows for a tax credit of up to \$1,000 for any nurse practitioner, physician assistant or physician who provides on-site clinical education as a clinical preceptor to nurse practitioner graduate students.)

{LC1672/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 246****BY** Felag, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the federal adjusted gross income threshold for modification for taxable social security income. Amends references to federal adjusted gross income as pertains to modification of taxable retirement income from certain pension plans or annuities.)

{LC1236/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 247**

**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Ujjifusa, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Quezada  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Provides children from birth through age five (5) with continuous coverage eligibility for RIte Track/RIte Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.)  
{LC1725/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 248**

**BY** DiPalma, Acosta, Ciccone, Burke, Lawson, Zurier, Gu, Pearson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires state human services providers to pay employees \$ 25 per hour and schedule for incremental raises for existing employees annually adjusted for inflation. eff 7/1/24)  
{LC723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 249**

**BY** Euer, DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS  
{LC1661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 250**

**BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, Ciccone, DiPalma, Tikoian, Murray, Paolino, E Morgan, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Refunds the minimum tax paid by corporations with annual gross income of less than four hundred dollars (\$400); but caps the amount refunded at four hundred dollars (\$400).)  
{LC348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 251**

**BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Tikoian, Paolino, E Morgan, Burke, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Establishes a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.)

{LC349/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 252**

**BY** Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Paolino, E Morgan, Burke, LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides that in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year.)

{LC346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 253**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Amends modifications to income tax for residents to now include an exemption for a foreign service officer's pension.)

{LC644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 254**

**BY** Gu, Kallman, Murray, Zurier, Sosnowski, Euer, Mack, Britto, Cano, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION --THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides for increases in the amount of foundation level school support that a community would receive, based upon a community's ability to meet and surpass its minimum low- and moderate-income housing requirements.)

{LC1014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 255****BY** DiMario, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PHARMACIES (Provides that starting December 2024, renewal fee for a pharmacist shall not be more than \$250, that fee for nonresident pharmacy license not be less than \$625 and pharmacy intern licenses valid for 5 years and technician licenses valid for 2 years.)

{LC1054/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 256****BY** Gu, Valverde, Sosnowski, Miller, DiPalma, Lawson, DiMario, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR

ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals from one hundred percent (100%) to one hundred thirty-eight percent (138%) of the federal poverty level.)

{LC932/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 257****BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Raptakis, Valverde, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Allows municipalities to establish a program providing property tax exemption to active duty individuals who volunteer services as a firefighter or emergency medical technician.)

{LC938/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 258****BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, DiMario, Miller, F. Lombardi, Gallo, Acosta, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.)

{LC1541/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 259****BY** Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Gallo, Picard, Pearson, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the net taxable estate exemption to three million six hundred thousand dollars (\$3,600,000) on January 1, 2024. Also increases the exemption by one million dollars (\$1,000,000) on January 1 per year thereafter.)

{LC950/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 260****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.)

{LC1919/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 261****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM (Establishes a new program where the per pupil funding, calculated annually by RIDE, would be transferred into a newly created educational funding account run by the children's scholarship fund to pay for educational expenses.)

{LC1521/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 262****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca, E Morgan, Burke, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly with the zero-based budget phased in over a five (5) year period, commencing with the fiscal budget year of July 1, 2024.)

{LC953/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 263****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca, E Morgan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT (Establishes a new educational program that allows students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.)  
{LC1668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 264****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Raptakis, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DeLuca, E Morgan, Paolino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)  
{LC963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 265****BY** Rogers, DeLuca, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino, Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SURPLUS FUNDS TAX CREDIT ACT (Mandates that any surplus state tax revenue received in any fiscal year would be refunded to the taxpayers of this state on a proportional basis in relation to the personal income tax liability incurred by the taxpayers in that fiscal year.)  
{LC943/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 266****BY** Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Murray, Pearson, DiPalma, Felag, Picard, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment collected for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise or any other similar tax.)  
{LC958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 267**

**BY** Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, F. Lombardi, Pearson, Gallo, McKenney, Tikoian, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the aggregate amount of tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations to \$5,000,000 for 2024)  
{LC1921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 268**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Tikoian, Felag, Lawson, Britto, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION -- BOARD COMPOSITION (Adds active firefighters and police officers or officers from their respective union to the retirement board.)  
{LC1611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 269**

**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Bell, Sosnowski, Raptakis, Tikoian, Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax the sale of firearm safety equipment and related products.)  
{LC1382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 270**

**BY** Mack, Lawson, Ujifusa, Lauria, Gu, Kallman, Quezada, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires feminine hygiene products be provided in all universities and colleges at no cost to students.)  
{LC694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 271****BY** Zurier

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR DIRECT GRANT FUNDING TO COMMUNITY CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT RHODE ISLAND (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 to the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities to continue efforts to support local cultural organizations throughout the State.)

{LC804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 272****BY** Ciccone, de la Cruz, Burke, DiPalma, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (Adds department of corrections' correctional officers to the list of public safety employees that are entitled to their full salary if they are injured and become disabled as a result of performance of their job duties.)

{LC1629/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 273****BY** Bell, Kallman, Gu, DiMario

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

{LC1473/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 274****BY** Acosta, DiPalma, Kallman, Murray, Valverde, Euer, Britto, DiMario, Lawson

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

{LC1223/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 275**

**BY** Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE  
LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an  
enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state  
license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.)  
{LC290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 276**

**BY** Miller  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115  
DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS (This joint resolution would  
approve an amendment to Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.)  
{LC1458/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 277**

**BY** Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND  
PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS)  
to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the  
treatment of the chronically homeless.)  
{LC270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 278**

**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Ujifusa, Miller, DiMario, Sosnowski, Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN  
ASSISTANCE LICENSING COMPACT ACT (Adopts the model compact for the physician  
assistant's licensure compact in Rhode Island.)  
{LC1220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 279****BY** Valverde, Lauria, Miller, Kallman, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.)

{LC1289/1}

2/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

**Senate Bill No. 280****BY** Murray, Acosta, Valverde, McKenney, Raptakis, LaMountain, Bell, Euer, Sosnowski, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription asthma inhaler to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.)

{LC1461/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 281****BY** Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Acosta, Euer, Picard, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Britto, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2024.)

{LC910/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 282****BY** Acosta, Miller, DiPalma, Kallman, Ujifusa, Valverde, Murray, Euer, DiMario, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Replaces terms "mentally retarded"/"retarded" or "alcoholic"/"drug abuser" used in general laws with "intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with an intellectual and/or developmental disability" or "person with substance use disorder.")

{LC1229/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 283****BY** Pearson, Valverde, Miller, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Sepsis and septic shock best practices for hospital and emergency care facilities.)

{LC1058/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 284****BY** Lawson, Murray, Euer, DiMario, Cano, Britto, Lauria, Mack, Kallman**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 National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).)

{LC94/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 285****BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lauria, Bell, Miller, Acosta, Zurier, Valverde, DiMario, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Deletes the power and duty of the health insurance commissioner to guard the solvency of health insurers.)

{LC1761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 286****BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lauria, Bell, Miller, Acosta, Zurier, Valverde, DiMario, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Requires carriers offering dental benefit plans to annually submit information which includes the current and projected medical loss ratio for claims for their plans. The medical loss ratio would be eighty-five percent (85%).)

{LC1834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 287**

**BY** Ujifusa, DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Lauria, Bell, Miller, Acosta, Zurier, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for at  
minimum ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance  
use disorders for American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.1 and 3.3.)  
{LC1195/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 288**

**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lauria, Bell, Miller, Acosta, Zurier, Valverde, Murray, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE  
UNITED STATES SENATE STOP PRIVATIZATION OF MEDICARE  
{LC800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 289**

**BY** Valverde, Miller, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE  
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Repeals the sunset provision of the interstate medical  
licensure act.)  
{LC1455/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 290**

**BY** DiMario, Pearson, LaMountain, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, Lawson, Murray, Euer, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE  
RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE  
OVERSIGHT (Requires a workgroup of health care providers and health insurers convened by  
the office of the health commissioner, to make recommendations regarding prior authorization  
policies.)  
{LC1062/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 291**

**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Acosta, Pearson, LaMountain, Miller, Valverde, Lauria, Murray, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
COUNSELING COMPACT (Adopts a counseling compact for the interstate practice of licensed  
professional counselors by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses.)  
{LC1071/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 292**

**BY** Valverde, Sosnowski, Lawson, Murray, Lauria, DiMario, Miller, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PHARMACIES (Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe  
tobacco cessation drug therapies.)  
{LC1383/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 293**

**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, Pearson, Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY (Limits copays, coinsurance or  
office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of  
a primary care physician or osteopath.)  
{LC1067/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 294**

**BY** Sosnowski, Goodwin, Gallo, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance carriers, nonprofit hospital service plans,  
nonprofit medical service corporations and HMOs to cover costs of breast ultrasounds and/or  
MRI breast exams for person receiving notice of dense breast tissue.)  
{LC89/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 295****BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DeLuca, E Morgan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- "THE RHODE ISLAND INFORMED CONSENT PROTECTION ACT" (Requires written consent by recipient or parent before vaccine and prohibits discrimination against those who don't vaccinate and fines up to \$25,000 for violation. Also prohibits DCYF from investigating for failure to vaccinate.)

{LC952/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 296****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOTELS AND PUBLIC PLACES (Prohibits discrimination against individuals who refuse to be vaccinated.)

{LC1671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 297****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino, Raptakis, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM MANDATED INDEMNIFIED (LIABILITY-FREE) PRODUCTS ACT (Prohibits mandating indemnified products to consumers in certain circumstances.)

{LC1515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 298****BY** de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires healthcare facilities that perform abortions meet the license requirements of similar healthcare facilities and allows the department of health to conduct unannounced inspections.)

{LC957/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 299****BY** Gallo, Pearson, DiPalma, Euer, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS (Defines an audiologist as an individual licensed to practice audiology by the department of health.)

{LC899/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 300****BY** DiMario, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Acosta, Raptakis, Pearson, LaMountain, Valverde, Lauria, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Extends COVID moratorium. Establishes outdoor dining act.)

{LC1202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 301****BY** DiMario, Euer, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES

{LC1200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 302****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS

(Allows town of Narragansett to sell highway or driftway to abutting owner at fair market value.)

{LC1082/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 303****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town council of New Shoreham to adopt a tax classification plan in accordance with the provisions of this section, to be applicable to taxes on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2023.)

{LC1197/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 304**

(by request)

**BY** Gallo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Adds grass/grass clippings to the items prohibited from being deposited or blown onto a highway or roadway.)

{LC888/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 305****BY** Quezada, Ujifusa, Miller, McKenney, LaMountain, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Empowers the secretary of housing to create a written guide for consumers relating to the rights and duties of landlords and tenants, updated on an annual basis, at a minimum.)

{LC1257/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 306****BY** Mack, Kallman, Quezada, Bell, Euer, Murray, Valverde, Sosnowski, Gu, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BED BUGS IN RESIDENTIAL PREMISES ACT (Spells out the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant with respect to the inspection and treatment of bed bugs in residential premises.)

{LC691/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 307****BY** Mack, Kallman, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PROHIBITION OF SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING IN URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARIES ACT OF 2023 (Requires single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over twenty-thousand (20,000) shall allow middle housing and mandates that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing.)

{LC697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 308****BY** DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Authorizes municipalities to establish rules and regulations and issue licenses for short-term rentals.)

{LC1230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 309****BY** Euer, DiPalma, McKenney, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Includes non-owner-occupied residential properties used for short-term rentals for tourist or transient use to be assessed as Class 2 properties on or after the assessment date of December 31, 2023.)

{LC1630/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 310****BY** Gu, DiMario, Euer, McKenney, DiPalma, Mack, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

{LC1663/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 311**

**BY** Murray, Mack, Miller, Euer, Sosnowski, Quezada, Acosta, DiMario, Kallman, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord, lessor, sub-lessor, real estate broker, property management company, or designee to require or receive a fee for a rental application from a prospective tenant or tenant.)

{LC1658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 312**

**BY** McKenney, Britto, Burke, Lauria, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from charging a rental application fee in excess of ten percent (10%) of one month's periodic rent.)

{LC1015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 313**

**BY** de la Cruz, E Morgan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (Amends the Harrisville fire district charter to allow the district to provide rescue services in addition to fire suppression, medical and ambulance services.)

{LC1923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 314**

**BY** Valverde, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 8, 2022.)

{LC1358/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 315**

**BY** Kallman, Mack, Miller, Gu, Acosta, Euer, Lauria, Sosnowski, Valverde, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND  
TENANT ACT (Requires all property owners of rental property to file with the secretary of state  
notice of their name, address, telephone number, email address and other information.)  
{LC612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 377**

**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Valverde, Acosta, Quezada, Murray, Euer, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND  
WORKS PROGRAM (Permits a parent or caretaker relative of a family applying for child care  
assistance to qualify for child care assistance without first establishing paternity, or enforcing  
child support and medical support orders.)  
{LC1445/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 378**

**BY** Gallo, Goodwin, Pearson, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Felag, Euer, Miller, Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT (Requires the secretary of EOHHS, the  
secretary of commerce of the commerce corporation/commissioners of elementary/secondary  
education/postsecondary education, and the secretary of housing be appointed by the governor  
subject to the approval of the senate)  
{LC884/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 379**

**BY** Miller, Goodwin, Euer, Acosta, Lawson, McKenney, LaMountain, Kallman, Gallo, Cano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS  
(Bans the possession, sale, and transfer of assault weapons. Possession of assault weapons owned  
on the effective date of this act would be "grandfathered". Violations are punishable by a fine or  
imprisonment.)  
{LC1144/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 380****BY** McKenney, Britto, Burke, LaMountain, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with middle school reading comprehension skills.)

{LC1393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 381****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Euer, LaMountain, DiMario, Lawson, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides immunity from liability for school employees whose position involves work with students for accidental injury or damage. Provides compensation for certain injuries received by school employees whose position involves work with students.)

{LC1609/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 382****BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Tikoian, Lawson, Britto, Zurier**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.)

{LC1607/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 383****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows an individual to lawfully possess a device that would silence the sound of a natural report of a rifle or shotgun to hunt game, as long as the host rifle or shotgun is allowed.)

{LC1529/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 384****BY** F. Lombardi, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, Ciccone, DiPalma, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND REFLECTORS (Authorizes designated state and local election officials with supervisory responsibility over polling locations the use of amber flashing safety lights on their vehicles.)

{LC1255/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 385****BY** F. Lombardi, DiMario, Lawson, Britto, Ciccone, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Permits the substitution of advertising the voter registration deadline in a newspaper by posting notice of designations on the municipality's website, continuously, for at least 10 days leading up to the last day prescribed by law.)

{LC1253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 386****BY** F. Lombardi, DiMario, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Clarifies that the calculation for the total number of eligible voters to be served by the same polling place shall be established using active voters.)

{LC1254/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 387****BY** LaMountain, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Euer, Tikoian, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Provides judges the discretion to make the time period of a filing under § 12-10-12, but in no event longer than the maximum jail sentence allowed by law.)

{LC1242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 388**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Euer, LaMountain, DiMario, Lawson, Acosta, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Only protective orders issued against adults are to be transmitted to A.G.'s B.C.I. for inclusion in the R.O.N.C.O. system. Protective orders against juveniles will be accessible to law enforcement.)  
{LC1606/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 389**

**BY** F. Lombardi, Euer, LaMountain, DiMario, Lawson, Acosta, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 20 years after sentence completed.)  
{LC1612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 390**

**BY** Quezada, Euer, Cano, DiMario, Acosta, Lawson, Miller, Valverde, Kallman, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT--IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.)  
{LC418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 391**

**BY** E Morgan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Categorizes women by their biological identity at birth rather than their gender identity for purpose of organized sports.)  
{LC1518/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 392****BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Provides equal medicare for infants born-alive as a result of abortion procedure/natural delivery with violations subject to criminal penalties for medical personnel/loss of license/civil action for damages.)

{LC1561/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 393****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self-defense.)

{LC1525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 394****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the sale or possession of firearm silencers unless the person complies with federal law in the sale, possession and use.)

{LC1526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 395****BY** E Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino, DeLuca, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

{LC1520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 396**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Felag, E Morgan, Bell, Raptakis, DeLuca, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.)  
{LC948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 397**

**BY** de la Cruz, Ciccone, DeLuca, E Morgan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibiting the performance or induction of an abortion of an unborn child capable of feeling pain, unless necessary to prevent serious health risk to the unborn child's mother.)  
{LC966/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 398**

**BY** Paolino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Allows for the extension of child support obligations for non-custodial parents beyond emancipation if the children are attending a two or four year college and still live with the custodial parent until such children reach the age of 21.)  
{LC949/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 399**

**BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS FINES COLLECTED (Prohibits the state, municipalities, or courts from attempting to collect any motor vehicle violation fines or costs, after more than seven (7) years of the fine becoming final.)  
{LC1517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 400****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Provides a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing any violent criminal offense that individual is lawfully in a place they have a right to be, and acted in self-defense and reasonable belief of harm.)  
{LC1524/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 401****BY** DiMario, Euer, Murray, Tikoian, Miller, Lawson, DiPalma, F. Lombardi, Quezada, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police officers commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for officers and trainees to more accurately identify complaints involving persons with cognitive or communication-related disabilities.)  
{LC1070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 402****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIMINAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Grants immunity to commercial sexual activity persons if they are victims/witnesses of crime.)  
{LC1483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 403****BY** Murray, Euer, Sosnowski, Valverde, Lauria, F. Lombardi, Britto, DiMario, Kallman, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits the declawing of cats by any surgical procedure to amputate or modify a portion of a cat's paw in order to remove the cat's claws. Does not apply to any procedure performed for a therapeutic purpose.)  
{LC1456/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 404**

**BY** Kallman, Miller, Acosta, Bell, Quezada, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Burke, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --  
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected  
of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent of guardian of the juvenile is present, or  
unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)  
{LC1559/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 405**

**BY** Kallman, Euer, McKenney, Murray, Quezada, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Burke, Lauria  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND  
EXECUTION (Requires courts to consider parental status of defendant at time of  
sentencing/unless parent poses a significant risk to community that outweighs harm of parent's  
absence from child's life, it shall impose sentence that does not include imprisonment.)  
{LC1551/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 406**

**BY** Kallman, Miller, McKenney, Bell, DiMario, Burke, Lauria, Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals 42-56-38.1 and requires the department of  
corrections to provide free communication services to inmates and juveniles held in residential  
placement or detention centers and requires that those facilities provide in-person contact visits.)  
{LC1478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 407**

**BY** Kallman, Gu, McKenney, Murray, DiMario, Valverde, Zurier, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION  
OF BICYCLES--HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT (Amend several chapters regarding the operation  
of bikes on state highways and interaction with motor vehicles, reckless driver accountability  
program & speed limits in thickly settled areas/business districts.)  
{LC1396/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 408****BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Murray, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibits contracts with private, for-profit prison facilities or with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for the purposes of housing and detaining people.)

{LC1225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 409****BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF POLICE ROBOT TECHNOLOGY (Prohibits on-duty/off-duty law enforcement officer from utilizing any robot/police robot dog/UAV, whether armed/unarmed, within the scope of their employment as well as police departments from purchase/procurement of any robots/UVAs/police robot dogs.)

{LC1224/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 410****BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY CORPORATIONS (Repeals the municipal detention facility corporations and prohibits the operation of private detention facilities and private public partnerships within the state. Those currently in operation may continue to do so until December 31, 2030.)

{LC1218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 411****BY** Kallman, Euer, Acosta, Miller, Mack, Bell, Quezada, F. Lombardi, Burke, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the court to set reasonable bail for all those individuals who appear before it as probation violators.)

{LC1588/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 412**

**BY** Murray, Acosta, Valverde, McKenney, LaMountain, Pearson, Mack, Miller, Euer, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Provides that one shall not be denied care on the basis of age, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, color, marital status, familial status, disability, religion, national origin, source of income, source of payment or profession.)  
{LC1380/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 413**

**BY** Tikoian, Raptakis, Felag, Ciccone, Rogers, Burke, F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (College security may detain criminal offenders.)  
{LC1287/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 414**

**BY** E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, DeLuca, Raptakis, Ciccone, F. Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.)  
{LC1519/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 415**

**BY** McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Britto, F. Lombardi, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Permits all members of a public body who are aged sixty five (65) years or over to participate in public meeting by telephone or electronic communication.)  
{LC1425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 416****BY** Paolino, F. Lombardi, Pearson, Tikoian, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SPEED LIMITS (Establishes a speed limit for school buses being driven on a limited access highway to ten miles per hour (10mph) less than the posted speed limit.)

{LC1508/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 417****BY** McKenney, Sosnowski, Euer, Pearson, Miller, DiMario, Gallo, DiPalma, Gu, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides rights/privileges of shore may be exercised, where shore exists, on wet/dry sand/rocky beaches up to natural vegetation line to be determined by CRMC with limited liability for abutters.)

{LC1241/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 418****BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.)

{LC311/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 419****BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Sosnowski, de la Cruz, Felag, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Establishes regulations for the registration and operation of low-speed vehicles in this state.)

{LC1147/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 420**

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Zurier, Euer, McKenney, Burke, F. Lombardi, Acosta, Goodwin, Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Subjects police departments and peace officers to the public records requests and an initial narrative report of a police officer and makes any reports of investigations conducted by internal affair units public record.)

{LC1135/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 421**

**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Requires the employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier to cover all of an employee's associated medical expenses from any adverse medical event resulting from the employer mandating that the employee receive the COVID-19 vaccine.)

{LC1918/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 422**

**BY** Acosta, Zurier, DiPalma, Kallman, Ujifusa, Murray, Valverde, LaMountain, Euer, Britto, DiMario

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO THE LABOR OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE (This Joint Resolution would ratify a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would provide that the Congress of the United States would have the power to limit, regulate, and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age.)

{LC1353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 423**

**BY** Acosta, Ciccone, Murray, Quezada, Kallman, Pearson, Zurier, Picard, Gu, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.)

{LC1231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 424**

**BY** Euer, Ciccone, Lawson, Goodwin, F. Lombardi, Cano, Murray, DiMario, Kallman, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.)

{LC1052/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 425**

**BY** DiPalma, Zurier, Burke, Sosnowski, Kallman, Euer, Acosta, Britto, de la Cruz, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Provides identity theft protections by requiring reporting of breaches by certain municipal and state agencies, and requires notice to collective bargaining agents where required and requires an explanation of remediation services.)

{LC523/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 427**

**BY** McKenney, Britto, F. Lombardi, Burke, Ciccone, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Requires person who is considered an independent contractor to file a designation form by January 31 of each year and requires department of labor and training to provide a list of independent contractors to department of revenue by April 1 of each year.)

{LC1486/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 428**

**BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Burke, DiPalma, Tikoian  
**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.)

{LC1670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 429****BY** Ciccone, F. Lombardi, de la Cruz, Burke, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Amends the examination requirements for a hoisting engineers license.)  
{LC1359/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 430****BY** Quezada, Euer, Cano, DiMario, Acosta, Lawson, Miller, Pearson, Valverde, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES  
{LC423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 431****BY** E Morgan, de la Cruz, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in recognition of Choose Life and in support of CareNet - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center Rhode Island.)  
{LC1514/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 432****BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Allows on and after September 1, 2023, an owner of motor vehicle(s) to transfer ownership and registration of said vehicle on their death by a certificate of title designation and requires DMV to amend title forms to include transfer-on-death language.)  
{LC647/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 433**

**BY** Gu, Valverde, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Gallo, Miller, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Requires DMV to make, for persons with autism, a operator's license that is clearly marked "autism", decals that are clearly marked "autism" to be affixed to the vehicle, and blue envelopes that provide written information.)  
{LC1632/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 434**

**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Ruggerio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Provides that only facilities located within the state be eligible for permits to operate as official inspection stations for the inspection of vehicles.)  
{LC1451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 435**

**BY** Lawson, DiMario, F. Lombardi, Euer, Britto, Lauria, Mack, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- HAPPY HOUR  
{LC1701/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 436**

**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Lawson, Raptakis, Lauria, Murray, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Unifies the weight limit of vehicles with special plates, including P.O.W. plates, National Guard plates, and disabled veteran plates, to 12,000 pounds.)  
{LC1809/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 437****BY** Burke, LaMountain, McKenney, Raptakis, Tikoian, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

ANIMAL CARE (Waives the adoption fee for a dog or cat at a public animal shelter for any person 60 years or older. The adoption of the animal is limited to those that have passed sexual maturity and the shelter may limit the number of dogs and cats that are adopted.)

{LC1416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 438****BY** Sosnowski, Kallman, Ujifusa, F. Lombardi, Lauria, McKenney, Mack, Burke, Valverde, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND

WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement contained in the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act.)

{LC923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 439****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT

COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER

STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Would designate a fishing site at Black Point in Narragansett as the "Stephen J. Medeiros Fishing Area at Black Point".)

{LC1198/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 440****BY** Sosnowski, Euer, Valverde, Felag, DiMario, F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL FISHING

VEHICLES (Requires the division of motor vehicles to develop a form for registration of and a license plate for commercial fishing motor vehicles.)

{LC973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 441**

**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, E Morgan, Bell, Raptakis, DeLuca, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Amends the composition of the joint committee on legislative services (JCLS) by adding the senate majority leader to the committee and removing the house majority leader.)

{LC961/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 442**

**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Gallo, Euer, Pearson, DiPalma, Miller, Felag, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND (Names the Newport campus of the community college of Rhode Island the M. Teresa Paiva Weed campus.)

{LC1537/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 443**

**BY** Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Exempts any proposed retailers' Class BV license to be located at 225 Waterman Street, Plat 14, Lot 508 in the city of Providence from the two hundred feet (200') requirement from the premises of schools or places of worship.)

{LC256/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 444**

**BY** Mack, Quezada, Britto, Acosta, Bell, Gallo, Kallman, Murray, Euer, Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Establishes June 19th as a state holiday, to be known as "Juneteenth National Freedom Day".)

{LC1880/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 445****BY** Mack, Britto, Acosta, Ujifusa, Gallo, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARIES

(Includes all books, periodicals and papers in the keeping of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society to be placed under the care of the state librarian.)

{LC702/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 446****BY** Euer, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING BRAD READ ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAIL NEWPORT, INC.

{LC1659/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 447****BY** LaMountain, Tikoian, Britto, Euer, F. Lombardi, Felag, Burke, Murray, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT

{LC1477/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 448****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DIANE P. ROSE

{LC2088/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 449****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND H. GOULET

{LC2344/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

*The Appointment of Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq. to the Secretary of Commerce.*

Placed on the Calendar.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**House Bill No. 5040 as amended**

**BY** O'Brien, Biah, Slater, Serpa, Carson, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Spears, DeSimone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Permits retired teachers to substitute teach in a school for up to one hundred twenty (120) days in a school year, without any loss, forfeiture, or reduction in retirement benefits, through June 30, 2025.)

{LC448/1

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

<p>SENATOR <b>MEGHAN E. KALLMAN</b> District 15</p> <hr/> <p>Room 112 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>MOBILE: 401-648-9422 OFFICE: 401-276-5581</p> <p>sen-kallman@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>VICE-CHAIRPERSON Committee on Housing and Municipal Government</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Commerce</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Environment and Agriculture</p>
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February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 the following bills be withdrawn at the sponsor's request.

The legislation I would like to have withdrawn is Senate Bill S-36 which has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Labor and Senate Bill S-89 which has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Finance. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Senator Meghan E. Kallman  
Senate – District 15

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 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Pearson, seconded by de la Cruz, the Senate adjourns at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

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

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.**

Lord, as we celebrate Saint Valentine's Day, let us remember that there are three things that shall always last - Faith, Hope, and Love; and the greatest of these is Love. Amen.

**Appendix**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023:**

- 1. 2023-S 162**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VINCENT VESPIA, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 2. 2023-S 446**  
**BY** Euer  
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Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 3. 2023-S 448**  
**BY** Lawson  
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Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

- 4. 2023-S 449**  
**BY** Lawson  
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Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023:**

**1.     *The Appointment of Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq. to the Secretary of Commerce***

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

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

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Respectfully Submitted

*Frank Lombardo, III*

Senator Frank Lombardo, III  
Senate District 25

PRINT NAME

Date 02/14/2023

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NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
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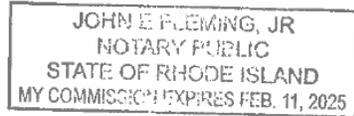
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