

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summary of The Proceedings

*At The Regular
January Session 2013*



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 2013

FOREWORD

This booklet contains a summary of the Proceedings of the Rhode Island General Assembly at its regular January Session 2013. Included in this summary is a Digest of Public Laws intended to be used as a ready reference for the persons interested in the broad purpose of a particular law. Acts selected for inclusion have been arranged under the broad topical headings used as titles in the General Laws of Rhode Island. Omitted from consideration are the acts of a local and private nature, acts of incorporation, and resolutions of a public and private nature. Also, please access the State of Rhode Island General Assembly website at www.rilin.state.ri.us for further information.

It is hoped that this summary will be of value to those who have occasion to use it

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**APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

(Chap. No. 144 - 13H5127Aaa)

**PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 1aa**

Makes Appropriations for the Support of the State for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.
See also P.L. 2013, Ch. 143, Section 1.

**PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
ARTICLE 2aa**

Amends certain provisions of the general laws pertaining to the Medicare Exchange Program for Medicare eligible retirees.

**PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
ARTICLE 3**

Provides that, commencing January 1, 2014, a state employee's family health plan shall not provide coverage to a former spouse, unless the former spouse was covered by said plan in accordance with the provisions of section 27-20.4-1 of the general laws (the "Insurance Continuation Act"), as of December 31, 2013.

**PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
ARTICLE 4**

Creates the FICA Alternative Retirement Income Security Program for FARP eligible employees, administered by the state as a defined contribution plan under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and to provide retirement benefits as required under section 3121(b)(7)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code.

HIGHWAYS
ARTICLE 5aa

Authorizes the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority, beginning August 19, 2013, to charge and collect tolls for the use of the Sakonnet River Bridge to provide funds sufficient with any other monies available therefor for paying the costs of acquiring, leasing, maintaining, repairing, and operating the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge, the Mount Hope Bridge, the Newport Bridge, and the Sakonnet River Bridge, the turnpike and additional facilities until April 1, 2014, after such date the toll imposed on the Sakonnet River Bridge shall not exceed ten cents (\$0.10). See also P.L. 2013, Ch. 143, Section 2.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS
ARTICLE 6

Abolishes the Highway Maintenance Trust Fund, and creates a special account in the intermodal surface transportation fund, known as the "Highway Maintenance Account," funded by certain surcharges on vehicle registration and license renewal fees.

EDUCATION
ARTICLE 7

Abolishes the Public Telecommunications Authority, and creates the Rhode Island PBS Foundation, administered by the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers within the Public Utilities Commission.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS
ARTICLE 8aa

Joint resolution which authorizes the State Properties Committee to renew several lease agreements now in effect between the Department of Corrections and other state departments and each lessor of such properties.

TAXATION
ARTICLE 9

Requires all corporations doing business in the state, to add back into their taxable income, any amount deducted under the federal "Domestic Production Deduction," also known as section 199 of the federal Internal Revenue Code. State tax forms shall be changed if needed in order to comply with this provision.

**PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 10**

This is the revised Appropriations Bill for the 2013 fiscal year, commonly referred to as the "Supplemental Budget," which revises appropriations for the fiscal year 2013, for general revenues, federal funds, restricted receipts, and other funds.

**TOWNS AND CITIES
ARTICLE 11**

Appropriates funds for the "Municipal Incentive Aid Program" which for fiscal year 2013 the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated, and an amount of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) will be requested for appropriation for fiscal year 2014 and for fiscal year 2015. Municipal incentive aid shall be administered and managed by the Division of Municipal Finance within the Department of Revenue.

**HUMAN SERVICES
ARTICLE 12aa**

Requires that for Federal fiscal year 2014, commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services submit to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, a state plan amendment to the Rhode Island Medicaid state plan for disproportionate share hospital payments (DSH Plan) to provide that the disproportionate share hospital payments to all participating hospitals, not to exceed an aggregate limit of \$128.3 million, shall be allocated by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to the Pool A, Pool C, and Pool D components of the DSH Plan.

**EDUCATION
ARTICLE 13aa**

Establishes the percentages of savings the community and the state shall receive for certain refunding bonds, and allows municipalities to apply for approval for certain school construction projects.

**LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS
ARTICLE 14**

Provides for disbursements of the Job Development Fund, and provides for advances from the General Fund, authorized by the Governor and the Director of Administration, for the purpose of repaying loans outstanding from the federal government in a given fiscal year, and requires that all such advances made to the fund shall be repaid to the General Fund, with interest as determined by the General Treasurer, within the same fiscal year.

**STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE 15**

Requires the Rhode Island Human Resource Investment Council to develop Rhode Island work immersion, non-trade apprenticeship, back-to-work, and job match enhancement programs to provide for temporary, paid work experience that provides a meaningful learning opportunity and increases the employability of the participant.

**PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 16**

Adds several restricted receipt accounts to the category of such accounts which are exempt from the provisions of the general laws which require indirect cost recovery.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS
ARTICLE 17**

Establishes, within the General Fund, the Emergency and Public Communication Access Restricted Receipt Account, which shall be referred to as the "EPCA Account." The purpose of this account is to fund emergency communication and enhance public communication access for deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

**HUMAN SERVICES
ARTICLE 18**

Requires, that for a twelve (12) month period beginning October 1, 2013, the Child Care Subsidy Transition Program shall function within the Department of Human Services. Under this program, families who are already receiving childcare assistance and who become ineligible for childcare assistance as a result of their incomes exceeding one hundred eighty percent (180%) of the applicable federal poverty guidelines shall continue to be eligible for childcare assistance from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014, or until their incomes exceed two hundred twenty-five percent (225%) of the applicable federal poverty guidelines, whichever occurs first. To be eligible, such families must continue to pay for some portion of the childcare they receive, as indicated in a sliding fee scale adopted in the department's rules and in accordance with all other eligibility standards.

**HUMAN SERVICES
ARTICLE 19aa**

Provides that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall have the authority to implement a new methodology for the payment of in-state and out-of-state hospital services, and to perform other actions previously performed by the Department of Human Services.

**HIGHWAYS
ARTICLE 20**

Creates a new chapter in the general laws establishing the “Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund Act of 2013,” which requires the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency to establish and set up on its books the revolving fund, to be held in trust and to be administered by the agency solely as provided in said chapter, and in any trust agreement securing bonds of the agency.

**STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE 21**

Provides for a direct grant of four million two hundred thousand dollars (\$4,200,000) from the state Fleet Replacement Revolving Loan Fund to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for the purchase of buses through fiscal year 2017. Such sum need not be repaid to the revolving loan fund.

**TAXATION
ARTICLE 22aa**

Creates the “Historic Preservation Tax Credits Act of 2013,” which makes numerous changes to, and revamps the provisions of the general laws relating to such credits.

**STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE 23**

Establishes the “Innovate Rhode Island Small Business Incentive Program” (SBIR/STTR) to be administered by the Rhode Island Science and Technology Advisory Council (STAC), in order to foster job creation and economic development in the state, and empowers STAC to provide grants to eligible businesses to offset costs associated with applying to the United States Small Business Administration for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants, or Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR) grants. The grants shall be paid from the Innovate Rhode Island Small Business Account established in this chapter.

**STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE 24aa**

Repeals certain provisions of state law pertaining to the now defunct Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation.

EFFECTIVE DATE
ARTICLE 25

Provides that the effective date of Chap. No. 144 H5127Aaa, enacted and signed by the governor on July 3, 2014, entitled "An Act Making Appropriations for the Support of the State for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013," be effective upon passage, unless otherwise provided therein.

STATE BUDGET
(Chap. No. 144 - 13H5127A)

This Act, commonly referred to as a "trailer bill," makes certain amendments to the provisions of Articles 1 and 5 of Chap. No. 144 H5127Aaa, which makes appropriations for the support of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
(Chap. No. 451 - 13H5480A)
(Chap. No. 482 - 13S0405A)

Exempts arboriculture operations and mulching operations from certain public or private nuisance actions and permits arboriculture operations and mulching operating to place seasonal directional signs on state rights-of-way.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 079 - 13H5929)

Authorizes the North Providence Board of Licenses to issue a retail Class B liquor license for a business located on plat 23A, lot 98 of the North Providence tax assessment map.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 139 - 13S0954)
(Chap. No. 204 - 3H6121)

Authorizes the Cranston Board of Licenses to issue a retail Class B liquor license for a business to be located on plat 11, lot 3558 of the Cranston tax assessment map.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 193 - 13H5183)
(Chap. No. 371 - 13S0799)

Enables holders of Class A licenses to open at ten o'clock (10:00) am on Sundays.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 460 - 13S0477)
(Chap. No. 466 - 13H5795)

Adds certain amounts of distilled spirits to the permitted samples of alcoholic beverages which may be distributed by Class A license holders.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 462 - 13S0236A)
(Chap. No. 463 - 13H6037)

Permits holders of manufacturer's licenses to provide visitors with clearly marked samples for off-premises consumption.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 470 - 13H5084A)

Permits the extension of operating hours to 1:00 am for Class C alcoholic beverage sales on select days.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 514 - 13H6207)

Authorizes Smithfield Town Council to exempt Class B or Class C licenses located on plat 6, lot 54 of the Smithfield assessors map from certain requirements pertaining to the proximity of churches and schools.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 519 - 13H5841A)
(Chap. No. 530 - 13S0578A)

Allows the license holder located at 162 West Main Road, Little Compton, RI to have an interest in a Class B license.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
(Chap. No. 526 - 13S1015)

Authorizes the Cranston Board of Licenses to exempt Class B licenses located on tax assessors plat 1, lot 2170 of the Cranston tax assessment map from certain requirements pertaining to the proximity of churches and schools.

ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
(Chap. No. 174 - 13S0515Aaa)
(Chap. No. 228 - 13H5597B)

Provides that all biological products used for testing or immunizing animals comply with certain federal requirements and provides for recordkeeping for the distribution and use of those products.

ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
(Chap. No. 180 - 13S0407Aaa)
(Chap. No. 232 - 13H5494B)

Expands definition of unnecessary cruelty to animals and of "adequate living conditions" for animals.

ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
(Chap. No. 312 - 13H5492A)
(Chap. No. 417 - 13S0316A)

Regulates the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats adopted from a licensed releasing agency.

ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
(Chap. No. 318 - 13H5426)
(Chap. No. 431 - 13S0177)

Provides penalties for requiring the declawing or devocalization of dogs and cats as a condition of real estate occupancy.

ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
(Chap. No. 450 - 13H5671aa)

Prevents cities and towns from enacting any regulation or ordinance specific to any particular breed of dog or cat.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS
(Chap. No. 158 - 13S0680A)
(Chap. No. 233 - 13H5481A)

Expands the Parent Deinstitutionalization Subsidy Aid Program in the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals to include appropriate relatives, and would allow such a relative to care for a child or adult if the parent was unable to do so. Also provides that an appropriate relative who is providing care can receive a subsidy through the aid program.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS
(Chap. No. 279 - 13H5851A)

Grants jurisdiction to the District Court to order examinations of persons who require specialized mental healthcare services in cases where a person is awaiting trial or convicted of a crime and imprisoned for the crime.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS
(Chap. No. 396 - 13H5848A)

Provides that any reference in the general laws to "mental retardation" or "retardation" shall mean "developmental disabilities."

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS
(Chap. No. 027 - 13H5718A)
(Chap. No. 038 - 13S0653A)

Defines the term "designee" for purposes of real estate transactions, and further requires disclosure of the duties owed by a real estate broker or sales person to a client or customer.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS
(Chap. No. 032 - 13H5595)
(Chap. No. 042 - 13S0519)

Allows veterinarians licensed in other states to practice in Rhode Island during emergency situations.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS
(Chap. No. 054 - 13H5532)
(Chap. No. 058 - 13S0710)

Defines two (2) classes of state licensed real estate appraisers.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS
(Chap. No. 070 - 13H5650A)
(Chap. No. 075 - 13S0617A)

Provides that the training program for licensure as a physician's assistant may include programs licensed by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician's Assistant.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 083 - 13H5656A)

(Chap. No. 093 - 13S0614A)

Defines and expands the areas of practice permitted in certain categories of nurses, including advanced practice registered nurses.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 172 - 13S0539B)

(Chap. No. 201 - 13H6152A)

Amends the composition of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry by adding two (2) dentists and one certified dental assistant.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 254 - 13H6284)

(Chap. No. 383 - 13S0643)

Enables nursing home administrators from other jurisdictions to be eligible for a grant of a nursing home administrator's license even if the applicant's most recent experience was in a nursing home management position.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 265 - 13H6123A)

(Chap. No. 354 - 13S0945A)

Allows the Director of Health to waive certain licensing requirements so as to allow licensed health care professionals to dispense medications on Block Island in the absence of a pharmacist.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 287 - 13H5712)

(Chap. No. 386 - 13S0629)

Establishes procedures for military service members and their spouses who hold professional licenses or certifications in another state to obtain equivalent licensure and certification in Rhode Island.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 298 - 13H5610A)

(Chap. No. 378 - 13S0711A)

Clarifies and expands the jurisdiction of the Department of Business Regulation as it relates to land surveyors and engineers.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 302 - 13H5561A)

(Chap. No. 403 - 13S0459A)

Permits health care providers to disclose protected health information regarding persons seeking treatment for injuries suffered as a result of a criminal act to law enforcement for investigation in certain prescribed situations.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 305 - 13H5531)

(Chap. No. 409 - 13S0386)

Requires certain home inspectors and associate home inspectors to fulfill licensure requirements by July 1, 2013.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

(Chap. No. 320 - 13H5418)

(Chap. No. 420 - 13S0281)

Removes the power of the Department of Health's Board of Licensure to approve programs for the training of physician assistants.

COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

(Chap. No. 189 - 13S0079A)

(Chap. No. 239 - 13H5162Aaa)

Creates the Copper Theft Prevention Act and a regulatory scheme for obtaining proper licensing and penalties under the act.

COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

(Chap. No. 274 - 13H5944A)

(Chap. No. 365 - 13S0840A)

Broadens the scope of the Rhode Island antitrust laws by expanding who can bring legal actions under said laws.

COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

(Chap. No. 308 - 13H5520A)

(Chap. No. 370 - 13S0811A)

Provides additional rights and remedies to dealers of goods or services while also protecting them against unfair treatment by grantors of dealerships.

COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

(Chap. No. 502 - 13H5519Aaa)

(Chap. No. 507 - 13S0555A)

Allows the Attorney General to initiate a nationwide criminal records check when persons engaged in the purchase and sale of precious metals renew their license or open a new branch. Requires electronic submission of reports by such license holders to the Attorney General.

CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

(Chap. No. 049 - 13H5729)

(Chap. No. 060 - 13S0668)

Permits limited partnerships to file a certificate of cancellation with the Secretary of State when all fees and taxes have been paid.

CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

(Chap. No. 487 - 13S1049)

(Chap. No. 500 - 13H5720)

Allows for the creation of Benefit Corporations, a for-profit corporation with the purpose of creating general public benefit.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS

(Chap. No. 029 - 13H5665)

(Chap. No. 044 - 13S0488)

Requires the approval of the Supreme Court of any rules regulating the practice, procedure and business of the Workers' Compensation Court consistent with the procedures in effect for all other courts.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS

(Chap. No. 178 - 13S0471A)

(Chap. No. 224 - 13H5669A)

Permits individuals on a list of judicial candidates as of June 29, 2013, to remain on the list until June 30, 2014.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS

(Chap. No. 179 - 13S0415A)

(Chap. No. 218 - 13H5830A)

Requires sign language or Communication Access Realtime Translation provider for all court proceedings, and administrative hearings.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS

(Chap. No. 289 - 13H5695)

(Chap. No. 401 - 13S0486)

Amends the manner in which the compensation of Traffic Tribunal Magistrates is determined.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS

(Chap. No. 293 - 13H5662)

(Chap. No. 402 - 13S0485)

Increases the costs associated with the Superior Court Arbitration Program and requires that a post-arbitration demand for trial include designation of the party rejecting the arbitration award.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --PROCEDURE GENERALLY

(Chap. No. 311 - 13H5493)

(Chap. No. 391 - 13S0557A)

Makes changes to the state False Claim Act required for continued federal funding.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY

(Chap. No. 503 - 13H5440)

Increases the exemption from attachment for working tools of a debtor and increases the exemption of assets for a debtor in bankruptcy.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS

(Chap. No. 255 - 13H6281)

(Chap. No. 432 - 13S0143)

Increases the jurisdictional limit on counterclaims from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500), in small claims matters.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 148 - 13S0973A)

(Chap. No. 197 - 13H6297Aaa)

Permits the tattooing of minors for medical purposes, subject to certain requirements.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 327 - 13H5322A)

(Chap. No. 392 - 13S0554A)

Prohibits the unlawful use of the emblem of the Department of the Attorney General, and amends impersonation of a public officer to include the unlawful impersonation of the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, or Assistant or Special Assistant Attorney General.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES**(Chap. No. 336 - 13H5154)****(Chap. No. 429 - 13S0199)**

Requires that signs provided by the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals warning about the health effects of tobacco be prominently displayed in both English and Spanish.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES**(Chap. No. 454 - 13H5286A)****(Chap. No. 481 - 13S0455A)**

Prohibits the possession, reception, or transportation of any firearm which has had the name of maker or serial number altered or destroyed.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES**(Chap. No. 455 - 13S0860A)****(Chap. No. 464 - 13H5991A)**

Increases the criminal penalties for carrying a stolen firearm while committing a violent crime, and prohibits the knowing possession of a stolen firearm.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES**(Chap. No. 497 - 13H6276)****(Chap. No. 508 - 13S0548A)**

Increases the penalties for graffiti.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES**(Chap. No. 515 - 13H6126)****(Chap. No. 529 - 13S0581)**

Provides for the lawful permitting of bingo and bingo events at senior citizens' centers.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**(Chap. No. 028 - 13H5668)****(Chap. No. 043 - 13S0490)**

Establishes the restitution payments to victims of crime as first priority once restitution is determined.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 272 - 13H5969)
(Chap. No. 356 - 13S0909)

Amends the provisions of the Crime Injuries Compensation Emergency Fund by establishing an award for the recovery of crime scene clean ups and relocation.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 301 - 13H5572)
(Chap. No. 416 - 13S0339)

Prohibits the sealing of court records of a person who has been previously convicted of a felony except in cases of acquittal after trial.

CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
(Chap. No. 101 - 13S0658)
(Chap. No. 111 - 13H5676)

Authorizes the Rhode Island Parole Board to revoke any permit issued by another jurisdiction when a prisoner is being supervised by the Rhode Island Parole Board, and requires such person whose licenses have been revoked, to be returned to the Adult Correctional Institution until the other jurisdiction takes custody.

CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
(Chap. No. 322 - 13H5383A)
(Chap. No. 412 - 13S0358Aaa)

Establishes a new chapter in the general laws which authorizes the Parole Board to issue certificates of recovery and re-entry to individuals convicted of certain crimes who establish their successful rehabilitation to the satisfaction of the Parole Board.

DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN
(Chap. No. 334 - 13H5161A)
(Chap. No. 415 - 13S0340A)

Requires a probation officer to file a petition in the Family Court if a juvenile is charged with an additional delinquency offense during his/her probationary term, which, if committed by an adult, would be considered a felony, and permits, but does not require, a probation officer to file a petition in the Family Court, if a juvenile is charged with an additional wayward/disobedient or status offense during his/her probationary term.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
(Chap. No. 004 - 13H5015B)
(Chap. No. 005 - 13S0038A)

Establishes and codifies equal access to marriage provisions of the general laws by changing the vocabulary on marriage from gender-based to non-gender based terminology. It redefines the term marriage. It amends certain prohibitions to marriage, while protecting the freedom of religion in marriage. It recognizes relationships entered into in other states including those not recognized by federal law and merges prior civil unions into marriage.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
(Chap. No. 169 - 13S0619A)
(Chap. No. 231 - 13H5562A)

Amends the statutory language to reflect the transfer of authority, many years ago, from the Department of Administration to the Department of Human Services regarding the collection of child support. Provides that the information be limited to billing and/or residential addresses, or that which may be obtained from telephone companies and cell phone companies, provided such information does not include electronic GPS location information.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
(Chap. No. 190 - 13S0043A)
(Chap. No. 200 - 13H6231A)

Prohibits the perpetrator of a rape, who thereby fathers a child, from custody or visitation, except in very limited circumstances, where the natural mother or legal guardian consents and the Family Court decides it is in the best interest of the child.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS
(Chap. No. 321 - 13H5387)
(Chap. No. 351 - 13S0972)

Adds administrative clerks to the list of officials empowered to join people in marriage.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 034 - 13H5229)
(Chap. No. 045 - 13S0347)

Requires current or prospective volunteers of a school department who have direct and unmonitored contact with children/students to undergo a state criminal background check.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 127 - 13H5376)****(Chap. No. 134 - 13S0318)**

Requires psychomotor skill-based CPR training and AED (defibrillator) use for all high school students prior to graduation.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 152 - 13S0800A)****(Chap. No. 212 - 13H5940A)**

Requires school emergency response plans and school safety plans to be updated annually by November 1. Also requires the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to report on the completion of said updates to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and the Governor.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 168 - 13S0639B)****(Chap. No. 199 - 13H6290)**

Requires the Board of Education to prescribe by regulation a statewide dual enrollment policy which allows students to enroll in courses at postsecondary institutions to satisfy academic credit requirements in both high school and at the postsecondary institution. School districts are required to adopt the statewide regulation by June 30, 2015.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 211 - 13H5941A)****(Chap. No. 151 - 13S0801B)**

Requires every school district to conduct a school safety assessment in conjunction with local police, fire and school safety teams and develop a comprehensive school safety plan, in accordance with certain minimum enumerated criteria.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 249 - 13H6291)****(Chap. No. 398 - 13S0513)**

Requires the School Health and Wellness Subcommittee to develop policies that promote purchasing and serving locally grown fruits, vegetables and dairy products.

EDUCATION

(Chap. No. 250 - 13H6289)

(Chap. No. 437 - 13S0062A)

Requires private institutions of higher learning to notify current students and persons who pre-paid tuition of the impending closure of the school in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the closing. Included in said notice shall be information regarding transcripts and the polices concerning tuition reimbursement.

EDUCATION

(Chap. No. 257 - 13H6271)

(Chap. No. 364 - 13S0877)

Exempts the city of Woonsocket from special rules relating to electing teachers.

EDUCATION

(Chap. No. 267 - 13H6076)

(Chap. No. 362 - 13S0889A)

Provides that any teacher employed by a local or regional school committee, who has attained tenure in a Rhode Island pubic school system, be granted an unpaid leave of absence not to exceed three (3) years in order to serve in an administrative position; and upon completion of their administrative position employment contract, termination or resignation, be allowed to return to their former status as a tenured teacher with no interruption of service for the purposes of seniority and teacher retirement.

EDUCATION

(Chap. No. 270 - 13H6022)

(Chap. No. 352 - 13S0970)

Provides that the Urban Collaborative shall be eligible to receive aid, grants and Medicaid revenue as though it were a school district.

EDUCATION

(Chap. No. 277 - 13H5893A)

(Chap. No. 343 - 13S1019)

Allows the city of Central Falls to adopt a dress code for primary, elementary, junior and senior high school students.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 288 - 13H5711A)****(Chap. No. 384 - 13S0638A)**

Requires state public higher education institutions to honor the military training experience, correspondence courses and occupations of a student who served in the U.S. armed forces by allowing academic credits that meet the standards of the American Council on Education. Requires the Board of Education to adopt appropriate policies and regulations.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 295 - 13H5626)****(Chap. No. 380 - 13S0685)**

Provides that an employee of the state Board of Education or his/her immediate family member must consent to public disclosure in order to be eligible for a tuition waiver as a result of the employment.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 330 - 13H5252A)****(Chap. No. 433 - 13S0118A)**

Establishes Rhode Island Teachers' Advisory Council to advise the state Board of Education.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 337 - 13H5152B)****(Chap. No. 439 - 13S0014Aaa)**

Specifies the type, manner and frequency of required safety drills in educational facilities.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 358 - 13S1035A)**

Expands the criteria to be considered by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education when selecting and approving school districts that will receive state funding to assist in commencing a full-day kindergarten program.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 434 - 13S0116A)

Exempts school districts from the one hundred eighty (180) school days requirement provided the school district provides a minimum of one thousand eighty (1,080) school hours per year.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 522 - 13S0012Aaa)

Permits schools to provide extracurricular activities for one sex (for example father/daughter, mother/son) activities, provided that reasonably comparable activities are provided to students of the other sex. Also requires school districts to notify students that they may bring the adult of their parent's or guardian's choosing to the event.

ELECTIONS
(Chap. No. 048 - 13H5771)
(Chap. No. 062 - 13S0626)

Eliminates the requirement to be physically present within the building to vote by eight o'clock (8:00) pm. Persons in line and outside the building at closure may vote.

ELECTIONS
(Chap. No. 066 - 13H5781A)
(Chap. No. 074 - 13S0627A)

Requires mail ballots to be returned to the state Board of Elections by closing time of polls on Election Day.

ELECTIONS
(Chap. No. 149 - 13S0920)
(Chap. No. 238 - 13H5163A)

Provides in the city of Newport the minimum number of signatures required on nomination papers for an at-large candidate or candidates for school committee to be one hundred (100).

ELECTIONS**(Chap. No. 182 - 13S0346A)****(Chap. No. 229 - 13H5575)**

Joins Rhode Island in an agreement among states to elect the President and Vice President by national popular vote.

ELECTIONS**(Chap. No. 499 - 13H6041)**

Changes the date when the Voter Choice Study Commission Report is due from May 1, 2013 to November 1, 2013.

FIDUCIARIES**(Chap. No. 310 - 13H5501)****(Chap. No. 418 - 13S0286)**

Clarifies organization and numbering of provisions of general laws pertaining to fiduciaries. Also, amends certain notice requirements with which a trustee must comply.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**(Chap. No. 026 - 13H5721)****(Chap. No. 037 - 13S0636)**

Amends the financial institutions lending limits language of the general laws to ensure such limits also apply to derivative transactions.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**(Chap. No. 050 - 13H5728)****(Chap. No. 057 - 13S0717)**

Eliminates the Board of Bank Incorporation.

FISH AND WILDLIFE**(Chap. No. 449 - 13H5764A)****(Chap. No. 477 - 13S0814Aaa)**

Adopts the Wildlife Violation Compact Act which recognizes violations of hunting, trapping and fishing laws occurring in other states as violations in a person's home state.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 124 - 13H5756B)
(Chap. No. 132 - 13S0647B)

Establishes procedures and restrictions regarding the prescription drug monitoring database maintained by the Department of Health.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 326 - 13H5325A)
(Chap. No. 404 - 13S0454A)

Adds the chemical classes of synthetic cannabinoids and synthetic cathinones to Schedule I list of drugs and other substances.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 147 - 13S1018A)

Renames the building in Middletown known as the Newport County Community Mental Health Center as the "J. Clement Cicilline Community Mental Health Center Building."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 263 - 13H6137)
(Chap. No. 344 - 13S1016)

Provides that the intersection of George Waterman Road and Greenville Avenue located in the town of Johnston would be known as the "Monsignor Carlo Montecalvo Square."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 278 - 13H5890)
(Chap. No. 426 - 13S0233)

Names Rhode Island bridge No. 550 in Pawtucket, as the Pawtucket River Bridge.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 033 - 13H5400)
(Chap. No. 041 - 13S0538)

Extends until July 1, 2016 the moratorium on issuance of new initial nursing facilities' licenses.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 150 - 13S0816Aaa)
(Chap. No. 221 - 13H5802A)

Enacts the Biodiesel Oil Act of 2013 which requires all No. 2 distillate heating oil sold in Rhode Island to contain a specified percentage of biodiesel product.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 154 - 13S0761A)
(Chap. No. 195 - 13H6323)

Creates a Code Consistency Council to examine the buildings, fire, elevator and all other state regulatory codes for overlaps, conflicts and inconsistencies, and make recommendations to resolve those identified conflicts or inconsistencies.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 157 - 13S0694B)
(Chap. No. 226 - 13H5618A)

Creates a ten (10) member Public Education Advisory Council to promote organ and tissue donation registration.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 163 - 13S0671B)
(Chap. No. 198 - 13H6296)

Increases the number of members of the Rhode Island Climate Change Commission by adding to it the Director of the state Department of Administration or his or her designee as chair.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 165 - 13S0648Aaa)
(Chap. No. 222 - 13H5714A)

Makes comprehensive changes concerning licensing and regulation of massage therapists.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 166 - 13S0642B)
(Chap. No. 220 - 13H5812)

Requires some of the proceeds generated by the auction or sale of the allowances (which are an authorization to limit a fixed amount of carbon dioxide) to be used to pay limited costs incurred by the Department of Environmental Management and the Office of Energy Resources to administer the regional greenhouse gas initiative and other climate change energy efficiency and renewable program efforts.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 266 - 13H6095)
(Chap. No. 360 - 13S0904)

Regulates blood banks by limiting the type of entity that may collect blood, blood products, plasma or blood derivatives by requiring them to maintain testing facilities and be subject to regulation by the state Department of Health.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 276 - 13H5932A)

Increases the number of members on the Lupus Study Commission from nine (9) to eleven (11) by adding an additional member with lupus and a representative from the Lupus Foundation of New England.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 281 - 13H5799A)
(Chap. No. 423 - 13S0261A)

Establishes and regulates a system for the efficient and environmentally sound collection, recycling and reuse of discarded mattresses.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 292 - 13H5667A)
(Chap. No. 770 - 13S0770A)

Limits the indemnity from personal liability that state fire safety instructors enjoy in the discharge of their official duties to those instructors who are active or retired members of paid or volunteer fire departments.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 294 - 13H5658A)
(Chap. No. 379 - 13S0691Aaa)

Makes several licensing changes for assisted living residences and creates a new "Limited Health Services" license.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 296 - 13H5617Aaa)

Strengthens the safety standards that industrial or manufacturing buildings that are converted to schools must meet, especially concerning environmental and health issues.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 307 - 13H5523)
(Chap. No. 346 - 13S1002)

Increases the number of commissioners on the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation from eight (8) to nine (9), makes the state Director of Administration or his or her designee an ex officio member, increases from seven (7) to eight (8) the public member commissioners and increases from two (2) to three (3) the number of residents of the town of Johnston who are commissioners.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 319 - 13H5424A)
(Chap. No. 387 - 13S0621A)

Re-enacts the prohibition until July 7, 2017 whereby no person or entity shall utilize somatic nuclear transfer for the purpose of initiating or attempting to initiate a human pregnancy nor shall any person create genetically identical human beings by dividing a blastocyst, zygote, or embryo.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 324 - 13H5347)
(Chap. No. 366 - 13S0838)

Exempts from local zoning ordinance regulation, the construction of ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, necessary for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 331 - 13H5230A)

Repeals the "Utilization of Unused Prescription Drugs Act" and establishes in its place a new program to allow pharmacies to accept for return and redistribution certain prescription drugs.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 332 - 13H5204aa)
(Chap. No. 421 - 13S0279Aaa)

Establishes the "Rhode Island Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council" within the Department of Health and would require healthcare organizations to provide information about palliative care to appropriate patients.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 341 - 13H6283)
(Chap. No. 394 - 13S0540Aaa)

Adopts many substantive and definitive changes to the state's regulation of its healthcare system, benefits and providers.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 496 - 13H6322)
(Chap. No. 506 - 13S0757A)

Establishes a municipal advisory council on statewide permitting to develop recommendations for a statewide process for electronic plan review while encouraging city and town participation.

HUMAN SERVICES
(Chap. No. 176 - 13S0498A)
(Chap. No. 216 - 13H5857A)

Adds two (2) additional members to the Interagency Council on Homelessness. Amends the Permanent Advisory Council to the Interagency Council on Homelessness to require that all new members be chosen and approved by a majority of the members present at an official meeting, and that there be at least three (3) representatives of the homeless community chosen and present at the official meetings.

HUMAN SERVICES
(Chap. No. 286 - 13H5749)

Establishes a management information database which would include the number of suspected child abuse and neglect cases reported and other information as required by law.

HUMAN SERVICES
(Chap. No. 456 - 13S0794A)
(Chap. No. 465 - 13H5946A)

Establishes the "Quality Family Child Care Act" with a parent advisory council and provides for the rights of Child Care Assistance Program providers, certification of provider organizations and procedures for conflict resolution with provider organizations.

HUMAN SERVICES
(Chap. No. 457 - 13S0615A)
(Chap. No. 469 - 13H5155A)

Creates the "Family Caregiver Support Act" that requires a caregiver assessment if the plan of care involves a family caregiver.

INSURANCE
(Chap. No. 017 - 13H5596A)
(Chap. No. 020 - 13S0598A)

Brings the Standard Valuation and Nonforfeiture for Life Insurance laws into compliance with the current version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act.

INSURANCE
(Chap. No. 018 - 13H5528)
(Chap. No. 021 - 13S0597)

Amends the registration filing date for insurers and provides that long-term health care insurance policies and certificates include the terms "noncancellable" or "level premium" only under certain circumstances.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 019 - 13H5444A)****(Chap. No. 022 - 13S0377A)**

Authorizes the use of property and casualty insurance binders as evidence of coverage.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 031 - 13H5609A)****(Chap. No. 036 - 13S0637A)**

Amends various provisions of insurance law. Increases the fee for foreign insurance company licenses. Repeals the reporting of producer terminations without cause. Allows dependents of an employee to purchase more life insurance through an employer.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 053 - 13H5601)****(Chap. No. 059 - 13S0709)**

Enacts the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Model Act. Requires insurers to file reports to assist in the evaluation of their own solvency.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 084 - 13H5608A)****(Chap. No. 091 - 13S0667A)**

Updates the Credit for Reinsurance Act to the current version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 085 - 13H5530A)****(Chap. No. 094 - 13S0303A)**

Prohibits certain discretionary clauses from inclusion in certain life and health insurance contracts and policies.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 086 - 13H5459A)****(Chap. No. 092 - 13S0666A)**

Imposes standards on stop-loss insurance policies which cap an employer's exposure with regard to liability under health benefit plans.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 099 - 13S0719A)****(Chap. No. 109 - 13H5839A)**

Creates the Unfair Discrimination Against Subjects of Abuse in Property and Casualty Insurance Act to prohibit unfair discrimination by property and casualty insurers on the basis of the abuse status of an applicant.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 100 - 13S0715A)****(Chap. No. 113 - 13H5606A)**

Expands the requirements for an insurer to provide accommodations to policyholders affected by a catastrophe.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 117 - 13H5085A)****(Chap. No. 119 - 13S0297A)**

Exempts certain military associations organized prior to 1880 from laws regulating fraternal benefit societies, and requires such associations to file annual reports with the Insurance Commissioner.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 183 - 13S0333)****(Chap. No. 230 - 13H5563A)**

Requires all motor vehicle liability policies to contain a provision authorizing the option for arbitration for claims for losses of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less.

INSURANCE

(Chap. No. 251 - 13H6287)

(Chap. No. 395 - 13S0536A)

Amends the amount of time permitted for a health payer to conduct a post-payment audit from two (2) years to eighteen (18) months, but allows parties to negotiate contract terms for different time frames.

INSURANCE

(Chap. No. 299 - 13H5607A)

(Chap. No. 408 - 13S0387A)

Creates the Certificates of Insurance Model Act to govern the issuance and use of certificates of insurance.

INSURANCE

(Chap. No. 315 - 13H5453A)

(Chap. No. 410 - 13S0376A)

Creates the Limited Lines Travel Insurance Act to, among other things, establish requirements for travel insurance producers and agents.

INSURANCE

(Chap. No. 323 - 13H5354A)

(Chap. No. 405 - 13S0428A)

Requires health insurance coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication where there is coverage for intravenously administered or injected anticancer medications.

INSURANCE

(Chap. No. 452 - 13H5402A)

(Chap. No. 479 - 13S0644A)

Requires health insurance plan providers to disclose on the subscriber identification card whether the plan prohibits duplicate coverage.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 504 - 13H5263)****(Chap. No. 509 - 13S0465)**

Provides that it is an unfair claims practice to designate a motor vehicle to be a total loss if the cost to rebuild or reconstruct the vehicle to its pre-accident condition is less than seventy-five percent (75%) of its fair market value immediately preceding the time it was damaged.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 030 - 13H5663)****(Chap. No. 040 - 13S0545)**

Provides for the recall of a Workers' Compensation Court Judge by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court consistent with the recall provisions of all other state courts.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 102 - 13S0571A)****(Chap. No. 114 - 13H526A)**

Updates Rhode Island's Work-Sharing statute to comply with the provisions of subtitle D of title II of the Federal Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (public law 112-96).

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 120 - 13H5689A)****(Chap. No. 130 - 13S0776A)**

Assesses a penalty equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of any erroneous payment of unemployment benefits made to an individual that was due to fraud committed by the individual, effective October 1, 2013.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 122 - 13H6062A)****(Chap. No. 128 - 13S0950A)**

Directs the Department of Labor and Training to establish standards for pre-apprenticeship or training agreements with joint employer and employee groups in the manufacturing trades.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 125 - 13H5701)

(Chap. No. 133 - 13S0573)

Authorizes the Department of Labor and Training to share unemployment insurance information with the Department's designated research partner for the purpose of its workforce data quality initiative.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 126 - 13H5700)

(Chap. No. 131 - 13S0683)

Requires that the accounts of employers be charged when improper payments are made due to the failure of the employer to respond timely or adequately to requests by the department for information relating to a claim for unemployment benefits that was subsequently overpaid.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 145 - 13S0843Aaa)

(Chap. No. 494 - 13H5696Aaa)

Expands the regulation of employer mandated drug testing to include the highway construction and repair industry.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 181 - 13S0402B)

(Chap. No. 241 - 13H5033A)

Establishes the Back to Work Rhode Island Program to provide persons collecting unemployment security benefits with planned, structured, and career-relevant job training, and would also assist employers in locating and obtaining skilled and well qualified job candidates.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 187 - 13S0231B)

(Chap. No. 213 - 13H5889A)

Establishes within the state Temporary Disability Insurance Program, a temporary caregiver insurance program to provide benefits to workers who take time off for a seriously ill child, spouse, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, domestic partner or to bond with a new child.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 269 - 13H6065B)

(Chap. No. 349 - 13S0980)

Allows employers whose average payroll exceeds two hundred percent (200%) of the state minimum wage to pay wages less frequently than weekly, and would also provide a procedure for employers whose average payroll is less than two hundred percent (200%) of the state minimum wage to petition the Director of Labor and Training for permission to pay wages less frequently than weekly.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 309 - 13H5507A)

(Chap. No. 413 - 13S0357A)

Prohibits an employer from inquiring either orally or in writing about an applicant's prior criminal convictions, with certain exceptions, until the first interview with the applicant. An employer may inquire about the applicant's criminal convictions during the first interview and thereafter in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 338 - 13H5079A)

(Chap. No. 424 - 13S0256Aaa)

Raises the minimum wage commencing January 1, 2014 to eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 445 - 13H6164A)

(Chap. No. 475 - 13S0951A)

Amends various procedural provisions regarding workers' compensation cases, including the notice requirements, and would increase the amount paid for burial expenses in cases of work-related injuries resulting in death.

LIBRARIES

(Chap. No. 068 - 13H5755)

(Chap. No. 072 - 13S0724)

Authorizes the chairperson of CRIARL Government Documents Committee to appoint a designee to represent him or her on the state Publications Clearinghouse Advisory Committee.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

(Chap. No. 051 - 13H5710)

(Chap. No. 063 - 13S0480)

Expands the powers of Assistant Adjutant Generals.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

(Chap. No. 171 - 13S0576B)

(Chap. No. 217 - 13H5856A)

Establishes various veteran-friendly educational programs for all state institutions in order to service personnel returning from a combat tour to participate in post-secondary education in an accelerated manner.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

(Chap. No. 175 - 13S0501aa)

(Chap. No. 227 - 13H5612B)

Enacts the International Emergency Management Assistance Compact into Rhode Island law.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

(Chap. No. 191 - 13S0042A)

(Chap. No. 237 - 13H5165B)

Determines the time frames for leases of vehicles and real estate for military personnel and allows for unilateral termination of such leases in certain circumstances.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

(Chap. No. 258 - 13H6250)

(Chap. No. 389 - 13S0577)

Provides for a Veterans' Benefits Pocket Guide and an online resource for veterans to access the benefits available to them, contingent upon funding.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE

(Chap. No. 300 - 13H588A)

(Chap. No. 385 - 13S0630A)

Eliminates the requirement of activation or deployment for state or federal service for recipients of the Rhode Island Military Family Relief Fund.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 024 - 13H5819A)

(Chap. No. 035 - 13S0775A)

Lengthens the renewal period for individuals with disability plates from three (3) years to every six (6) years.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 052 - 13H5655)

(Chap. No. 061 - 13S0660)

Requires distracted driving issues, including cell phone use, to be tested as part of the state driver's license exam.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 067 - 13H5775)

(Chap. No. 073 - 13S0659A)

Updates traffic control devices laws to correspond with traffic signal standards included in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), published by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 082 - 13H5782)

(Chap. No. 089 - 13S0661)

Clarifies the meaning of divided highway as any highway divided into two (2) roadways by leaving an unpaved intervening space or by a physical barrier. Also allows a motorist to not stop upon meeting a school bus under certain circumstances.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 104 - 13S0489)
(Chap. No. 112 - 13H5664)

Provides for the expungement of certain alcohol-related offenses after five (5) years.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 105 - 13S0238A)
(Chap. No. 115 - 13H5119A)

Authorizes physicians licensed in this state to issue preliminary fourteen (14) day disability parking permits to applicants pending receipt of a disability registration plate.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 142 - 13H5140A)
(Chap. No. 144 - 13S0352Aaa)

Repeals the sunset provision in § 31-22-22 pertaining to safety belts and reduces the fine to forty dollars (\$40.00) for failure to properly wear a safety belt and/or shoulder harness system.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 188 - 13S0104Aaa)
(Chap. No. 203 - 13H6127A)

Allows for the registration of specially constructed vehicles that are designed for use on public roads and meet safety standards.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 256 - 13H6279)
(Chap. No. 355 - 13S0915)

Requires the expiration of the issuance of any special motor vehicle registration plate which fails to meet the statutorily mandated number of prepaid orders within five (5) years after the plate issuance enactment.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 262 - 13H6141)

(Chap. No. 428 - 13S0210)

Allows owners of a home in a mobile and manufactured home park and owners of vacant lots in a mobile and manufactured home park to replace their existing home or to place a new home on a vacant lot despite any local zoning or land use ordinance to the contrary.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 280 - 13H5817A)

(Chap. No. 345 - 13S1013)

Defines "family child care home vehicle." Also requires certain vehicles to be equipped with first aid kit, bodily fluid spill kit and emergency airway kit.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 282 - 13H5772)

(Chap. No. 375 - 13S0763)

Eliminates the requirement that motorists surrender suspended licenses and registration plates to the Division of Motor Vehicles unless the licensee is determined to be operating after such suspension.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 291 - 13H5675A)

(Chap. No. 393 - 13S0546A)

Increases the penalties for violations of the offense of texting while driving to include suspension of an operator's license.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 316 - 13H5438A)

(Chap. No. 372 - 13S0771Aaa)

Creates a comprehensive statutory program to verify compliance with motor vehicle owners' and operators' mandatory liability insurance requirements.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 317 - 13H5432)
(Chap. No. 390 - 13S0560)

Decreases the maximum blood alcohol concentration for a person eighteen (18) years to twenty (20) years when charged for driving while impaired to less than eight one-hundredths of one percent (.08%) by weight.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 339 - 13H5061A)
(Chap. No. 414 - 13S0350A)

Creates additional penalties for motor vehicle violations at intersections and rights-of-way that cause serious bodily injury or death.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 422 - 13S0275A)

Allows the use of hearing aids while operating a bicycle or motorcycle. Also permits the operator of a bicycle or motorcycle to use communication equipment that only provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 440 - 13H6327)
(Chap. No. 471 - 13S01053)

Creates a special license plate for Woonsocket High School Arts and Athletic programs.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 446 - 13H5919A)
(Chap. No. 483 - 13S0326A)

Creates a special license plate for the friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse, Inc.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 453 - 13H5306A)

(Chap. No. 484 - 13S0235A)

Permits the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue specially designed plates for licensed emergency medical technicians.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 459 - 13S0478A)

(Chap. No. 468 - 13H5619A)

Permits the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue specially designed plates for the Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 461 - 13S0327A)

Creates a special license plate to support the Autism Project of Rhode Island.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 480 - 13S0631A)

Creates a special license plate benefiting the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 511 - 13H6232)

(Chap. No. 528 - 13S0844)

Authorizes issuance of a special "General Magistrate Emeritus" registration plate to General Magistrate John J. O'Brien.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

(Chap. No. 088 - 13H5257)

(Chap. No. 096 - 13S0095)

Removes the requirement of notifying the Office of Health and Human Services when a decedent was fifty-five (55) years or older when petitioning for probate of a will or administration of an estate.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

(Chap. No. 186 - 13S0285A)

(Chap. No. 236 - 13H5370A)

Requires that when a decedent is fifty-five (55) years or older that notice of death be sent to Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 069 - 13H5726A)

(Chap. No. 076 - 13S0507A)

Establishes the Commercial Real Estate Brokers Lien Act which addresses claims for compensation based on written instruments.

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 160 - 13S0676aa)

(Chap. No. 219 - 13H5828)

Creates a procedure for museums to resolve ownership of unclaimed property on loan to a museum and undocumented property in possession of a museum.

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 325 - 13H5335B)

(Chap. No. 406 - 13S0416A)

Requires a mortgagee to participate in mediation prior to initiating foreclosure proceedings and it applies to individual consumers' mortgages on owner-occupied one to four (4) unit property which is the primary residence of owners.

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 427 - 13S0214A)

(Chap. No. 533 - 13H5386A)

Requires that any state or local agency exercising eminent domain over any land which is protected with a conservation restriction or preservation restriction notify the agency holding the restriction and the Department of Environmental Management.

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 485 - 13S0202A)

(Chap. No. 447 - 13H5897)

Clarifies the type of proceeding where injunctive relief may be granted in matters involving minimum building or housing standards.

PUBLIC FINANCE

(Chap. No. 001 - 13H5364)

(Chap. No. 003 - 13S0019B)

Provides that prior General Assembly approval would not be required for the state to refund any financing leases entered into with the authorization of the General Assembly.

PUBLIC FINANCE

(Chap. No. 173 - 13S0521A)

(Chap. No. 225 - 13H5620Aaa)

Requires that Rhode Island's financial resources be divested from companies doing business in Iran and establishes a procedure for such divestment, including the procedure to be followed should divestment not take place.

PUBLIC RECORDS

(Chap. No. 153 - 13S0767B)

(Chap. No. 223 - 13H5670A)

Exempts individually identifiable evaluations of public school teachers made pursuant to state or federal law from the definition of a public record.

PUBLIC RECORDS

(Chap. No. 342 - 13H5895A)

(Chap. No. 411 - 13S0369A)

Excludes from the definition of public records, documents used by school districts in protecting the safety of students from potential and actual threats.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 121 - 13H5454A)

(Chap. No. 135 - 135S0309A)

Provides that neither the Public Utilities Commission nor the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers have jurisdiction or authority over wireless services.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 167 - 13S0641B)

(Chap. No. 202 - 13H5803A)

Amends the definition of a small distributed generation project, and allows hydroelectric projects to participate in the standard contract enforcement program.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 245 - 13H5935A)

(Chap. No. 367 - 13S0836Aaa)

Establishes a procedure to allow municipalities to purchase, rather than rent, their street lights for the purpose of reducing municipal street lighting costs.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 271 - 13H6019A)

(Chap. No. 361 - 13S0900A)

Establishes a financing program that allows homeowners access to affordable, long-term financing for energy upgrades to their property.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 306 - 13H5527)

(Chap. No. 377 - 13S0720)

Allows for the regulatory option of limiting revocation only to the dormant portions of a taxicab certificate, instead of revoking the entire certificate.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 314 - 13H5456A)

(Chap. No. 419 - 13S0284aa)

Creates the "Kelsey Smith Act" which requires telecommunications carriers to provide call location information of a telecommunication device to a requesting law enforcement agency in emergency situations that involve death or serious risk of harm.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 521 - 13H5604A)

Adds two (2) additional members to the Public Utilities Commission Ratepayers' Advisory Board.

SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS

(Chap. No. 106 - 13H6221aa)

(Chap. No. 107 - 13S0979Aaa)

Authorizes the State Police, through its Gaming Enforcement Unit, to monitor and investigate all criminal activity associated with casino gaming. Creates various criminal offenses related to casino gaming, and repeals the Rhode Island Gaming Control and Revenue Act.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 137 - 13H5265A)

(Chap. No. 184 - 13S0323A)

Extends the expiration dates pertaining to approvals and permits issued by the Department of Environmental Management. Applies to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009 and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2015. Would not revive any previously expired approval or permit.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 103 - 13S0570A)

(Chap. No. 110 - 13H5788B)

Amends the reporting requirements associated with the Human Resource Investment Council.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 123 - 13H6030)

(Chap. No. 129 - 13S0809A)

Creates the "Made in Rhode Island Manufacturing Collaborative of 2013" to promote the marketing of Rhode Island products.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 136 - 13H5425A)

(Chap. No. 162 - 13S0672A)

Requires the Rhode Island Division of Planning to prepare and submit a report to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House, making recommendations for statewide standards regulating onsite waste water treatment systems and wetlands.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 146 - 13S1034A)

(Chap. No. 196 - 13H6321A)

Restructures "The Fort Adams foundation," by decreasing the number of board members from nine (9) to four (4). Authorizes the director to create an advisory committee and determine liability insurance requirements for hired contractors.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 156 - 13S712A)

(Chap. No. 208 - 13H6069B)

Establishes an Economic Development Planning Council to develop a written long-term economic development vision, policy and strategic implementation plan to be submitted to the Governor, Senate and House of Representatives on or before October 31, 2014.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 164 - 13S0662A)

(Chap. No. 234 - 13H5465A)

Eliminates the Workers' Compensation Investigations Unit under the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Public Safety/Superintendent of the State Police and transfers the staff to the State Employees' Workers' Compensation Unit.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 177 - 13S0479B)

(Chap. No. 215 - 13H5860A)

Creates a twelve (12) member veterans' services strategic plan advisory committee responsible for developing, maintaining and annually updating a five (5) year statewide Veterans' Services Strategic Plan ("VSSP"), that includes goals and measurable outcomes to ensure that all departments deliver comprehensive services and supports for veterans and their families.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 242 - 13S0730B)

(Chap. No. 491 - 13H6070B)

Establishes a council of economic advisors to gather, analyze and prepare advisory reports regarding economic data and information on the Rhode Island economy.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 243 - 13S0718B)

(Chap. No. 490 - 13H6071A)

Creates the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation. Dissolves the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, transferring all functions, duties and responsibilities to the newly created Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 252 - 13H6286)

(Chap. No. 438 - 13S0061)

Requires the Office of Regulatory Reform to include, in its written reports, estimated aggregate impact of regulatory rule changes on businesses.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 253 - 13H6285)

(Chap. No. 376 - 13S0760)

Amends statewide planning board council membership by adding two (2) additional public members.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 260 - 13H6183)

(Chap. No. 383 - 13S0947)

Allows all residents of Rhode Island to serve on the Newport County Convention and Visitors' Bureau with preference given to Newport and Bristol County residents.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 264 - 13H6134)

(Chap. No. 368 - 13S0833)

Creates the program integrity division within the Office of Health and Human Services to prevent, detect and prosecute Medicaid and public assistance fraud.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 268 - 13H6067)

Establishes a new business development center within the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 284 - 13H5762A)

(Chap. No. 399 - 13S0510)

Allows the Commissioner of Education to request that the Board of Education hold a hearing on whether to authorize the Commissioner to withhold distribution of state aid for failure of a school district to meet school district accounting requirements.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 285 - 13H5752)

(Chap. No. 382 - 13S0645)

Adds the Secretary of Executive Office of Health and Human Services to traumatic brain injuries commission.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 290 - 13H5677A)

(Chap. No. 400 - 13S0495A)

Allows the Environmental Management Director to use an expedited citation process for alleged noncompliance issues and/or violations.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 297 - 13H5616A)

(Chap. No. 486 - 13S0725aa)

Requires the Energy Resources Office to collect certain energy information for all fuels from wholesalers and resellers for state use. Only aggregates of this information shall be available as public records.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 304 - 13H5549A)

(Chap. No. 357 - 13S0907A)

Adds three (3) members to the state Planning Council. Empowers the Council to act as only statewide metropolitan organization for transportation planning.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 333 - 13H5179A)

(Chap. No. 359 - 13S1025)

Requires independent fire districts and volunteer fire companies to post draft meeting minutes on the Secretary of State's website and also file official minutes.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 335 - 13H5159A)

(Chap. No. 435 - 13S0082A)

Authorizes the Department of Administration to conduct a comprehensive study of administrative hearing practices throughout state government with a sunset date of 12/31/13, unless reauthorized.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 340 - 13H5034A)

(Chap. No. 436 - 13S0077A)

Adds a federal census track block group to the Pawtucket enterprise zone under the Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act retroactive to 1/1/13.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 381 - 13S0650A)

(Chap. No. 532 - 13H5651A)

Requires an elderly housing complex with one hundred (100) units to obtain an emergency generator.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 489 - 13S1048)

(Chap. No. 492 - 13H6063B)

Creates the executive office of commerce effective 2/1/15 along with the Governor's Commerce and Workforce Coordination Cabinet effective upon passage.

STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

(Chap. No. 501 - 13H5679A)

Makes certain technical amendments and deletions to the general laws for purposes of accurate statutory construction as recommended by the law revision office.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 025 - 13H5730)

(Chap. No. 039 - 13S0596)

Limits the information the tax administrator may disclose to the Secretary of State's office and further limits the information that the Secretary of State's office may thereafter disclose.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 064 - 13S0397)

(Chap. No. 065 - 13H5041)

Allows the town of Portsmouth to exempt from taxation historic preservation sites and property in the town. Exempts property of the Prudence Island Historical and Preservation Society, provided the property is used for nonprofit purposes.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 078 - 13H6146A)

(Chap. No. 080 - 13S826A)

Allows for cities and towns to divide Class I residential real estate property into non-owner and owner-occupied property, and to adopt separate tax rates in compliance with applicable tax rate restrictions.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 081 - 13S0203)

Authorizes the Central Falls city council to provide that owners of certain property who make up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of improvements or additions to the property shall be exempt from reassessment of property taxes until the next general citywide reevaluation.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 087 - 13H5391aa)

(Chap. No. 095 - 13S0186aa)

Authorizes Central Falls to increase the amount of time for tax exemptions for certain improvements to qualifying real and personal property from five (5) years to ten (10) years.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 138 - 13H5794)

(Chap. No. 170 - 13S0604)

Authorizes Burrillville in 2013 to amend its tax classification system from a two (2) to a four (4) tier classification system.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 155 - S0734B)****(Chap. No. 209 - 13H6066B)**

Requires the Director of Management and Budget to prepare a comprehensive review and inventory of all reports from the executive office and state agencies that are filed with the General Assembly, and requires a cost-benefit analysis be incorporated into the annual Unified Economic Development Report prepared by the Office of Revenue Analysis.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 159 - 13S0677A)****(Chap. No. 205 - 13H6108)**

Exempts the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket from real and personal property taxes so long as it is owned by the Stadium Theatre Foundation.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 161 - 13S0673)****(Chap. No. 207 - 13H6093aa)**

Allows the Warwick city council to increase the veterans' tax exemption in Warwick to a maximum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 192 - 13S26Aaa)****(Chap. No. 240 - 13H5083Aaa)**

Amends the 1949 act establishing Bryant College by changing the school's name to the currently used "Bryant University." Also provides that unless an agreement is reached, the town of Smithfield shall bill any nonprofit college or university located in the town for the actual costs for police, fire, and rescue services supplied.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 206 - 13H6103aa)**

Authorizes Woonsocket to levy supplemental taxes for fiscal year 2012-2013.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 244 - 13S0675Aaa)

(Chap. No. 493 - 13H5790Aaa)

Provides a cap of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) on interest, for a judgment in a civil action or appeal regarding local tax assessments.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 259 - 13H6233)

(Chap. No. 348 - 13S0981)

Enables the Warren town council to adjust various tax exemptions granted to town residents who are over 65 years of age, veterans, gold star parents, or visually impaired or totally disabled persons.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 303 - 13H5553)

(Chap. No. 430 - 13S0185)

Enables the tax assessor to send certain confirmation notices relative to farm, forest, and open land, by regular mail.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 313 - 13H5457A)

(Chap. No. 425 - 13S0251A)

Amends the tax exemption provisions pertaining to the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention to Cruelty to Animals.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 328 - 13H5292)

(Chap. No. 388 - 13S0607)

Authorizes the tax collector in the town of Gloucester to furnish tax certificates whenever a municipal lien certificate is requested relative to mobile or manufactured homes, and further provides that taxes assessed against any person in the town of Gloucester for a mobile or manufactured home shall constitute a lien on the mobile or manufactured home.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 442 - 13H6212)

(Chap. No. 473 - 13S0991)

Authorizes the Stone Bridge Fire District to finance capital improvements to its water system by issuing up to one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) in bonds and/or notes.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 443 - 13H6208)

(Chap. No. 474 - 13S0990)

Authorizes the town of East Greenwich to enact residential tax exemptions based upon age, disability, or military service.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 448 - 13H5879)

(Chap. No. 476 - 13S0944)

Permits the town of Gloucester to deny demolition or building permits for properties on which town taxes or assessments are in arrears.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 498 - 13H6102)

Amends the classification of residential real estate in Woonsocket.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 510 - 13H6298)

(Chap. No. 523 - 13S1030)

Exempts from taxation the tangible and real property of St. Mary Academy - Bay View.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 512 - 13H6213)

(Chap. No. 524 - 13S1022)

Exempts from taxation the personal and real property of the East Bay Community Action Program.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 513 - 13H6211A)****(Chap. No. 525 - 13S1021)**

Exempts from taxation the real and personal property located in the city of East Providence of several nonprofit corporations.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 516 - 13H6101)**

Provides that any fire districts in Coventry may adopt tax class rates and operate under the previous year's fiscal budget under certain circumstances, and subjects the fire districts to annual audits of accounts.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 518 - 13H5886)****(Chap. No. 527 - 13S0871)**

Exempts from taxation the real and personal property owned by a 501 (c)(3) organization that is affiliated and in good standing with a national congressionally chartered organization that provides certain recreational and educational programs for children ages six (6) to seventeen (17) years of age.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 520 - 13H5804)****(Chap. No. 531 - 13S0443Aaa)**

Exempts from taxation real and personal property of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Music School.

TOWNS AND CITIES**(Chap. No. 002 - 13S0126)****(Chap. No. 010 - 13H5097)**

Empowers the town of Middletown (along with Coventry) to borrow up to ten percent (10%) of its most recent budget to pay for certain court judgments/settlements. Any other city and town remains limited to five percent (5%) of its budget.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 006 - 13S0208)

Ratifies and validates amendments to Woonsocket's home rule charter approved by the electors of Woonsocket on November 8, 2011.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 007 - 13S0206)
(Chap. No. 009 - 13H5346)

Ratifies and validates amendments to Woonsocket's home rule charter approved by the electors of Woonsocket on November 6, 2012.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 008 - 13H5176A)

Empowers the Coventry fire district to assess and collect taxes based on the last authorized levy in the event the qualified voters do not authorize a new assessment.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 011 - 13H5210)
(Chap. No. 012 - 13S0142)

Amends and ratifies changes of the legislative charter of 1942 which incorporated the western Coventry fire district.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 013 - 13S0078)
(Chap. No. 023 - 13H5869)

Ratifies and validates amendments to North Kingstown's home rule charter approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 2, 2010.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 014 - 13S0033)

Ratifies and validates amendments to North Kingstown's home rule charter approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 6, 2012.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 015 - 13H5080A)
(Chap. No. 016 - 13S0093Aaa)

Amends the Bristol County Water Authority Act regarding the appointment process of and the powers and duties of the authority's directors, officers and employees.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 046 - 13H5936)
(Chap. No. 055 - 13S0759)

Ratifies and validates amendments to the town of Richmond's home rule charter approved by the electors of Richmond on November 6, 2012.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 047 - 13H5901)
(Chap. No. 056 - 13S0739)

Empowers the town of East Greenwich to acquire the property, assets and personnel of the East Greenwich fire district.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 090 - 13S0881)
(Chap. No. 097 - 13H6092)

Ratifies and validates amendments to the city of Central Falls' home rule charter approved by the electors of Central Falls on November 6, 2012.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 098 - 13S0884)
(Chap. No. 108 - 13H6044)

Authorizes the town of Portsmouth to establish a municipal court to address violations of municipal ordinances and traffic violations.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 116 - 13H6138)
(Chap. No. 118 - 13S0946)

Amends the home rule charter of the town of West Warwick by changing the date of the annual town financial meeting.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 140 - 13S0867)
(Chap. No. 210 - 13H6039)

Amends the power of the city of Woonsocket to finance its unfunded pension liability by the issuance of bonds.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 185 - 13S0320A)
(Chap. No. 235 - 13H5393B)

Amends the notice requirements for public hearings relative to zoning ordinances and requires municipalities to establish and maintain an electronic public notice registry.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 194 - 13S0758A)
(Chap. No. 214 - 13H5887A)

Amends the act authorizing the town of New Shoreham to construct and maintain a sewage disposal system.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 246 - 13H6310)
(Chap. No. 347 - 13S0984A)

Amends the act relating to budget commissions regarding the appointment of an administration and finance officer upon termination of receivership.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 247 - 13H6294)
(Chap. No. 369 - 13S0828)

Authorizes the town of Richmond, with voter approval, to amend the town ordinances relating to granting tax exemptions for certain properties.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 248 - 13H6293)
(Chap. No. 374 - 13S0765)

Allows the establishment of a municipal court in the town of Richmond and confers upon the court equity jurisdiction and concurrent jurisdiction with the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal for certain violations.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 261 - 13H6147)
(Chap. No. 363 - 13S0880)

Exempts the town of Middletown from the requirement to apportion earned income from the peripheral care fund to individual lots, and directs the income be used for the entire burial ground.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 273 - 13H5960)
(Chap. No. 350 - 13S0975)

Extends the time of the oversight commission which monitors the statewide planning of housing resources to report its findings to the general assembly from March 1, 2013, to March 1, 2017.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 275 - 13H5933)

Empowers the general assembly to give effect to, ratify, confirm, validate and enact those provisions of the amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Narragansett approved November 6, 2012, which require such approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 283 - 13H5768)
(Chap. No. 397 - 13S0524)

Provides that a party aggrieved by a determination of the retirement board may file a notice of appeal with the retirement board and workers' compensation court within twenty (20) days of the entry of decision.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 329 - 13H5266aa)

Reduces the number of Narragansett Bay Commission members from twenty-three (23) to nineteen (19) and also reduces the number required for a quorum to a simple majority.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 407 - 13S0398)
(Chap. No. 488 - 13H5846)

Allows the principal and interest on certain bonds issued by the town of Portsmouth for school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 441 - 13H6319)
(Chap. No. 478 - 13S0808)

Removes the twenty thousand dollar (\$20,000) limit on the amount of real estate and personal estate that the non-profit congregation Jeshuat Israel is allowed to take, hold or convey. Also, it conveys upon the corporation all the powers, privileges, duties and liability as set forth in title 7, chapter 6 of the general laws entitled "Rhode Island Nonprofit Corporation Act."

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 444 - 13H6184)
(Chap. No. 472 - 13S1026)

Allows a city of Cranston employee who is presently a member of Laborers International Union and hired between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2013 and a current member of the retirement system to opt out and join a defined contribution plan. Also, present Cranston employee union members who were hired after April 23, 2013 would be enrolled in a defined contribution plan and would not be a member of the municipal employees-retirement system.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 458 - 13S0544A)
(Chap. No. 467 - 13H5703A)

Adds certain definitions and meanings relative to "slope of land," lot areas, and other terms as they relate to zoning and subdivision of land.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 495 - 13H5534Aaa)

Repeals a requirement that water suppliers formulate a program for installation of radio frequency reading systems, except for suppliers that service the town of Johnston. Also allows for water suppliers to bill less frequently than quarterly by December 31, 2013.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 505 - 13S0958Aaa)

Merges the Cumberland, Cumberland Hill, and Valley Falls Fire Districts into a new Cumberland Fire District, and empowers the district with powers and duties to effectuate said consolidation and continued operations.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 517 - 13H5981A)

Empowers public housing authorities to request and receive information from various state agencies income information from the various benefit programs in order to accurately calculate an applicant's rental rate.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 534 - 13S0283)

Restricts the location of asphalt batching or continuous mix facilities in the town of Coventry, but does not apply to a facility in operation prior to this act.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summary of The Proceedings

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**APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 - BUDGET**

(Chap. No. 145 – 14H7133Aaa)

**PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 1aa**

Makes appropriations for the support of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

**TOWNS AND CITIES
ARTICLE 2aa**

Limits the states appropriation to the "Municipal Incentive Aid Program" to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for fiscal years 2014, 2015 and 2016. Changes the distribution method for appropriations given to municipalities in lieu of property taxes which would otherwise be collected from certain exempt private and state properties.

**PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 3**

Creates several new restricted receipt accounts which shall be exempt from the ten percent (10%) indirect cost recoveries transfer to the state's General Fund.

**PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 4aa**

This Article serves as a joint resolution required pursuant to the "Rhode Island Public Corporation Debt Management Act" which provides the authorization of new debt for the following projects: (1) The Garrahy Courthouse Parking project; (2) The Rhode Island Airport Corporation's expansion, acquisition and development project; and (3) The Nursing Education Center at South Street Landing. Provides for certain disbursements of funds, from the Tobacco Settlement Financing Trust, to the state's General Fund, the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund, and the Information Technology Investment Fund. Authorizes the Rhode Island Refunding Bond Authority to refund certain DEPCO bonds.

PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 5aa

Provides for two hundred forty-eight million dollars (\$248,000,000) of new general obligation bond authorizations to be placed on the November 2014 ballot for voter approval through four (4) separate questions: (1) Higher education facilities: one hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$125,000,000); (2) Creative and Cultural Economy: thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000); (3) Mass Transit Hub Infrastructure: thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000); and (4) Clean Water, Open Space, and Healthy Communities: fifty-three million dollars (\$53,000,000).

HEALTH AND SAFETY
ARTICLE 6

Extends the current municipal tipping fees charged by the Resource Recovery Corporation by one year, from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Requires the Corporation to provide a rate plan with its proposed budget to be submitted to the state on or before October 1, 2014.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
ARTICLE 7

Allows for an increase in the administrative expenditures of the Department of Environmental Management and the Office of Energy Resources to a maximum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) or ten percent (10%) of the proceeds from Regional Greenhouse Gas auctions, whichever is greater.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE 8aa

Creates the "Underground Economy and Employee Misclassification Act" which establishes a multi-departmental task force to combat the underground economy and the misclassification of employees, in which individuals and employers conceal their activities from government licensing, regulatory, and taxing authorities. The Director of the Department of Labor and Training shall chair the task force. An annual report shall be submitted by March 15, 2015 and every March 15th thereafter, to the Governor and chairpersons of the House and Senate Finance committees.

PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 9aa

Requires the controller, within the Department of Administration, to implement a direct deposit payroll system, wherein all state employees hired after September 30, 2014 shall be required to participate. All current state employees hired prior to September 30, 2014 are required to participate by June 30, 2016. Makes certain changes to the information required to be submitted and reported by state agencies regarding privatization contracts. Also provides that, commencing July 1, 2015, ten percent (10%) of the monthly surcharge collected by telecommunication service providers be deposited into the Information Technology Investment Fund.

PUBLIC FINANCE
ARTICLE 10aa

This is the revised appropriations bill for the 2014 fiscal year, commonly referred to as the "Supplemental Budget," which revises appropriations for the fiscal year 2014 from general revenues, federal funds, restricted receipts and other funds.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS
ARTICLE 11

Makes certain changes to the job development assessment charged to employers to repay the state's Title XII loan advances from the federal government. Upon full payment of the Title XII loan, commencing tax year 2015, and each subsequent year thereafter, each employer shall be required to pay a job development assessment of twenty-one hundredths of one percent (0.21%) of taxable payroll. Authorizes the Department of Administration to borrow from the state's General Fund to pay unemployment benefits. Provides that no municipality can establish, mandate or otherwise require employers to pay a minimum wage other than the state or federal minimum wage.

**TAXATION
ARTICLE 12aa**

Amends various provisions of the general laws relating to the assessment and collection of taxes. Authorizes the Tax Administration to block vehicle registrations of certain persons filing a late return or who are otherwise delinquent in the payment of taxes. Increases the real estate conveyance tax. Modifies the earned income tax credit effective January 1, 2015. Criminalizes the purchase, sale and use of certain technology that enables the user to avoid paying sales tax. Creates the "Public Employees Tax Compliance Act" which authorizes the garnishment of wages from certain state or public employees. Postpones the sunset provisions on the increase of alcohol excise taxes. Allows for a state credit for decedents whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2015. Provides for the implementation of combined reporting, elimination of the franchise tax, and the reduction of the corporate income tax rate from nine percent (9%) to seven per cent (7%), effective January 1, 2015.

**STATE LOTTERY
ARTICLE 13**

Amends certain provisions of the general laws relating to the transfer of net lottery funds into the state's General Fund. Revises the Twin River Casino master contract providing for an increase in the state's share of marketing expenditures, commencing July 1, 2014.

**STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT
ARTICLE 14aa**

Provides for the transfer of duties and reorganization of various state departments and agencies. Transfers control of the Emergency Management Agency from the Adjutant General of the National Guard to an executive director to be appointed by the Governor. Creates a Customer Service Unit within the Department of Environmental Management. Creates the Office of Regulatory Reform, within the Office of Management and Budget.

**HUMAN SERVICES
ARTICLE 15aa**

Allows for a supplemental cash assistance payment of two hundred six dollars (\$206) for certain disabled and/or elderly individuals, who reside in an assisted living facility, financed prior to January 1, 2006, by the Rhode Island housing and mortgage Finance Corporation. Extends the sunset provision of the Child Care Subsidy Transition Program for an additional two (2) years. Repeals the numerical limits of plants and useable marijuana that compassion centers currently may possess and provides for compassion centers to limit their inventory of seedlings, plants and usable marijuana based on the projected needs of registered qualifying patients.

HEALTH AND SAFETY**ARTICLE 16aa**

Revises the rates of hospital licensing fees. Creates, as of January 1, 2016, "The Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act" and sets forth the funding methods, reporting requirements and exceptions to the contributions to be made into the Fund by certain insurers. Requires that certain proceeds from the Fund be deposited into the Children's Health Account and the childhood and adult immunization accounts. Authorizes a study on the expansion of the health care services funding program to include municipalities and the possibility of inclusion of Medicare and Medicare managed care programs.

HUMAN SERVICES**ARTICLE 17**

Increases, in fiscal year 2015 and extending through fiscal year 2016, the maximum amount the state pays to certain hospitals for uncompensated care from one hundred twenty-eight million three hundred thousand dollars (\$128,300,000) to one hundred thirty-six million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$136,800,000). Includes a provision for an upper payment limitation reimbursement to certain hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services.

HUMAN SERVICES**ARTICLE 18aa**

Freezes the current rates paid by the state, on behalf of certain eligible recipients, for in-state and out-of-state hospital services. Allows for a rate adjustment increase to nursing facilities commencing on April 1, 2015. Requires that, with limited exceptions, out-of-state facilities that provide services to Medicaid eligible individuals must apply for, and be approved to, participate in the Rhode Island Medicaid Program. Permits the collection of certain financial information from families with a child who receives services under the Katie Beckett State Plan Option. Authorizes certain provisions for long-term managed care. Allows for certain changes to the Medicaid Global Waiver Program.

HUMAN SERVICES**ARTICLE 19**

Allows the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and/or the Department of Human Services to recover payments from third-party settlements paid to recipients of state provided medical assistance. Provides that, commencing on October 1, 2016, an applicant or recipient of Medicaid, owning a life estate with retained powers of conveyance in a primary residence, must convey all remainder interest back to themselves in order to consider the residence an excluded resource in determining eligibility for the program.

**EDUCATION
ARTICLE 20aa**

Provides for the restructuring of the Board of Education. Grants additional powers, duties and responsibilities to the Presidents of the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island. Reorganizes the Rhode Island Board of Education by increasing its membership from eleven (11) to seventeen (17) members, of which (8) members shall be designated to serve on the newly created "Council for Elementary and Secondary Education" and eight (8) members shall be designated to serve on the newly created "Council for Postsecondary Education." The chairperson of the Board of Education shall serve as a member of both councils.

**HIGHWAYS
ARTICLE 21aa**

Authorizes the allocation of funds, from multiple sources, to be deposited into the Highway Maintenance Account for the maintenance and improvement of the state's highways, roads and bridges. Transfers three and one-half cents (\$0.035) per gallon of the gasoline tax to the Turnpike and Bridge Authority for operations, capital expenditures and debt service in lieu of a toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge. Makes provisions to adjust the gasoline tax every two (2) years according to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) beginning in fiscal year 2016, provided, in no event shall the tax go below the current amount of thirty-two cents (\$0.32) per gallon.

**EDUCATION
ARTICLE 22**

Extends the moratorium on the approval of new school housing aid projects with the exception of projects necessitated by immediate health and safety reasons from June 30, 2014 to May 1, 2015.

**EFFECTIVE DATE
ARTICLE 23**

Provides that the effective date of 2014 H7133 Substitute A as amended, enacted and signed by the Governor on June 16, 2014, entitled "An Act Making Appropriations for the Support of the State for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015" is effective on July 1, 2014, except as otherwise provided therein.

STATE BUDGET
(Chap. No. 548 - 14H8343)

This Act, commonly referred to as a "trailer bill" would amend Article 16 as amended, of 2014 H 7133 Substitute A, as amended, by amending who would be treated as a "contribution enrollee" for purposes of the Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act.

BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS**(Chap. No. 495 - 14S2924Aaa)****(Chap. No. 508 - 14H7123Aaa)**

Requires written notice to persons being tested for Lyme disease regarding the possibility of false negative results, and provides physicians with immunity from civil liability for providing such written notice, absent gross negligence or willful misconduct.

CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP**(Chap. No. 025 - 14H7283)****(Chap. No. 040 - 14S2443)**

Establishes the position of "authorized representative" for nonprofit corporations and would authorize an authorized representative to execute the nonprofit corporation's annual report.

CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP**(Chap. No. 485 - 14H2613aa)****(Chap. No. 511 - 14H7233A)**

Clarifies the provisions of the general laws governing the contents of articles of dissolution of a corporation.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS**(Chap. No. 034 - 14H7259B)****(Chap. No. 042 - 14S2546aa)**

Provides for the processing of electronic payments submitted to all courts within the unified judicial system and provides for the implementation of technology fees in order to process electronic payments.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS**(Chap. No. 038 - 4H8050)****(Chap. No. 041 - 14S2488A)**

Entitles any person who has served in the General Assembly, as a general officer, and as a court justice for at least twenty (20) total years, to receive benefits, if that person retires, resigns and completes service prior to January 1, 2014.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS

(Chap. No. 079 - 14H7306)

(Chap. No. 088 - 14S2549)

Defines "limited English proficient person" for the purposes of interpreters for legal proceedings as any person whose primary language is not English and who does not have the ability to adequately understand or communicate effectively in English.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS

(Chap. No. 251 - 14H8006aa)

(Chap. No. 287 - 14S3080)

Extends by one year the time a person's name may remain on a list for judicial candidates.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURES GENERALLY

(Chap. No. 529 - 14H8129)

Prohibits casinos from attaching the real estate of any person who is providing a casino marker or line of credit by the casinos.

COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -PROCEDURES GENERALLY

(Chap. No. 247 - 14H8096)

(Chap. No. 315 - 14S2568)

Allows a facsimile of the Superior Court Seal to be placed on many court documents.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 483 - 14S2598)

(Chap. No. 546 - 14H8325)

Criminalizes, and makes a felony, the assault or battery of another person, resulting in, or attempting to result in, unconsciousness of that person.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 070 - 14S2820)

(Chap. No. 075 - 14H7620)

Subjects to seizure and forfeiture any proceeds derived from pandering or permitting prostitution.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 154 - 14S2643A)

(Chap. No. 166 - 14H7619A)

Criminalizes the theft of farm products that are property of a farming operation and sets forth penalties for doing so.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 157 - 14S2817)

(Chap. No. 164 - 14H7378)

Criminalizes sexual contact with another person accomplished by the element of surprise.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 182 - 14H7021Aaa)

(Chap. No. 223 - 14S3095Aaa)

Prohibits the delivery or sale to, or purchase by, minors of electronic cigarettes.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 202 - 14H7845A)

(Chap. No. 215 - 14S2624B)

Criminalizes the digital or online impersonation of another individual.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 346 - 14S2775)

(Chap. No. 391 - 14H7940A)

Removes the language "habitual drunkard" from the list of those prohibited from possessing firearms.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES

(Chap. No. 416 - 14H7766A)

(Chap. No. 448 - 14S2610A)

Criminalizes the knowing electronic dissemination of indecent materials to minors.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES
(Chap. No. 492 - 14S2899)
(Chap. No. 525 - 14H8015)

Provides Providence Fire Department Arson Investigators who have graduated from a police-training academy with an exemption to pistol-permitting requirements.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES
(Chap. No. 506 - 14H7764Aaa)

Defines "child-safe" zones and prohibits any sex offender whose victim was a minor from being employed by or owning or operating, an entity that qualifies as a "child-safe zone".

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 035 - 14H7268)
(Chap. No. 043 - 14S2708)

Extends the deadline for which the electronic recording of custodial interrogations task force may file its supplement report to December 31, 2014.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 050 - 14H7763)
(Chap. No. 057 - 14S2670)

Enables Capitol Police to exercise full authority and powers when assigned to buildings used by state agencies or courts for public meetings or hearings.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 083 - 14H7843)
(Chap. No. 086 - 14S2542)

Increases the term a dating relationship must exist from six (6) months to one year in order to be deemed by statute as domestic violence.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 176 - 14S2101B)
(Chap. No. 192 - 14H7304Aaa)

Requires the collection of DNA from any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined or for conviction of a felony.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 263 - 14H7457aa)
(Chap. No. 311 - 14S2639aa)

Creates a sentencing enhancement for anyone convicted of being involved in criminal street gang activity.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 270 - 14H7331)
(Chap. No. 310 - 14S2645)

Provides the statute of limitations for exploitation of an elder shall be ten (10) years.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 347 - 14S2652)
(Chap. No. 399 - 14H7413)

Expands criminal records checks required for persons applying as employees in a long-term facility, such as adult day care and nursing facilities.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 484 - 14S2609A)
(Chap. No. 512 - 14H7375A)

Allows the administrator of the Johnston Municipal Court to perform marriages.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 518 - 14H7844)
(Chap. No. 554 - 14S2586)

Authorizes the Probation and Parole (P&P) Units of the state Department of Corrections to apply to the sentencing court for permission to modify the conditions of probation for sentenced criminal defendants to allow the Units to provide more effective supervision of the defendants.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 188 - 14H7124B)
(Chap. No. 207 - 14S2095Aaa)

Establishes a social media privacy policy for students of educational institutions and employees of any employer within the state.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 278 - 14H7026)
(Chap. No. 335 - 14S2014)

Extends the notification deadline relating to the dismissal, suspension or layoffs of teachers in the event of fiscal exigency or program reorganization, from March 1 to June 1.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 336 - 14S2059Aaa)
(Chap. No. 337 - 14H8363aa)

Amends the method by which the state assessment program would be implemented in public schools. Provides that prior to the graduating class of 2017, no state assessment conducted pursuant to Chapter 16-97 or other standardized assessment, shall be used to determine a student's eligibility to graduate from high school.

EDUCATION
(Chap. No. 369 - 14S2183aa)
(Chap. No. 381 - 14H8263A)

Expands the Board of Education from eleven (11) to seventeen (17) members and amends the reporting requirements for the Board. Members of the Board are designated to serve on either a council for elementary and secondary education or a council for postsecondary education.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 370 - 14S2181A)****(Chap. No. 401 - 14H7367A)**

Requires school nurses and encourages teachers to complete a training course and an annual refresher course about concussions and traumatic brain injuries.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 373 - 14S2058)****(Chap. No. 404 - 14H7292)**

Requires all pupils in kindergarten through grade eight (8) to receive age-appropriate instruction designed to prevent the abduction, exploitation, or sexual abuse of children.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 374 - 14S2365A)****(Chap. No. 408 - 14H7219A)**

Defines "employment" for the purposes of the requirement to undergo national and state criminal background checks prior to employment in a public school department or private school. Includes persons who have direct or unmonitored contact with children, and other persons.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 410 - 14H8204Aaa)**

Establishes a Board of Trustees on Career and Technical Education, which would assume and expand upon the duties of the Rhode Island State Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 412 - 14H7564A)****(Chap. No. 441 - 14S2182A)**

Establishes the criteria to be utilized by the Board of Education in choosing high school equivalency tests. Directs the Board to establish criteria for waiver of fees charged for such tests, based on financial hardship.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 431 - 14H8219A)****(Chap. No. 456 - 14S2791A)**

Prioritizes state aid for the funding of full-day kindergarten programs to districts which are transitioning from part time.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 438 - 14H8327)****(Chap. No. 459 - 14S2947)**

Encourages school districts to provide professional development opportunities for school counselors focusing on collaborating with business and industry to create internship and apprenticeships for secondary students.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 470 - 14S2738A)**

Requires any Board of Education-approved education evaluation system to provide that teachers earning a rating of "highly effective" be re-evaluated not more than once every three (3) years thereafter. For teachers earning a rating of "effective," the re-evaluation would be not more than once every two (2) years thereafter.

EDUCATION**(Chap. No. 489 - 14S2862A)**

Requires school districts to include a district line item for payments to Charter Schools in its budget. Requires the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to report to the General Assembly with information on the state's share of charter public school funding.

ELECTIONS**(Chap. No. 149 - 14S2235aa)****(Chap. No. 185 - 14H7054aa)**

Requires any political party or political action committee which advocates any question considered at any financial town meeting/at any election at which amendments to a city/town charter are proposed to file a report with the board of canvassers of contributions and expenditures.

ELECTIONS**(Chap. No. 224 - 14H8370)****(Chap. No. 286 - 14S3103)**

Requires that for the next general election, certain questions regarding bonds and expenditures of funds, be prepared by the secretary of state with only the caption and financial obligation printed on the ballot, but that the questions shall also be printed in full in the voting booth.

ELECTIONS**(Chap. No. 279 - 14H8072A)****(Chap. No. 280 - 14S2091A)**

Deletes the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. Requires the Secretary of State to conduct appropriate training and community outreach with respect to the foregoing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**(Chap. No. 106 - 14S2787A)****(Chap. No. 125 - 14H7648A)**

Amends various state banking laws to remove antiquated provisions, and to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**(Chap. No. 487 - 14S2789A)****(Chap. No. 522 - 147997A)**

Provides for the licensing of third-party loan servicers and lists prohibited acts and practices pertaining to said loan servicers.

FISH AND WILDLIFE**(Chap. No. 258 - 14H7546)****(Chap. No. 318 - 14S2464)**

Allows funds collected from licensing fees to be used for the acquisition, stewardship, and development of fish and wildlife lands.

FISH AND WILDLIFE
(Chap. No. 419 - 14H7839)
(Chap. No. 460 - 14S2951)

Empowers the Department of Environmental Management to enforce laws, rules and regulations pertaining to facilities and properties leased, managed or utilized by the Department.

FISH AND WILDLIFE
(Chap. No. 496 - 14S2953)
(Chap. No. 517 - 14 H7778A)

Enables the Director of Department of Environmental Management to monitor special permits to take or possess any species of wild animals, and to a particular request has scientific or ecological value.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 048 - 14H7574A)
(Chap. No. 055 - 14S2523A)

Authorizes a designee of a practitioner and/or pharmacist to access any prescription drug-monitoring database maintained by the Department of Health, if certain conditions are met. Requires practitioners to register with the database.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 067 - 14S2578A)
(Chap. No. 073 - 14H7579A)

Adds several members to the Inter-Agency Food and Nutrition Policy Advisory Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 068 - 14S2651)
(Chap. No. 071 - 14H7191)

Adds the hallucinogenic drugs Salvia Divinorum (Salvinorin A or Divinorin A), and Datura stramonium (jimson weed or jimsom weed) to Schedule I of the Rhode Island Uniform Controlled Substances Act.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 081 - 14H7599)
(Chap. No. 090 - 14S2754)

Provides minimum mandatory sentences for possession, manufacture, or delivery of certain quantities of synthetic drugs.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 435 - 14H8284)
(Chap. No. 469 - 14S3140)

Provides that the fee for a first-time application for registration of a food business shall be prorated, based upon the date of issuance of registration.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 481 - 14S2561)
(Chap. No. 532 - 14H8142)

Requires, rather than permits, the director of health to promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of adopting a system for electronic data transmission, including by facsimile, of prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedules, II, III & IV.

FOOD AND DRUGS
(Chap. No. 515 - 14H7610A)

Amends the state Medical Marijuana Act by establishing limits on the number of plants two (2) or more cardholders may cooperatively cultivate. Adds additional requirements for cultivation of plants, and requires primary caregiver applicants to obtain a national criminal record check.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 102 - 14S2590)
(Chap. No. 121 - 14H7453)

Corrects RIGL 22-10-10, a lobbying statute, by changing the word "construction" to "instruction."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 340 - 14S3051)
(Chap. No. 382 - 14H8253)

Names the Pocasset River Bridge No. 23, located on Reservoir Avenue in Cranston as "The Honorable Raymond M. Durfee Bridge."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 442 - 14S2291)
(Chap. No. 439 - 14H8354)

Names the Boston Neck Road Bridge over Route 138 in North Kingstown as the "Second Lieutenant Matthew Coutu Memorial Bridge."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(Chap. No. 499 - 14S2986)
(Chap. No. 537 - 14H8174)

Names building No. 71 at the Pastore Center in Cranston as the "John J. Wrenn Building."

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 538 - 14H8221)

Changes the reporting date from December 2014 to March 2015 for the Lupus Education Study Commission to report its recommendations to the Department of Health and General Assembly.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 045 - 14H7157)
(Chap. No. 053 - 14S2278)

Requires that all children's jewelry sold rather than manufactured conform to the standards promulgated by the American Society for Testing Materials.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 047 - 14H7341A)
(Chap. No. 054 - 14S2522Aaa)

Requires that each mammography report given to a patient include information about the patient's breast density and advise that under certain circumstances the patient may benefit from a breast ultrasound screening.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 060 - 14H7678Aaa)
(Chap. No. 064 - 14S2506Aaa)

Requires assisted living residences to post in a public area a copy of its license and other required information.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 080 - 14H7526)
(Chap. No. 085 - 14S2502)

Removes the sunset provision from the act that allows the Department of Health to issue statutory variances from one or more of the specific requirements of the Health Care Services Utilization Review Act.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 153 - 14S2629)
(Chap. No. 170 - 14H7863)

Makes it a violation for a public or private school principal or person in charge to neglect the fire system and fire drill requirements as set out in statute and increases the fine to two hundred dollars (\$200) per violation.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 178 - 14S2359B)
(Chap. No. 204 - 14H7936A)

Requires the Department of Health, with the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals, to submit a report to the General Assembly on hospital practices, and their effects on care of patients with behavioral issues on emergency basis. Directs the Health Insurance Commissioner to report to the General Assembly with recommendations to improve compliance of insurers with coverage for emergency services.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 184 - 14H7033Aaa)
(Chap. No. 210 - 14S2315Aaa)

Requires that certain commercial food scrap generators and covered educational institutions/facilities divert food residuals to composting facilities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 189 - 14H7131A)
(Chap. No. 211 - 14S2357A)

Provides guidelines for the registration of music therapists by the Department of Health.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 193 - 14H7515A)

Makes amendments to the Registry of Birth Records, allows a midwife to certify births and requires the Superior Court to hear rejected applications.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 229 - 14H8323)
(Chap. No. 328 - 14S2228A)

Requires a license on tents over three hundred fifty square feet (350 sq. ft.), but exempts tents on the properties of one or two (2) family dwellings, requires training to ensure enforcement and provides that the Fire Marshal may require licenses on smaller tents if the fire code deems necessary.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 267 - 14H7368Baa)
(Chap. No. 316 - 14S2526Aaa)

Establishes the Rhode Island Access to Medical Technology Innovation Act.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 355 - 14S2441A)
(Chap. No. 387 - 14H8117A)

Eliminates the daily amount of construction and debris (C&D) a facility may receive and process, to be defined as a C&D facility. Requires that if a C&D facility is located within a one thousand foot (1,000 ft.) radius of a residential zone, all operations must be inside an enclosed structure.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 366 - 14S2222A)
(Chap. No. 376 - 14H8349)

Requires all Rhode Island hospitals to annually compile a list of average charges for the twenty-five (25) most commonly performed outpatient and inpatient procedures and to submit these lists to the Department of Health.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 375 - 14H8350)
(Chap. No. 555 - 14S2280)

Prohibits building officials from assessing a fee for the first reinspection of work that failed the initial inspection.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 411 - 14H7542A)
(Chap. No. 443 - 14S2516A)

Provides that health insurers cannot require optometrists to provide services at a fee set by the insurer unless the insurer covered the fee.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 420 - 14H7914)
(Chap. No. 444 - 14S2519)

Establishes the Lactation Consultant Practice Act of 2014. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Health to establish rules for the licensing of lactation consultants.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 428 - 14H8158A)
(Chap. No. 446 - 14S2562A)

Amends the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act by providing for the licensure of lead inspectors and increasing the amount of administrative fines.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 489 - 14S2540)
(Chap. No. 516 - 14H7753)

Increases the number of members of the Ambulance Service Coordinating Advisory Board from twenty-three (23) to twenty-five (25), with the two (2) new members being recommended by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 498 - 14S2985A)
(Chap. No. 531 - 14H8140A)

Allows currently licensed ambulatory care facilities to provide services at other locations operated by the same facility without obtaining an additional license.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
(Chap. No. 514 - 14H7576A)

Regulates the use and acquisition of epinephrine auto injectors to treat allergic reactions. Provides Good Samaritan protections and limited immunity for persons who administer, supply, or train people in the use of those injectors.

HIGHWAYS
(Chap. No. 015 - 14S2697A)
(Chap. No. 016 - 14H7569aa)

Extends the date the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority may impose a toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10), from April 1, 2014 to May 15, 2014.

HIGHWAYS

(Chap. No. 046 - 14H7231)

(Chap. No. 052 - 14S2150)

Enables the town of Barrington to sell an abandoned highway or driftway to an abutting property owner at fair market value.

HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

(Chap. No. 118 - 14S2978)

(Chap. No. 140 - 14H8183)

Establishes the first Sunday after Mother's Day in each year as "Blue Star Parents Day."

HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

(Chap. No. 276 - 14H7114)

(Chap. No. 329 - 14S2164)

Establishes April 12 of each year as "RI Patriot Guard Riders Day."

HUMAN SERVICES

(Chap. No. 352 - 14S2476)

(Chap. No. 405 - 14H7242)

Eliminates the six (6) month limit for participation in adult education work readiness from the requirements to receive public assistance.

HUMAN SERVICES

(Chap. No. 437 - 14H8313aa)

(Chap. No. 467 - 14S3120)

Creates a Youth Pregnancy and At-risk Prevention Service Program to be administered by the Department of Human Services.

HUMAN SERVICES

(Chap. No. 478 - 14S2486A)

Extends low income childcare benefits until June 30, 2015, subject to available funding.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 058 - 14S2254aa)****(Chap. No. 144 - 14H7164A)**

Provides an applicant for a retail license to sell alcoholic beverages in the town of North Providence, shall file with the application, a certificate of insurance evidencing comprehensive general liability coverage.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 091 - 14S2784Aaa)****(Chap. No. 094 - 14H7715A)**

Makes technical changes to, and updates references within, the standard valuation and standard nonforfeiture laws relating to insurance.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 105 - 14S2786)****(Chap. No. 122 - 14H7475)**

Removes an exemption in the provisions of the Rhode Island Fraternal Code that was previously given to certain orders, societies, and associations which limited membership to persons engaged in one or more crafts or hazardous occupations and who insured only their own members.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 107 - 14S2788Aaa)****(Chap. No. 195 - 14H7544B)**

Defines and provides rules, regulations, restrictions, and exemptions for the licensure of public adjusters, company adjusters, and independent adjusters. Provides for the issuance of emergency licenses in the event of a catastrophe.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 108 - 14S2801Aaa)****(Chap. No. 130 - 14H8042A)**

Requires health insurance plans to provide coverage for drugs which are used to treat mental health illnesses and substance abuse addictions. Requires hospitals to provide a discharge plan for patients with opioid or other substance abuse addictions.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 183 - 14H7031B)****(Chap. No. 209 - 14S2308A)**

Creates the Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act. Requires that insurance companies make a good faith effort to seek out claimants or beneficiaries under life insurance policies.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 201 - 14H7790A)****(Chap. No. 214 - 14S2536A)**

Expands the definition of "healthcare provider" to include facilities that treat patients for mental health and/or substance abuse, as well as physicians or other licensed practitioners responsible for care, treatment and services, for the purpose of post-payment audits.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 269 - 14S2505A)****(Chap. No. 519 - 14H7903A)**

Requires that health insurance cover nonprescription enteral nutrition products used for the treatment of malabsorption shall extend to all recipients regardless of age. Removes the cap or limitation on such coverage previously provided for such products.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 354 - 14S2447aa)****(Chap. No. 393 - 14H7792A)**

Requires single fee closing funds protection insurance to be issued for residential property closings on property consisting of four (4) units or less.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 361 - 14S2307A)****(Chap. No. 396 - 14H7535A)**

Requires insurers to send their policy holders a notice of reduction in coverage when there is a coverage reduction, elimination, or increased deductible not made at the request of the insured, with such notice to be sent at least thirty (30) days prior to renewal.

INSURANCE**(Chap. No. 488 - 14S2816)****(Chap. No. 521 - 14H7978)**

Provides that a title producer who is also an attorney may identify in writing and redact any documents containing privileged materials that are requested by a title insurer pursuant to a review of an insurance agent's underwriting claims and escrow practices.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 078 - 14H7260)****(Chap. No. 087 - 14S2543)**

Comprehensively clarifies and updates the Workers' Compensation Court's practices and procedures especially concerning electronic filing.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 179 - 14S2407Aaa)****(Chap. No. 203 - 14H7929aa)**

Comprehensively amends the Employment Security Act concerning the definitions of "credit amount" and "credit week" for purposes of calculating an individual's earned wages and the accumulation of waiting period credits. Provides that certain services performed by family members in certain instances shall not be considered employment.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 231 - 14H8282aa)****(Chap. No. 289 - 14S3053Aaa)**

Amends workers' compensation laws concerning the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, payment of medical bills, total disability benefits, continuation of partial disability benefits, and the interplay between some workers' compensation benefits and state retirement contributions and benefits.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 010 - 14H7633A)

(Chap. No. 011 - 14S2106)

(Chap. No. 012 - 14S2107)

(Chap. No. 013 - 14S2108)

(Chap. No. 014 - 14S2246A)

Collectively, these acts prevent a municipality that has a local pension plan in critical status and in need of a funding improvement plan from entering a labor contract with firefighters, school teachers and municipal employees that is longer than five (5) years.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 242 - 14H8206)

(Chap. No. 282 - 14S3117)

For purposes of employer employment security contributions, allows successor employers to receive new employer rates if they take over an existing business in insolvency proceedings if there is no common ownership, management or control of the two (2) employers. Would allow existing employers to maintain their current tax rate when taking over an existing business in insolvency proceedings if there is no common ownership, management or control of the two (2) employers.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 273 - 14H7194A)

(Chap. No. 325 - 14S2249A)

Effective January 1, 2015 increases the minimum wage from eight dollars (\$8.00) to nine dollars (\$9.00) per hour.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS

(Chap. No. 413 - 14H7624)

(Chap. No. 449 - 14S2673)

Increases the penalties for the failure to pay employee wages.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 421 - 14H7927A)****(Chap. No. 445 - 14S2539A)**

Allows persons honorably discharged from military service, or transferred to reserve status of the National Guard, to apply their classroom and workplace training to satisfy their apprenticeship/journey person's requirements for the listed skilled trades.

LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS**(Chap. No. 500 - 14S2997A)****(Chap. No. 551 - 14H8371)**

Transforms the Rhode Island Human Resource Investment Council into the Governor's Workforce Board Rhode Island making it the principal state body empowered to strategically implement and oversee policies to create and enhance employment opportunities in Rhode Island.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE**(Chap. No. 037 - 14H7636)****(Chap. No. 039 - 14S2423)**

Adds the Rhode Island Adjutant General or designee to the Rhode Island Veterans' Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE**(Chap. No. 152 - 14S2396A)****(Chap. No. 266 - 14H7389A)**

Requires disabled American veterans using tuition waivers for courses and competitive programs to register at the start of open registration for the applicable semester in accordance with each institution's registration and priority registration policies. Use of the competitive program waiver does not supersede each program's existing admission academic criteria.

MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE**(Chap. No. 504 - 14S3088)****(Chap. No. 536 - 14H8172)**

Creates within the National Security Infrastructure Support Fund two (2) distinct grant programs, the Military Facility Protection Program and the Defense Economy Community Reinvestment Program. Establishes a national security infrastructure support fund advisory commission.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 230 - 14H8296)
(Chap. No. 326 - 14S2231A)

Authorizes magistrates, in addition to judges, to prohibit drivers adjudicated of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 001 - 14H7060)
(Chap. No. 002 - 14S2046)

Enables the state to receive and be supplied with the latest version of ASTM Gasoline.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 024 - 14H7098)
(Chap. No. 028 - 14S2444)

Allows proof of financial responsibility to be provided using a mobile electronic device.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 029 - 14S2446)
(Chap. No. 036 - 14H7541aa)

Transfers responsibility of determining whether an entity qualifies as a self-insurer from the Division of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Business Regulation.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 044 - 14H7125A)
(Chap. No. 051 - 14S2055A)

Permits the use of either paper or electronic forms of proof of auto liability insurance.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 049 - 14H7597A)
(Chap. No. 056 - 14S2596aa)

Requires drivers to move into a lane that is not the lane nearest a parked highway maintenance equipment with flashing lights, while performing maintenance operations, and to continue in that lane until clear of the equipment.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 059 - 14H7598)
(Chap. No. 062 - 14S2427)

Eliminates the limit on the number of Sheriff's Department registration plates that may be issued.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 066 - 14S2426)
(Chap. No. 072 - 14H7516)

Eliminates the requirement that license plates for farm vehicles be used for one year only.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 077 - 14H7112)
(Chap. No. 084 - 14S2253Aaa)

Removes the requirement that an applicant seeking a commercial driver's license with a tank endorsement has regularly driven for not less than one year.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 096 - 14S2360)
(Chap. No. 120 - 14H7027A)

Puts a four (4) axle restriction on certain large vehicles traveling in and around the area surrounding the North Smithfield Town Hall.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 155 - 14S2678)
(Chap. No. 167 - 14H7761)

Increases the fines for use of a cell phone by a minor while operating a motor vehicle and also increases the fines for texting while operating a motor vehicle.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 232 - 14H8264aa)
(Chap. No. 290 - 14S3050aa)

Excludes parking tickets from being the basis for a mandatory court appearance for a traffic offense.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 250 - 14H8032A)
(Chap. No. 308 - 14S2699B)

Provides that the state cannot require cities and towns to make payments to the state for implementing an automatic traffic violation monitoring system after July 1, 2015.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 255 - 14H7685A)
(Chap. No. 309 - 14S2662Aaa)

Establishes the "Abandoned Mobile and Manufactured Home Act," which provides a procedure for removal of abandoned mobile manufactured homes, under the jurisdiction of the District Court.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 256 - 14H7683A)
(Chap. No. 313 - 14S2591A)

Substitutes the words "personal wireless communication device" in place of the words "cell phone" and prohibits the use thereof while driving a motor vehicle or school bus, and in certain other situations.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 257 - 14H7681)
(Chap. No. 307 - 14S2709)

Makes the use of a hand-held mobile phone while driving a commercial motor vehicle a traffic violation in accordance with federal regulations.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 264 - 14H7406)
(Chap. No. 305 - 14S2832)

Prohibits motor vehicle rental companies from using salvage title vehicles as rental vehicles.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 344 - 14S2936A)
(Chap. No. 389 - 14H8011A)

Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue replica "year of manufacture" plates for certain antique vehicles.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 349 - 14S2575A)
(Chap. No. 378 - 14H8295A)

Provides that boards or commissions with governing powers over mobile and manufactured homes offer fair and impartial elections.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 350 - 14S2555)
(Chap. No. 386 - 14H8118)

Makes available special motor vehicle registration plates for the Boston Bruins Foundation.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 353 - 14S2449A)
(Chap. No. 397 - 14H7528Aaa)

Prohibits auto manufacturers from preventing new car dealers from changing fees allowed under law, and also regulates warranty denial and "charge backs" of claims.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 356 - 14S2419)

(Chap. No. 409 - 14H7075A)

Allows dealers, manufacturers, distributors and leasing companies to renew their licenses ever three (3) years instead of every year. License fees remain unchanged but are allowed to be paid in yearly installments.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 363 - 14S2292)

(Chap. No. 383 - 14H8203)

Provides for the issuance of a special plate for Olympic medal winners.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 364 - 14S2240)

(Chap. No. 403 - 14H7309)

Requires law enforcement to report the presence of foreign-registered vehicles located in the state for thirty (30) or more days and owned by Rhode Island residents, to the tax assessor of the city/town in which the vehicle is located. Notice of the requirement of this law is to be provided to the owner of the vehicle.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 371 - 14S2120A)

(Chap. No. 390 - 14H8004A)

Creates a special registration plate for electric-powered vehicles.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES

(Chap. No. 454 - 14S2730)

(Chap. No. 547 - 14H8328)

Authorizes the use of an antique motor car or motorcycle twenty-five (25) years or older, for limited enjoyment, in addition to use in exhibitions, club activities, parades, and other functions of public interest.

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 490 - 14S2869aa)
(Chap. No. 520 - 14H7971A)

Exempts motor fuel distributors that have paid all required taxes for three (3) consecutive years from depositing a surety bond with the Division of Taxation, as long as the distributor remains in good standing,

MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES
(Chap. No. 510 - 14H7156)

Changes the maximum weight for commercial vehicles that may be issued veterans' plates to twelve thousand pounds (12,000 lbs.).

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 260 - 14H7511)
(Chap. No. 312 - 14S2621)

Makes several amendments to statutes regarding rules of descent, and provides for an elective share to the surviving spouse of a decedent domiciled within the state of Rhode Island.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 314 - 14S2569)
(Chap. No. 550 - 14H8369)

Removes the existing probate court appellate requirements that an appellant file with the superior court all relevant probate court filings, exhibits and transcripts, and also repeals RIGL § 33-23-12 which provided sanctions for failure to file those items.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
(Chap. No. 348 - 14S2648)
(Chap. No. 385 - 14H8126)

Allows probate estates or administrations to be reopened without probate court approval for the distribution of newly discovered asset(s) of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less in the aggregate by executors or administrators, and provides for a hearing for any objecting heir or beneficiary.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

(Chap. No. 351 - 14S2547aa)

(Chap. No. 398 - 14H7510A)

Eliminates and amends certain notice requirements to parties in interest to the probate of a will or letters of administration, but does not limit the discretion of the court to order notices as deemed necessary. Makes amendments to certain probate court fees as enumerated herein.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

(Chap. No. 365 - 14S2238aa)

(Chap. No. 407 - 14H7228A)

Permits notices of Probate Court hearing to be published in a newspaper published or previously published or distributed in the county in which the hearings are to be held.

PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

(Chap. No. 491 - 14S2884)

Establishes the "Financial Exploitation of Elders and Dependent Persons Act." Creates a rebuttable presumption of fraud/undue influence for certain donative transfers by an elderly or dependent persons to persons standing in a fiduciary relationship to the elderly or dependent person.

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 069 - 14S2732)

(Chap. No. 074 - 14H7600)

Excludes the property of any agency or public body as defined in RIGL § 38-1-1.1 from the provisions of "The Rhode Island Museum Property Act."

PROPERTY

(Chap. No. 254 - 14H7866A)

(Chap. No. 281 - 14S3126)

Establishes a procedure for compensation of a homeowner for removal or destruction of "their" residential property on leased land. Establishes an arbitration procedure for disputes over excessive rent increases.

PROPERTY
(Chap. No. 272 - 14H7227A)
(Chap. No. 324 - 14S2272aa)

Permits publication of foreclosure notices in the counties of Bristol, Kent and Washington in newspapers published or previously published and presently distributed in those counties.

PROPERTY
(Chap. No. 486 - 14S2659A)
(Chap. No. 513 - 14H7449A)

Creates a new process for eviction of residential tenants in mortgage-foreclosed property and requires the existence of just cause for evictions of tenants in foreclosed residential properties.

PROPERTY
(Chap. No. 543 - 14H8293A)

Amends provisions requiring a mortgagee to participate in good-faith mediation prior to initiating foreclosure proceedings.

PUBLIC FINANCE
(Chap. No. 177 - 14S2216B)
(Chap. No. 191 - 14H7244A)

Exempts certain identified restricted receipt accounts from the state's ten percent (10%) cost recovery charge against restricted receipt accounts.

PUBLIC FINANCE
(Chap. No. 259 - 14H7533A)
(Chap. No. 317 - 14S2469A)

Authorizes the bureau of audits to conduct reviews and assessments of government computer systems and the security systems designed to protect them.

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

(Chap. No. 245 - 14H8151aa)

(Chap. No. 268 - 14H7360A)

(Chap. No. 322 - 14S2288A)

Allows certain retired state employee nurses to return to work in limited instances and earn up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per year before pension payments will be suspended. Allows state retirement systems members to serve as appointed municipal employees without loss of retirement benefits in municipalities subject to a budget commission.

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

(Chap. No. 497 - 14S2982A)

(Chap. No. 526 - 14H8035A)

Confers jurisdiction in the Superior Court to adjudicate proceedings initiated pursuant to any municipal ordinance relative to the revocation or reduction of municipal pensions of any municipal employee based on allegations of dishonorable service.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

(Chap. No. 020 - 14S2845)

(Chap. No. 021 - 14H7964)

Makes state public works project apprenticeship program requirements subject to federal laws and regulations pertaining to federal aid.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

(Chap. No. 161 - 14S3015)

(Chap. No. 172 - 14H8182)

Requires the display of a POW/MIA chair of honor in the state house commemorating the men and women of the United States Armed Forces taken as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

(Chap. No. 357 - 14S2344A)

(Chap. No. 400 - 14H7392Aaa)

Revises the procedures relating to the procurement of construction manager at-risk services.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

(Chap. No. 368 - 14S2187)

(Chap. No. 380 - 14H8279)

Provides that thirty percent (30%) of any fine for littering collected pursuant to a complaint filed by a local law enforcement agency would inure to the benefit of that agency, with remittances to be made not less often than once every three (3) months.

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

(Chap. No. 414 - 14H7663)

(Chap. No. 451 - 14S2702)

Would lower the minimum acceptable ratio of severely disabled employees that a habilitation facility must employ from sixty percent (60%) to forty percent (40%).

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

(Chap. No. 430 - 14H8177A)

(Chap. No. 453 - 14S2721A)

Would raise the maximum penalties for littering from five hundred dollars (\$500) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the first offense and from five hundred dollars (\$500) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a subsequent offense.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 061 - 14H7786)

(Chap. No. 063 - 14S2440)

Would allow the Public Utilities Commission ninety (90) days to approve or reject long-term renewable energy contracts.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 097 - 14S2450A)

(Chap. No. 128 - 14H7714A)

Requires excavators to provide additional specific information regarding any excavation location to the Public Utilities Association. Provisions are included for violations.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 200 - 14H7727Aaa)

(Chap. No. 216 - 14S2690Aaa)

Creates a tariff-based renewable energy distributed generation financing program, or "Renewable Energy Growth Program," to provide for the continuation of the development of the renewable energy growth program in the load zone of the electric distribution company at a reasonable cost.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 252 - 14H7932)

(Chap. No. 306 - 14S2741)

Would permit certified taxicab drivers to register charges for transportation services provided to state departments without the use of a taximeter provided the alternate method is approved by the division of public utilities and carriers.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 424 - 14H7991A)

(Chap. No. 477 - 14S2439Aaa)

Establishes the Affordable Clean Energy Security Act to promote the state's policy to make strategic investments in the region's energy resources and infrastructure. The Public Utilities Commission shall approve proposals to advance this policy.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

(Chap. No. 493 - 14S2915A)

(Chap. No. 524 - 14H8010A)

Would define "public entities" for purpose of net metering. Net metering is a process whereby certain electric consumers are permitted to generate electricity and offset their own electric consumption.

SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS

(Chap. No. 159 - 14S2979A)

(Chap. No. 196 - 14H7651A)

Transfers regulatory and administrative duties for mixed martial arts and boxing and wrestling from the Division of Racing and Athletics to the Department of Business Regulation.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 003 - 14S2008)

(Chap. No. 004 - 14H7050)

Provides that a person or entity that enters into a judicially approved good faith settlement with the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation pertaining to 38 Studio Revenue Bonds shall not be liable for claims for contribution or equitable indemnity to other potential tortfeasors as to matters addressed in the settlement.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 007 - 14S2011)

(Chap. No. 008 - 14H7059A)

Makes technical changes to the establishment of the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation. Revises provisions for the Board of Directors.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 082 - 14H7602)

(Chap. No. 089 - 14S2667)

Revises the membership of the Criminal Justice Policy Board. Revises the meeting requirements for the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Oversight Committee.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 098 - 14S2457)

(Chap. No. 127 - 14H7703)

Aligns the review of agency administrative rules with the process of refiling rules and regulations with the Secretary of State's office.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 099 - 14S2480A)

(Chap. No. 123 - 14H7520A)

Amends the process for submission of economic impact statements and eliminates a number of exclusions set forth in the prior law.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 100 - 14S2525)

(Chap. No. 139 - 14H8123)

Reduces size of the Governor's Commission on Disabilities from twenty-four (24) members to eighteen (18) members.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 101 - 14S2553)

(Chap. No. 126 - 14H7654)

Adds the Executive Director of the Coastal Resources Management Council to the State Planning Council.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 103 - 14S2686)

(Chap. No. 124 - 14H7545)

Changes composition of Rhode Island Energy Efficiency and Resource Management Council and increases the number of members to thirteen (13).

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 146 - 14S2592aa)

(Chap. No. 147 - 14H8179A)

Adds the President of Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 174 - 14H7210)

(Chap. No. 175 - 14S2343)

Adds one additional federal census block group within the town of Portsmouth as a state Enterprise Zone.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 180 - 14H7446A)

(Chap. No. 181 - 14S2398A)

Designates calamari as the official state appetizer.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 275 - 14H7120A)

(Chap. No. 331 - 14S2137A)

Provides that the Chief of the Division of Agriculture reports directly to the Director of the Department of Environmental Management.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 343 - 14S2952A)

(Chap. No. 392 - 14H7904A)

Establishes a Rhode Island Climate Coordinating Council to provide a comprehensive and coordinated state response to climate change.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 367 - 14S2215A)

(Chap. No. 402 - 14H7361A)

Directs the State Long-term Care Coordinating Council to create an aging-in-community subcommittee to develop a plan to assist the elderly to continue living in their homes.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 415 - 14H7696A)

(Chap. No. 462 - 14S2998)

Directs the Human Resource Investment Council to support and oversee statewide efforts to develop and expand career pathways that enable individuals to secure employment within a specific industry or sector.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 418 - 14H7800A)

(Chap. No. 468 - 14S3139)

Authorizes Quonset Development Corporation to establish a stormwater management and conveyance system.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 429 - 14H8176)

(Chap. No. 465 - 14S3094)

Adds the Executive Director of Operation Stand Down to the Rhode Island State Housing Resources Commission.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 433 - 14H8266A)

(Chap. No. 461 - 14S2977)

Revises state Work Immersion Program to include recent college graduates among persons the program will assist.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 436 - 14H8294Aaa)

Authorizes a voter referendum regarding state-operated casino gaming at the Newport Grand facility in the city of Newport. For such casino gaming to be authorized, there must be voter approval both statewide and in the city of Newport, provided a single referendum shall be considered both a statewide and a local referendum in accordance with Rhode Island Constitution Article IV, Section 22, in the municipality where the gambling facility is proposed. There must also be approval of a proposed Constitutional Amendment pertaining to the location of casino gaming in any city or town.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 440 - 14H8368)

(Chap. No. 447 - 14S2606aa)

Creates an advisory committee to the Office of Child Advocate.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 479 - 14S2495A)

(Chap. No. 523 - 14H8007A)

Requires the Commerce Corporation to prepare a report regarding access to capital for small businesses in minority and low income communities.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 482 - 14S2585Aaa)

(Chap. No. 509 - 14H7138A)

Imposes standards of accountability and transparency on quasi-public corporations.

STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

(Chap. No. 502 - 14S3013Aaa)

(Chap. No. 533 - 14H8170aa)

Authorizes extension of credit to players at the Twin Rivers gaming facility, and establishes guidelines governing extension of such credit.

STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

(Chap. No. 528 - 14H8104A)

Makes certain technical amendments and deletions to the general laws for purposes of accurate statutory construction as recommended by the Law Revision Office.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 030 - 14S2316)

(Chap. No. 032 - 14H7281)

Changes the formula for assessing owner-occupied units in cooperative housing corporations within the city of Providence.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 151 - 14S2380A)

(Chap. No. 168 - 14H7762A)

Increases the penalty for violating state laws regulating the illicit sale of cigarettes.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 186 - 14H7066A)

(Chap. No. 208 - 14S2148B)

Extends the time period to appeal a valuation of a motor vehicle from thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 225 - 14 H8351)

(Chap. No. 330 - 14S2142)

Authorizes the Warwick City Council, by ordinance, to increase the veterans' tax exemption to four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 271 - 14H7294)

(Chap. No. 334 - 14S2024)

Authorizes the city of Woonsocket to provide a homestead exemption for elderly residents commencing with fiscal year 2014-2015, and thereafter.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 283 - 14S3113)

(Chap. No. 544 - 14H8306)

Authorizes the city of Woonsocket to adopt by ordinance tax amnesty periods during its 2015 fiscal year.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 288 - 14S3063)

(Chap. No. 530 - 14H8132)

Provides that for the purpose of assessing property values in the town of Bristol, the period for the 2013 statistical update, is extended one year to 2014.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 339 - 14S3071)

(Chap. No. 542 - 14H8287)

Exempts from taxation real and personal property located within the town of West Warwick owned by the Station Fire Memorial Foundation.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 342 - 14S2970)

(Chap. No. 541 - 14H8277)

Postpones the date of the next property revaluation in the town of Warren until 2016.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 345 - 14S2871Aaa)

(Chap. No. 388 - 14H8018)

Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of the Comprehensive Community Action Program, Inc. located in the city of Cranston.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 362 - 14S2298A)

(Chap. No. 379 - 14H8292)

Grants cities and towns the right to tax or enter into a stabilization agreement with a for-profit hospital facility under certain circumstances.

TAXATION

(Chap. No. 427 - 14H8153A)

(Chap. No. 463 - 14S2999A)

Authorizes the town of North Smithfield to exempt and stabilize tax assessments for Rankin Estates.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 432 - 14H8250)****(Chap. No. 458 - 14S2920)**

Authorizes the town of Scituate to adopt tax rates for different tax classifications and provide some percentage limitations on those rates.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 494 - 14S2923)****(Chap. No. 527 - 14H8038)**

Establishes a lien for taxes on mobile or manufactured homes in the town of Coventry.

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 505 - 14S3130)****(Chap. No. 539 - 14H8246)**

Reduces the number of seats required for a theater to receive a musical and theatrical production state tax credit from one thousand five hundred (1,500) to one thousand (1,000).

TAXATION**(Chap. No. 540 - 14H8254)**

Exempts from taxation the real and personal property of the Pawtucket Youth Soccer Association located at 52 Plain Street within the city of Pawtucket.

TOWNS AND CITIES**(Chap. No. 005 - 14S2126A)****(Chap. No. 006 - 14H7200A)**

Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue school housing projects bonds that are eligible for state housing aid reimbursement, not to exceed six million four hundred thousand dollars (\$6,400,000).

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 009 - 14H7345aa)

(Chap. No. 019 - 14S2399Aaa)

Permits cities/towns to issue bonds for funds for road/bridge projects without charter or referendum approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 022 - 14S2478)

(Chap. No. 027 - 14H7551)

Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue bonds in an amount up to six million six hundred thousand dollars (\$6,600,000) for construction of sewers/sewage systems, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 023 - 14S2487)

(Chap. No. 026 - 14H7550)

Authorizes the town of North Kingstown to issue bonds for sewers/sewage systems for Wickford in an amount not exceeding four million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$4,900,000), subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 031 - 14S2778aa)

(Chap. No. 033 - 14H7944Aaa)

Provides distressed fire districts with financial assistance from the state through the appointment of a fiscal overseer, budget commission or receiver.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 065 - 14S2151)

(Chap. No. 076 - 14H7196)

Ratifies and validates amendments to the West Greenwich Town Charter approved by electors at the election on Oct. 22, 2013.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 109 - 14S2958)
(Chap. No. 131 - 14H8043)

Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue bonds for improvements/equipment for Narragansett Athletic Complex in an amount not exceeding one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000), subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 110 - 14S2960)
(Chap. No. 135 - 14H8091)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in general obligation bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to finance design, construction and repair streets and sidewalks including traffic control devices and landscaping, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 111 - 14S2961)
(Chap. No. 134 - 14H8090)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than thirty-two million dollars (\$32,000,000) in general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in Pawtucket, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 112 - 14S2962)
(Chap. No. 137 - 14H8094)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in general obligation bonds, to finance the construction and reconstruction of streets and sidewalks, and landscaping, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 113 - 14S2963)
(Chap. No. 133 - 14H8083)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) in general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance construction and reconstruction of the sewer and sanitation system, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 114 - 14S2965)
(Chap. No. 132 - 14H8082)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the renovation and reconstruction and equipping of public recreation facilities, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 115 - 14S2966)
(Chap. No. 138 - 14H8095)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the improvement and replacement of traffic control devices, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 116 - 14S2967)
(Chap. No. 136 - 14H8092)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue not more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the reconstruction of bridges, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 117 - 14S2974)
(Chap. No. 129 - 14H7943)

Provides a member of a town or city council to be elected by the Council to serve on a budget commission.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 119 - 14S3026)
(Chap. No. 142 - 14H8202)

Authorizes the town of East Greenwich to issue not more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in bonds and notes to finance the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvement and landscaping of roads, sidewalks and drainage facilities, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 148 - 14S2199)
(Chap. No. 165 - 14H7571)

Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue bonds not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for renovation of the Narragansett Public Safety Building, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 156 - 14S2744)
(Chap. No. 169 - 14H7813)

Authorizes the town of Smithfield to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding six million four hundred thousand dollars (\$6,400,000) to renovate the police station, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 187 - 14H7110A)
(Chap. No. 218 - 14S2749A)

Makes it unlawful for a person to own or operate a business in the town of Smithfield without a registration certificate from the town.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 198 - 14H7700B)
(Chap. No. 217 - 14S2706B)

Establishes a sixty-five (65) day time period from the date of filing an appeal with a zoning board of review for the board to hear and decide the appeal. Requires a zoning board of review to render a decision within fifteen (15) days after a public hearing.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 199 - 14H7713)

(Chap. No. 222 - 14S3079)

Removes financial limits on the value of real/personal/tangible/intangible property that may be owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 205 - 14H8093aa)

(Chap. No. 220 - 14S2964A)

Authorizes the city of Pawtucket to issue bonds not to exceed two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for renovation of the senior center, public library, police and fire stations, city hall and other public buildings, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 206 - 14H8134)

(Chap. No. 221 - 14S3029)

Amends the Charter of the Exeter Fire District. Defines the purposes and services provided by the Exeter Fire District, changes the membership appointments, and describes in detail the Board's authority and objectives.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 227 - 14H8336)

(Chap. No. 284 - 14S3105A)

Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue up to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in general obligation bonds and notes in order to finance the repair and rehabilitation of road infrastructure, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 228 - 14H8334)

(Chap. No. 285 - 14S3104)

Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue up to twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) in general obligation bonds and notes in order to construct, equip and furnish a new public safety complex, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 233 - 14H8261)

(Chap. No. 295 - 14S3041)

Authorizes the town of Smithfield to issue not more than five million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$5,900,000) in bonds and notes pursuant to financing agreements with the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation in order to finance health, safety and fire code related emergency repairs, alterations, renovations, improvements and equipping of school facilities in the town, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 234 - 14H8252)

(Chap. No. 292 - 14S3044)

Authorizes the town of Coventry to issue not more than ten million seven hundred ten thousand dollars (\$10,710,000) in bonds and notes in order to finance the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation and improvement of streets, sidewalks, and bridges, in the town, including, but not limited to, paving, drainage, traffic control devices, road maintenance equipment, safety improvements and landscaping and all incidental or related costs, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 235 - 14H8251)

(Chap. No. 291 - 14S3045)

Authorizes the town of Coventry to issue not more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness in order to finance the acquisition and installation of an emergency generator in the Department of Human Services building, including all incidental or related costs, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 236 - 14H8248)

(Chap. No. 294 - 14S3042)

Authorizes the town of Coventry to issue not more than twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, in order to finance the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new police station in the town, including land acquisition, demolition, and all incidental or related costs, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 237 - 14H8247)

(Chap. No. 293 - 14S3043)

Authorizes the town of Coventry to issue not more than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, in order to finance the improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of parks and recreation department buildings and facilities, including all incidental or related costs, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 238 - 14H8236)

(Chap. No. 304 - 14S2955A)

Amends the public laws authorizing the establishment of the Bristol Warren Regional School District by allowing the district to apportion total education cost between the towns to be based on a rolling average per pupil calculation over a thirteen (13) year period.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 239 - 14H8235)

(Chap. No. 298 - 14S3024)

Authorizes the town of North Smithfield to issue not more than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in bonds and notes in order to finance the repair and rehabilitation of local road infrastructure, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 240 - 14H8234)

(Chap. No. 299 - 14S3023)

Authorizes the town of North Smithfield to issue not more than five million two hundred thousand dollars (\$5,200,000) in bonds and notes in order to finance the repair and rehabilitation of the Kendal-Dean Building, Memorial Town Hall Building and the Municipal Annex to achieve efficiencies and the consolidation of municipal and school administration functions, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 241 - 14H8233)

(Chap. No. 297 - 14S3025)

Authorizes the town of North Smithfield, in accordance with a plan adopted by the town council to issue not more than four million three hundred thousand dollars (\$4,300,000) in bonds and notes in order to finance the demolition (or safeguarding), repair, rehabilitation and consolidation of school classroom and storage buildings, including Halliwell Memorial School, North Smithfield Elementary School, North Smithfield Middle School, North Smithfield High School and the Andrews School, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 243 - 14H8168)

(Chap. No. 300 - 14S3002)

Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to issue not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, in order to finance the construction, furnishing, equipping and landscaping of a community recreation center in the town, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 244 - 14H8167)

(Chap. No. 301 - 14S3001)

Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to issue not more than four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, in order to finance health, safety, fire code and roof repairs, renovations, improvements, landscaping, equipping and furnishing of the high school, middle schools and elementary schools in the town and all attendant expenses including, but not limited to, all engineering and architectural costs, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 246 - 14H8107)

(Chap. No. 296 - 14S3028)

Authorizes the city of Cranston to issue not more than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in general obligation bonds and notes, in order to finance the improvement, renovation, repair, alteration and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 248 - 14H8087)
(Chap. No. 302 - 14S2957)

Authorizes the city of Cranston to issue not more than one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in general obligation bonds and notes, in order to finance the improvement, renovation, repair, upgrading and equipping of the public library system in the city, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 249 - 14H8081)
(Chap. No. 303 - 14S2956)

Authorizes the city of Cranston to issue not more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in general obligation bonds and notes, in order to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, repair, alteration and equipping of the playgrounds and athletic fields in the city, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 253 - 14H7771A)
(Chap. No. 327 - 14S2229A)

Authorizes the town of Richmond to enact an ordinance providing for the registration of businesses in the town. The act would also provide a fine of up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month for failing to register, not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 274 - 14H7126)
(Chap. No. 332 - 14S2104)

Requires municipal recreation departments to obtain written authorization to perform a background check on a volunteer or an employee. Also authorizes any fire district or fire department located in the town of Burrillville, upon written authorization, a background check from the Burrillville Police Department for any employee or volunteer serving their community as a firefighter or employee of the fire district.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 338 - 14S3089)
(Chap. No. 377 - 14H8303)

Authorizes the city of Newport to issue not more than six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, in order to finance the design, acquisition, demolition, construction, repair, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of municipal facilities for school, recreation, library and other public uses, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 341 - 14S3027)
(Chap. No. 384 - 14H8192)

Authorizes the town of Coventry to issue not more than five million five hundred thousand dollars (\$5,500,000) in bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, in order to finance the purchase of equipment and facilities for the automated town-wide collection, storage and handling of refuse and recyclables, subject to voter approval.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 358 - 14S2332Aaa)
(Chap. No. 394 - 14H7776A)

Provides for the state to appropriate sufficient funds to the city of Central Falls for payment to Central Falls' city retirees so that those retirees would continue to receive seventy-five percent (75%) of their base pension benefit as of July 31, 2011, for their lifetime, and to the extent applicable, for the lives of their beneficiaries. Certain adjustments are made to the percentage given to the retirees' beneficiaries as of July 2, 2016.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 359 - 14S2326)

Authorizes the city of Newport to increase the cruise ship fees by one dollar (\$1.00) per passenger for landing and one dollar (\$1.00) per passenger for embarking.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 372 - 14S2086A)

(Chap. No. 395 - 14H7632Aaa)

Provides that zoning ordinances that contain inclusionary zoning may require developers to build affordable housing on-site, off-site, or permit the developer to pay a fee-in-lieu of constructing the affordable housing. Further, this sets forth what a municipality can do with fees paid in lieu of construction.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 425 - 14H8037aa)

(Chap. No. 452 - 14S2712A)

Requires all persons seeking employment as a firefighter to undergo a state and national criminal background check (BCI) prior to being hired. The costs associated with the (BCI) shall be paid by the applicant. It also requires that applicants be fingerprinted and that fingerprinting records be destroyed after completion of the background check.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 434 - 14H8278)

(Chap. No. 464 - 14S3048)

Authorizes the Bristol County Water Authority to appoint a secretary and treasurer.

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 471 - 14S2806)

(Chap. No. 553 - 14H7985)

Amends the Charter of the town of North Providence by authorizing the Mayor or the Mayor's designee to serve as a member of the purchasing board. The amendments also include new sections on meetings, processing required prior to requesting bids and upon submission of bids, rules of the board, and enforcement of the provisions of the Charter (Article 20).

TOWNS AND CITIES

(Chap. No. 472 - 14S2807aa)

(Chap. No. 552 - 14H7975A)

Amends the Charter of the town of North Providence by eliminating the deadline for the Town Council to take action on an ordinance where the action has been deferred pending further study.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 473 - 14S2885aa)
(Chap. No. 475 - 14H7974aa)

Amends the town Charter of the town of North Providence to add municipal official revolving door provisions.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 474 - 14S3115)
(Chap. No. 476 - 14H8291A)

Provides that for a municipality where a receiver has been abolished because of a Chapter 9 bankruptcy filing, the Director of Information Technology and the Director of Human Resources are removed from the list of people who must report to or be under the Director of the Administration and Finance Officer for the municipality.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 503 - 14S3087)
(Chap. No. 545 - 14H8317)

Provides that town of Middletown employees hired as full-time civilian dispatchers, and the town of Middletown employees not affiliated with any recognized collective bargaining representative or union, hired after June 30, 2012, will be enrolled in a defined contribution plan such as a 403(b) or equivalent thereof, established by the town of Middletown in lieu of the state Municipal Employees' Retirement Plan.

TOWNS AND CITIES
(Chap. No. 549 - 14H8342)

An enabling act required by Rhode Island General Laws § 16-7-44 allows for bonds or evidences of indebtedness, issued by the Providence Public Buildings Authority in support of Providence school housing projects, in an amount not to exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement. No lease revenue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness will be issued unless and until the Rhode Island Department of Education ("RIDE") has granted approval for the project.

