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Fifth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, January 11, 2018 and is called to order at 4:26 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 66 members present and 9 members absent as follows:

PRESENT -66 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Coughlin, Craven, Cunha, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Knight, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Winfield

ABSENT -9: Representatives Amore, Canario, Costantino, Edwards, Nunes, O'Grady, Roberts, Tobon, Williams.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Ruggiero who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative John G. Edwards is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 11, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7102**

BY Edwards, Mendonca, Maldonado, Serpa, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM (Creates a municipal infrastructure grant program within the DOA relating to municipal and other public infrastructure projects.) {LC3596/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7103

BY Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Azzinaro, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Extends the veterans' partial exemption from real estate taxes to those who were one hundred percent (100%) disabled owing to an injury or injuries sustained in training for combat duty at any time.) {LC3140/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7104

BY Carson, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires DOT to identify the impact of Rhode Works projects and the realignment of the Newport Bridge ramps on Rhode Island small business commercial areas.) {LC3040/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7105

BY Lancia, Chippendale, Newberry, Perez, Nardolillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly. The zero-based budget would be phased in over a five (5) year period.) {LC3050/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7106

BY Lancia, Chippendale, Nardolillo, Mendonca, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires a 2/3 affirmative vote by both the house of representatives and senate in connection with a proposed transfer of funds from a public utilities commission approved energy efficiency plan to the general fund.) {LC3119/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 7107**BY** McEntee, O'Brien, McNamara, Amore, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUFFICIENT SUMS TO PAY ONE-HALF THE COSTS OF TEACHERS IN OBTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION ("IDA") ALIGNED GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE {LC3276/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7108**BY** Lancia, Chippendale, Nardolillo, Mendonca, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Eliminates sales and use taxes on electricity and natural gas bills.) {LC3125/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7109**BY** Edwards, Marshall, Keable, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Allows cities, towns, and school districts to cease implementation of state mandates up to 50% of reimbursement shortfall.) {LC3576/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7110**BY** Ruggiero, Ranglin-Vassell, Shekarchi, Kazarian, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT--VOLUNTARY EXTENSION OF CARE ACT (Provides that a child, who is in foster care on their eighteenth (18th) birthday may voluntarily elect to continue responsibility for care and placement from DCYF and to remain under the legal supervision of the court until age twenty-one (21).) {LC3216/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7111**BY** Shanley, Carson, Regunberg, Marszalkowski, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND RIGHT-TO-KNOW DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Protects individuals from internet disclosure of personally identifiable information by commercial websites/online service operators and creates right of action for violations.) {LC3294/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7112**BY** Perez, Lancia, Ucci, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Allows those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders.) {LC3559/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-18-2018, page 3, and Journal of 4-4-2018, page 2)

House Bill No. 7113**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Lancia, Ucci, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive a felony and manslaughter if the infant dies.) {LC3556/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-18-2018, page 4, and Journal of 4-4-2018, page 3, Journal of 4-11-2018, page 2.)**House Bill No. 7114****BY** Knight, Filippi, Ajello, Craven, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL HEARINGS (Entitles criminal defendants charged with enumerated serious criminal offenses to a bail hearing within four (4) calendar days of initial court appearance.) {LC3309/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7115**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Ajello, Donovan, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNLAWFUL EMPLOYER PRACTICES AND SALARY HISTORY INFORMATION (Prohibits an employer from seeking salary history information, including compensation and benefits, concerning an applicant for employment.) {LC3177/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7116**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Lancia, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer from inquiring about a prospective employee wage and salary history before an offer of employment with compensation has been extended.) {LC3581/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-18-2018, page 7)**House Bill No. 7117****BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Defines and recognizes the existence and potential liability of lead entities concerning the payment of wages.) {LC3173/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7118**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, Casey, Messier, Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PATHWAY TO RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Provides that municipal pension funds only be diverted to the state upon approval of the applicable decision-making body after a public hearing, and a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to affected employees.) {LC3467/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7119**BY** McEntee, O'Brien, McNamara, Amore, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION - PARTIAL FEE WAIVER (Authorizes a one-half (1/2) fee waiver to pay one-half (1/2) the costs of teachers in obtaining an International Dyslexia Association aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice.) {LC3379/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7120**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Lancia, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Makes it unprofessional conduct for a physician not to take all reasonable steps to ensure that a viable fetus being carried by their patient is brought to term.) {LC3554/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-18-2018, page 6, and 1-23-2018, page 2.)**House Bill No. 7121****BY** Ruggiero, Phillips, Cunha, Serpa, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE (Authorizes RI Health Exchange to seek waiver under Affordable Care Act to allow small business owners/sole proprietors to purchase health plans offered by RI Health Exchange.) {LC3548/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7122**BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Regunberg, Ackerman, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Authorizes school committees to appoint one designee to the board of directors of the governing body of certain charter public schools which students from the district attend.) {LC3405/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7123**BY** Edwards, Azzinaro, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRANSFER OF VEHICLES (Includes automobiles equipped with self-sealing tires to be exempt from having a spare tire and jack when sold.) {LC3578/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7124**BY** Kennedy, Casey, Keable, Johnston, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - LIFE INSURANCE (Requires that the department of business regulation provide a mandatory disclosure notice, at no cost to insurers, to certain life insurance policy holders regarding their rights and alternatives to lapse or surrender.) {LC3499/1}

01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7125**BY** Kennedy, Casey, Keable, Johnston, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AIRBAG REGULATION (Comprehensively expands the registration of motor vehicle airbags to prohibit the manufacture and importation of substandard airbags and broaden the definition of airbags.) {LC3401/1} 01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**GUESTS**

Representative Handy and Speaker Mattiello welcome back to the House Chamber as a guest Steve Florio, from the Rhode Island Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (RICDHH).

Representative Carson welcome to the House as a guest her constituent, Dick Cromwell Chair of the RI Marine Trade Alliance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative McNamara announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 at the rise of the House.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Representative Perez rises on a point of personal privilege due to the media.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 7126****BY** Walsh, Shekarchi, Filippi, Morgan, Solomon**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LOIS R. O'CONNOR {LC3696/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Walsh requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Walsh seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan and Representative Filippi and by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Representative Maldonado pays tribute to Reverend Martin Luther, Jr.

Representative Hull, Chairman of the Martin Luther King Commission, invites all for a celebration of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church at 3 P.M. on Monday the 15th.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Lombardi informs members that the surgery of Representative Amore's daughter Tess went well. There were no surprises, and they expect a long recovery. He thanks all for their outreach, thoughts and prayers.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7127

BY Maldonado, Shekarchi, Hull, Abney, Diaz

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. {LC3746/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Maldonado requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Maldonado seconded by Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Hull, Abney, Diaz, Almeida, Leader Morgan, Representative O'Brien, Speaker Mattiello, and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 7128

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Lancia, Casimiro, Morin

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC) BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND HONORING THE TWENTY-SIX RHODE ISLANDERS WHO RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS DURING WORLD WAR I {LC3558/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Vella-Wilkinson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Hull, Lancia, Casimiro, Morin, Walsh, Abney, Leaders Shekarchi, Morgan, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Marszalkowski, Azzinaro, Diaz, Bennett, O'Brien, Mendonca, Lombardi and Marshall by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi reminds members that next Tuesday is the State of the State Address, and session will meet at 5:00 o'clock PM, followed by a dinner to be served upstairs. All members should return to the Chamber by 6:30 P.M. to greet the Senate and guests and to reconvene in joint session for the Governor's Address which will promptly begin at 7 P.M.

Leader Shekarchi wishes Representative Corvese a Happy Birthday on Sunday.

TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 7129**

BY Shekarchi, Casimiro, Donovan, Craven, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Establishes standardized methods and appeals procedures for the calculation of fair and reasonable compensation for parts and labor used in warranty services.) {LC3749/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7130

BY Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES (Exempts the town of New Shoreham from the jurisdiction of the division of public utilities and carriers for purposes of regulating transportation network companies.) {LC3702/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7131

BY Bennett, Hull, Craven, Solomon, Morin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER SUPPLIERS (Exempts residential water customers over sixty-five (65) from paying surcharges on their basic water supply rate.) {LC3489/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7132

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Ruggiero, Marshall, Handy, Maldonado, McKiernan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires pub. utilities/electric distribution co. to provide prompt/adequate service to ratepayers for new service/ upgrades w/penalty of up to \$1,000 with electric distribution co. to provide written estimates/itemized bill for work in excess of \$500.) {LC3359/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7133**BY** Lombardi, McKiernan, Coughlin, Craven, Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and would provide penalties and enforcement.) {LC3404/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7134**(Lieutenant Governor)****BY** Messier, Morin, Hull, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE (Requires the public utilities commission to implement a purchase of receivables program where the electric distribution company purchases the receivables of a nonregulated power producer at a discount rate.) {LC3252/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7135**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Bennett, Lancia, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEARING AIDS (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000), per ear, every three years. In addition, the amount of insurance coverage would no longer be based on the age of the recipient.) {LC3471/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7136**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TANNING FACILITY SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (Prohibits the use of tanning facilities by persons less than eighteen (18) years of age.) {LC3487/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7137**BY** Diaz, Ajello, Slater, Maldonado, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION EQUITY (Creates the "Student Equal Economic Opportunity Act" which would identify those students who are exempt from paying nonresident tuition at public universities, colleges or community colleges.) {LC3657/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7138**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Diaz, Maldonado, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides a tax credit for community service hours provided by state residents to certain not for profit entities and municipal departments that are certified to issue credits for state community service volunteerism hours.) {LC3534/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7139**BY** Quattrocchi, Filippi, Chippendale, Perez, Giarrusso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT

MANAGEMENT (Prohibits the general assembly and any governmental or quasi-governmental entity created by it, from issuing moral obligation bonds not secured by the full faith and credit of the state or revenues.) {LC3634/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7140

BY McLaughlin, McNamara, Azzinaro, Corvese, Maldonado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS (Allows small business employers to purchase health insurance for its employees through the state employee group plan.) {LC3228/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7141

BY Lancia, Nardolillo, Vella-Wilkinson, Marshall, McLaughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts the amount of military pension which is included in federal adjusted gross income from the state income tax, such exemption to be phased-in over a five year period.) {LC3387/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7142

BY McNamara, Carson, Ruggiero, Ackerman, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes the "Rhode Island Livable Home Tax Credit Act", and would provide for its administration.) {LC3194/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7143

BY Lancia, Chippendale, Mendonca, Marshall, Jacquard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Provides Rhode Island bidders on contracts to purchase office equipment and/or machinery a five percent (5%) adjustment when determining the lowest responsible bidder.) {LC3134/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7144

BY Perez, Ucci, O'Brien, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Places a 20% cap on increases in consecutive real property revaluations commencing 12/31/18 and thereafter with a 3 year waiting period for new construction/additions.) {LC3509/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7145

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Carson, Ackerman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated.) {LC3481/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7146**BY** Morgan, Quattrocchi, Price, Giarrusso, Mendonca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE TAX (Provides an exemption from the estate tax for a closely held corporation or a limited liability company that has no more than five hundred (500) employees as of the date of the decedent's death.) {LC3639/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7147**BY** Morgan, Quattrocchi, Price, Giarrusso, Mendonca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES (Repeals the state estate tax.) {LC3637/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7148**BY** Diaz, Ruggiero, Messier, Maldonado, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - CHILD CARE - STATE SUBSIDIES (Establishes a tiered-rate structure for the child care assistance program, with higher rates paid to licensed child care centers and family child care homes that have achieved higher quality ratings in "BrightStars".) {LC3663/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7149**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Bennett, Lancia, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RHODE ISLAND

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Requires municipality comprehensive plans to include present and future interests of the school system including curriculum and instruction as well as buildings, transportation routes, fields, playgrounds, sidewalks, raised crosswalks and parking lots.) {LC3466/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7150**BY** Diaz, Ajello, Slater, Maldonado, Regunberg**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Provides students attending public or private schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a student's bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.) {LC3662/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7151**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - PSITTACINE

BIRDS (Removes the requirement of using metal seamless bands to allow flexibility in using modern, safer methods of identifying and tracking psittacine birds within the state.) {LC3622/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7152**BY** McNamara, Diaz, Cunha, Maldonado, Coughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Early Childhood Innovation Act and funds to support programs designed to narrow the education achievement gap for at-risk children who are entering kindergarten.) {LC3381/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7153**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello, Donovan, Fogarty, Maldonado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school districts to provide for alternative programs and classroom space, within the school, to reduce the number of out of school suspensions which could lead to other deviant behaviors.) {LC3170/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7154**BY** Casey, Price, Morin, Phillips, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (Extends the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students.) {LC3582/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7155**BY** Casey, Price, Morin, Phillips, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PSAT AND SAT TESTS (Includes home schooled students in the program to provide the PSAT and SAT free of charge to all Rhode Island public school students for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018.) {LC3475/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7156**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Walsh, Ranglin-Vassell, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DRIVER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (Requires driver's instruction courses and tests to include instruction and information on the rights provided to drivers pursuant to chapter 21.2 of title 31, ("the comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015").) {LC3648/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7157**BY** Perez, McKiernan, Chippendale, Hull, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires that public schools of this state, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), would annually provide access for every student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory.) {LC3561/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7158**BY** Bennett, Craven, Morin, McKiernan, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen.) {LC3532/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7159**BY** Diaz, Ajello, Slater, Messier, Maldonado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM

(Allows a classified employee, whose position is not fully funded through federal loans and/or grants to seek the nomination of or to be a candidate for elective state office.) {LC3659/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7160**BY** Ucci, Winfield, Fellela, Corvese, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT,

FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS--STEALING OF ANIMALS (Increases the penalties for stealing a pet or other domestic animal to a maximum of not more than five (5) years imprisonment or a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.) {LC3520/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7161**BY** Quattrocchi, Perez, Giarrusso, Morgan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES) {LC3632/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7162**BY** Casey, Filippi, Craven, Keable, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL - GUN CRIMES REPORT (Directs the attorney general to report annually to the general assembly on the incidence and disposition of crimes involving guns.) {LC3478/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7163**BY** Lancia, Lima, Handy, Jacquard, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines bump stock and trigger crank and makes possession of any firearm equipped with either device a felony punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment.) {LC3383/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7164**BY** Perez, Chippendale, Lancia, Diaz, Almeida**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Enacts the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act and provide for the duties and obligations of medical personnel in certain circumstances.) {LC3557/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
(For Co-sponsorship removal requests, see Journal of 1-18-2018, page 5, Journal of 4-11-2018, pages 3,4 & 5)

House Bill No. 7165

BY Perez, O'Brien, McEntee, Craven, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the department of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, no more than twice yearly, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance.) {LC3502/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7166

BY Knight, Ajello, McEntee, Craven, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Defines the term "sexual abuse" and clarify instances when non-sexual physical contact need not be reported to the department of children, youth and families.) {LC3435/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7167

BY O'Brien, Solomon, McEntee, Serpa, Marshall

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Allows family court to provide for safety of pets in domestic abuse protective order.) {LC3412/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7168

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Serpa, Marshall, Keable

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases the penalty for repeat convictions for animal cruelty.) {LC3411/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7169

BY Perez, McKiernan, Hull, Almeida, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE (Grants unpaid pregnancy leave to part-time workers, would clarify their access to unpaid sick leave during their pregnancy, and provides additional protections for pregnant workers who work in the medical field.) {LC3565/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7170

BY Bennett, Marshall, Chippendale, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Requires any person who sustains an injury to themselves or causes an injury to another while hunting or trapping to report the injury to the department of environmental management immediately.) {LC3542/1}

01/12/2018 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 1-18-2018, page 2)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE**TRANSFER OF BILL**

Chairman Jacquard, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Judiciary:

House Bill No. 7080

BY Ruggiero, Casimiro, Phillips, Kazarian, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ELECTRONIC RECORDING (Authorizes a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents.) {LC3547/1}

01/12/2018 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Lombardi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John E. Campagnone; on motion of Representative Walsh, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lois R. O'Connor; on motion of Representative Giarrusso and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Estelle Fradin; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy

Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH L. RUGGIERO

Dear God, bless our efforts as we labor in this chamber to solve the problems and meet the needs of the people of Rhode Island. Strengthen our resolve to do that which is best for all the people, even though it may not be popular. Amen.