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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the second day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

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Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Second Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and is called to order at 4:15 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, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lima, Lombardi, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendonca, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Perez, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

ABSENT – 9: Representatives Canario, Casey, Cunha, Knight, Maldonado, Price, Quattrocchi, Tobon, Winfield.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Azzinaro 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 Tuesday, January 2, 2018, is approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Shelby Maldonado is unable to attend session today, Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 7002

BY Shekarchi, Ajello, Tanzi, Fogarty, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires individual or group policy insurance to cover mastectomies.) {LC3302/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7003

BY Lombardi, Hull, Almeida, Coughlin, Williams

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 responsible conduct during a traffic stop and rights provided to driver pursuant to chapter 21.2 of title 31.) {LC3231/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7004

BY Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (Directs the state board of pharmacy, in collaboration with the department of health, to annually identify up to fifteen (15) prescription drugs on which the state spends significant health care dollars due to increases in costs.) {LC3089/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7005

BY Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs council on elementary and secondary education to recommend to the commissioner of education a curriculum that allows students successful careers in computer science.) {LC3088/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7006

BY Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Transportation services are to be provided to students residing two (2) or more miles from school.) {LC3094/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7007

BY Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Provides for professional development opportunities relating to reading disabilities and would require two (2) hours of professional development instruction pertaining to reading disabilities for certain general education teachers and specialists.) {LC3120/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7008

BY Craven, McEntee, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SURPRISE BILLS FOR MEDICAL SERVICES (Provides for a dispute resolution process for emergency services and surprise bills for medical services performed by nonparticipating (out-of-network) health care providers.) {LC3164/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7009

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a taxpayer to reduce adjusted gross income by any reimbursement the taxpayer makes to a private disability insurance provider because the taxpayer received social security disability insurance.) {LC3193/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7010

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that any person who has a retail sales permit not be required to pay a separate registration fee to make sales at flea markets; provided, however, the person remains responsible to pay all taxes due as a result of sales at a flea market.) {LC3221/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7011

BY Craven, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES -- SPECIAL PLATE FOR FRIENDS OF PLUM BEACH LIGHTHOUSE, INC. (Creates an additional annual fee of \$5.00 due at biennial registration for holders of the Plum Beach Lighthouse license plate, with the funds distributed to Friends of Plum Beach Lighthouse Inc., for the protection and upkeep of Plum Beach Lighthouse.) {LC3046/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7012

BY Craven, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (Authorizes the Quonset development corporation to borrow up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for operational purposes, the debt would not be a debt of the state and would be secured only by the Quonset development corporation's assets.) {LC3214/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7013

BY Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibits the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC3098/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7014**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Creates an economic hardship relief fund from penalties imposed on contractors for past due road or bridge projects to be paid to business owners who can show a decline in revenue as a result of the past due completion of a road or bridge project.) {LC3110/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7015**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Enables the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay transit authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.) {LC3093/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7016**BY** McEntee, Craven, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows the division of motor vehicles to issue a "year of manufacture" courtesy registration plate for a vehicle more than twenty-five (25) years old.) {LC3058/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7017**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Regunberg, Morin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Increases the number of days a retired teacher may substitute teach or be otherwise employed by a school system from ninety (90) days to one hundred (100) days without a reduction or forfeiture of retirement benefits.) {LC3068/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7018**BY** Corvese, Winfield, Ucci, O'Brien, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Subtracts from the federal adjusted gross income, income attributable to the recovery during the tax year of any amount deducted in any prior tax year for the purposes of the calculation of the state income tax.) {LC3254/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7019**BY** Tanzi, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NAMING STATE CONSTRUCTIONS - E. RICHARD DURFEE ROAD (Names a certain portion of Sand Hill Cove Road in Narragansett, "E. Richard Durfee Road".) {LC3071/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Resolution No. 7020**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2017-2018 (Proposes an amendment to the house rules establishing a standing caucus to be known as the "Freshman Caucus".) {LC3138/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

House Bill No. 7021**BY** Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, Craven, Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Exempts ancillary services provided to customers of rental companies which services are unrelated to airport access from airport access fees.) {LC3066/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7022**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW-- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Prohibits price-gouging of prescribed drugs or pharmaceuticals in times of market emergency or market shortages and makes violators guilty of a felony and subject to injunctive relief.) {LC3095/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7023**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Coughlin, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index or five and one-half percent (5.5%), whichever is greater.) {LC3123/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7024**BY** O'Brien, Marshall, Corvese, McNamara, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE (Creates the "Healthy Workplace Act of 2018 and establishes a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct that is tolerated by employers.) {LC3065/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 7025**BY** Corvese, Winfield, Ucci, O'Brien, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT (Creates the "Animal Abuser Registry Act" which would require all persons convicted of crimes involving animal abuse to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the attorney general's office.) {LC3259/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7026**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Ucci, O'Brien, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT (Defines and prohibits dismemberment abortions with certain exceptions.) {LC3257/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7027**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalties for driving so as to endanger, death resulting, by increasing the maximum term of imprisonment from ten (10) years to twenty (20) years, and the maximum term of license suspension from five (5) to ten (10) years.) {LC3067/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7028**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 20 years after sentence completed.) {LC3127/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7029**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Increases the penalties and fines for the various motor vehicle offenses involving leaving the scene of an accident.) {LC3149/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7030**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Makes the owner of any vehicle not inspected as required by §§31-38-3 or 31-38-4 responsible for any fines or penalties imposed as a result of non-inspection and prohibits any law enforcement officer from citing the operator of said vehicle.) {LC3097/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7031**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATION ACT (Penalizes driving motor vehicle required to be registered in this or any state without insurance or proof of insurance and abolish requirement that operator knew the vehicle was uninsured or unregistered making them strict liability offenses.) {LC3092/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7032**BY** Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint.) {LC3053/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7033**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - LOBBYIST POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.) {LC3150/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7034**BY** Lombardi, Hull, Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS {LC3052/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7035**BY** Canario, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Nancy E. Smith to join Margaret Smith Hickey and John Michael Lerner in marriage on or about August 25, 2018, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3206/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 7036**BY** McLaughlin, Shekarchi, Ackerman, Marszalkowski, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF JONATHAN TEDFORD PARTINGTON {LC3306/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McLaughlin seconded by Representatives Shekarchi, Ackerman, Marszalkowski, and Lancia by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 7037**BY** Diaz, Williams, Almeida, Perez, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN FRANCIS CARDOZA {LC3285/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Representatives Williams, Perez, Ranglin-Vassell, Slater, Barros, and Almeida by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

Representative Williams and Speaker Mattiello discuss the resolution

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader Shekarchi announces due to the impending snow storm House session is cancelled tomorrow and will reconvene on Tuesday, January 9th.

Leader Shekarchi announces Jason Gramitt, Education Coordinator of the RI Ethics Commission will be here for a training session on Tuesday, January 9th at the rise of the House in the House Lounge.

Leader Shekarchi also announces on Wednesday, January 10th there will be a brief session at 4 PM and after session there will be a members only training session on sexual harassment, discrimination and diversity and lastly the RI Small Business Economic Summit has been postponed to Tuesday, January 16th.

Leader Shekarchi wishes Happy Birthdays to Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy (today), Kenneth Marshall (tomorrow), and Representative Helder Cunha (Friday).

GUEST

Representative Shekarchi and Speaker Mattiello welcomes back to the House Chamber as a guest, Sam Ackerman, son of Representative Mia Ackerman.

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. 7038

BY Shekarchi, Casimiro, Regunberg, Edwards, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT OF 2006 (Provides that a credit reporting agency may not charge a consumer any fee in connection with the placement, temporary lifting or permanent removal of a credit security freeze.) {LC3034/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7039**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, McNamara, Kennedy, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

(Requires motor vehicle dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being sold has a spare tire/ jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall be a civil penalty of \$100 for a violation under this section.) {LC3223/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 7040**BY** McNamara, O'Brien, Solomon, Casimiro, Lancia**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Requires

school districts experiencing high rates of student absenteeism to establish attendance review teams to address this absenteeism.) {LC3241/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7041**BY** McNamara, Morin, O'Brien, Solomon, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Requires all school buildings where students are in attendance to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained therein.) {LC3060/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7042**BY** Regunberg, Carson, Amore, Serpa, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually develop a list of critical prescription drugs for which there is a substantial public interest in understanding the development of the drugs' price.) {LC3272/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7043**BY** Marshall, O'Brien, Bennett, Costantino, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CARETAKER

ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF FOR ELDERLY (CARE) (Creates Caretaker Assistance and Relief for Elderly (CARE) program within div of elderly affairs/program svcs with payment up to \$70/day for support svcs costs for qualified elders for caregivers, allowing families to work/pursue other individual needs.) {LC3055/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7044**BY** Solomon, Blazejewski, McKiernan, Serpa, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Permits that education on

consent and sexual activity be increased in secondary schools as part of a family life course.)

{LC3070/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7045**BY** Serpa, Solomon, Shanley, O'Brien, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CARE OF

DOGS (Repeals exception which allows hunting dogs to be kept outdoors in cold weather.) {LC3314/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

House Bill No. 7046

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the department of labor and training.) {LC3192/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7047

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FEES FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - VETERANS (Authorizes state higher education institutions to waive application and transcript fees for veterans.) {LC3225/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7048

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Makes it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the division of motor vehicles and the department of administration.) {LC3197/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7049

BY McNamara, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, McLaughlin, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Establishes a procedure for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses issued by the department of environmental management.) {LC3224/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7050

BY Ruggiero, Handy, O'Grady, Blazejewski, Barros

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Amends the annual bidding and enrollment process pursuant to this chapter.) {LC3160/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-7-2018, page 2.)

House Bill No. 7051

BY Nunes, Serpa, Morgan, Nardolillo, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 330 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 140 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006, PERTAINING TO SEWERS IN THE TOWN OF COVENTRY {LC3064/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

House Bill No. 7052**BY** Bennett, Marshall, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO JEWISH SENIORS AGENCY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Increases the authorized holdings of Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island to two million dollars (\$2,000,000.00) and exempt the same from taxation.) {LC3132/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7053**BY** Casimiro, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows the issuance of courtesy veterans' plates.) {LC3087/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7054**BY** Marshall, O'Brien, Bennett, Costantino, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION

FEES--DISABLED VETERANS (Expands and clarifies what constitutes disability entitling disabled veterans to the waiver of motor vehicle registration fees.) {LC3056/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7055**BY** Lancia, Chippendale, Nardolillo, Roberts, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the total aggregate amount of tax credits for a business entity not to exceed \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2019.) {LC3122/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7056**BY** Lancia, Chippendale, Nardolillo, Newberry, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT (Repeals the surcharges levied on residence and business telephone lines and wireless telecommunications services.) {LC3047/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7057**BY** Lancia, Nardolillo, Mendonca, Vella-Wilkinson, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME--MILITARY

SURVIVOR BENEFITS (Exempts from income tax any survivor benefits received by a widow or widower by virtue of a deceased spouse's military service.) {LC3114/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7058**BY** Lancia, Nardolillo, Mendonca, Vella-Wilkinson, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VETERANS'

SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM (Creates a transitioning veterans' small business loan program through the commerce corporation.) {LC3115/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7059**BY** Lancia, Nardolillo, Newberry, Walsh, Nunes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT--STATE BEACH, PARK AND RECREATION AREA USER FEES (Eliminates user fees for access to any state beach.) {LC3048/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7060**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Empowers "council" on elementary and secondary education and waives fee for candidate with bachelor's degree taking any exam for teaching license or certification.) {LC3171/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7061**BY** Craven, McEntee, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires prospective reimbursement for state-licensed facilities providing mental health, substance abuse treatment and/or prevention services with an annual reconciliation for any underpayment or overpayment.) {LC3167/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7062**BY** Craven, McEntee, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for a voluntary deduction from any refund from the Rhode Island personal income tax for a contribution to the substance use and mental health leadership council of RI.) {LC3166/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7063**BY** Craven, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION ACT OF 2018 {LC3161/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7064**BY** Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Fogarty, Kazarian, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS--IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING (Ends the voting of mail ballots at local board of canvassers. It also authorizes in-person early voting effective July 1, 2018, with the actual procedures to be established by rules promulgated by the state board of elections.) {LC3297/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7065**BY** Ruggiero, Tanzi, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dr. Victor Pedro and Ann Allen to join Mary G. Basler and Joseph J. Reale, Jr., in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC3205/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 7066

BY Marshall, Bennett, Blazejewski, Mendonca, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- TRIALS (Restricts the use of a victim's gender or sexual orientation as a defense by any defendant claiming provocation, diminished capacity or self-defense and prohibits the court from allowing such information into evidence.)

{LC3288/1}

01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:37 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McLaughlin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Johnathan Tedford Partington; on a motion of Representative Ruggiero, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of David Long; on motion of Representative Johnston, and as a further mark of respect to the memories of Maureen Johnston, Kenneth Johnston, and David Beaclair; on motion of Representatives Diaz and Williams and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Francis Cardoza seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Morgan the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy

Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL A. AZZINARO

Gracious God: Give us the ability to understand each other; respect each other, work with each other; and to do good to each other, so that we may take great pride in showing our compassion and mercy to those less fortunate. Amen