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Thursday, February 1, 2018

Fourteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 4 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan.

ABSENT – 4: Senators Archambault, Crowley, DaPonte, and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Thirteenth Legislative Day of the 2018 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator Calkin and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Ethan Morelian, Intern from Brown University.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 1, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to illness, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and placed on file.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 1, 2018

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

Dear President Ruggerio

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, February, 1, 2018 due to a work conflict.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Da Ponte
Senator, District 14

Read and placed on file.



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
STATE HOUSE**

February 1, 2018

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
318 State House
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I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator v. Susan Sosnowski
Senator District 37

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2171****BY** Satchell, Gallo, Raptakis, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY E. MAGIERA

{LC4190/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Satchell requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Satchell moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Conley, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Quezada, Paolino, Sheehan, DiPalma, Calkin.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2161**BY** Morgan, Goodwin, Coyne, Lynch Prata, Algieri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2018 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC3861/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Morgan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Morgan moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Coyne, Algieri, Gee, Lombardo, Gallo, Jabour, Nesselbush, Metts, Calkin, Seveney, DiPalma.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Morgan and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Holly Otten of the Tin Man Ministries, and Stephanie Illas a survivor and resident in the recovery program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. The Reappointment of Barrett W. Bready to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2021.

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

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algiere, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan.

NAYS – 1: Senator Jabour.

TRANSMITTAL

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

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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}

Referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7187

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.)

{LC3409/1}

Referred to Senate Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2172**

BY Fogarty, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES -- COSTS (Requires that all costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way be borne by the public utility.)

{LC4319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2173

BY Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Jabour, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN

LENDERS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

{LC3966/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2174

BY Coyne, Satchell, Calkin, Seveney, DiPalma

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 and jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall be a civil penalty of \$100 for a violation under this subsection.)

{LC3786/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2175

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Conley, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET

METERING (Changes the definition of a net-metering financing arrangement and changes the crediting of net-metered accounts.)

{LC3911/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2176

BY Satchell, Seveney, Calkin, Goldin, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC POWER UTILITY COUNCIL ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island public power utility council.)

{LC3799/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2177

BY Lynch Prata, Metts, Gallo, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Provides that any minority business enterprise that is certified under the Federal Small Business Act shall be deemed certified by the department of administration as a minority business enterprise.)

{LC4122/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 2178

BY Crowley, Picard, Nesselbush, Jabour

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

{LC4252/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2179

BY Miller, Gallo, Lombardi, Metts, Pearson

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.)

{LC4267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2180

BY Satchell, Seveney, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Provides for quarterly assessments of district payments to charters, Davies and the Met Center calculated on a per diem basis and payable within 30 days and requires those schools to keep enrollment records with student ID numbers to avoid double billing.)

{LC3919/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2181

BY Picard, Metts, Quezada, Pearson, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION (If approved, requires the state to ensure that all students have the opportunity to achieve at high levels, and provide for judicial enforcement.)

{LC3678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2182

BY Miller, McCaffrey, Gallo, Satchell, Algieri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 16
CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Requires the
department of elementary and secondary education to incorporate substance abuse prevention
and suicide prevention into the health education curriculum.)
{LC4156/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2183

BY Cote, Picard, Ciccone, Lombardi
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.)
{LC3366/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2184

BY Gallo, Satchell, Conley, Miller, Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL
EDUCATION (Provides that the department of education, in consultation with a workgroup
composed of various stakeholders, develop a funding formula for school districts sending
students to career and technical programs outside the district)
{LC3684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2185

BY Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS
(Amends general laws to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education and
makes teacher certification provisions for military personnel.)
{LC4297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2186

BY Sheehan, Satchell, Gallo, McCaffrey, Pearson
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.)
{LC3917/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2187

BY Raptakis, Morgan, Jabour, Paolino, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS -- BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR (Requires public schools,

including charter schools, begin the school year on the day after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2019-2020.)

{LC3857/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2188

BY Calkin, Miller, Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ENERGIZE RHODE

ISLAND: CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT AND CARBON PRICING ACT OF 2018

(Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island and also establishes a receipt account to disburse the funds from.)

{LC3789/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2189

BY Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FRESHWATER FISHING

(Permits trout fishing in waters at any time of year without seasonal restriction.)

{LC3425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2190

(by request)

BY Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAXATION OF BEVERAGE

CONTAINERS, HARD-TO-DISPOSE MATERIAL AND LITTER CONTROL

PARTICIPATION PERMITTEE (Eliminates the tax imposed on hard-to-dispose materials such as lubricating oils, glycol-based antifreeze and tires used on motor vehicles.)

{LC3106/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2191

BY Metts, Crowley, Quezada, Nesselbush, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases

the refundable state earned income credit from fifteen percent (15%) to twenty-five percent (25%) for the 2019 taxable year, and each taxable year thereafter.)

{LC3968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2192

BY Archambault, McCaffrey, Felag, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - START-UP RHODE ISLAND TAX FREE ZONE PROGRAM (Exempts from the real estate conveyance tax certain low-income and affordable housing developments.)

{LC3723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2193

BY Pearson, DiPalma, Gallo, Metts, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Incorporates bonds issued by the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank into the computation of school housing aid assistance and school housing project costs.)

{LC3664/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2194

BY Pearson, Euer, Satchell, Seveney, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP (Repeals the provisions of the Stay Invested in RI Wavemaker Fellowship, and establish the Stay Invested in RI Tax Credit to provide eligible taxpayers with a tax credit for educational loan repayment expenses.)

{LC3669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2195

BY Lynch Prata, Coyne, Gallo, Lombardi, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Increases the income range and the maximum credit amount for the property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons.)

{LC4129/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2196

BY Nesselbush, Crowley, Paolino, Jabour, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SUGARY DRINKS (Creates a tax on sugary drinks for the purpose of reducing the demand for those beverages, and discouraging the excessive consumption of, sugary drinks.)

{LC4255/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2197

BY Algiere, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 911
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT--PREPAID WIRELESS E-911 CHARGE ACT
(Creates restricted receipt account for all 911 funds and requires these funds to be used solely for
operation of the 911 system.)
{LC3312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2198

BY DiPalma, Seveney, DaPonte, Felag, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Establishes community senior services grant program providing
financial assistance to municipalities/nonprofit organizations operating senior centers/programs.)
{LC4235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2199

BY Lynch Prata, Felag, Gallo, Cote, Gee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides that the taxation of military
service pensions for purposes of the Rhode Island personal income tax would be reduced and
phased out over a five (5) year period from 2018 to 2022.)
{LC4126/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2200

BY Felag, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases
the exemption for retirement income from state income tax from \$15,000 to \$20,000
commencing in 2019.)
{LC3438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2201

BY Pearson, Seveney, Nesselbush, Euer, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a
one time tax credit up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per dependent child for certain Rhode
Island households who contribute to an account under the Rhode Island college bound tuition
savings program.)
{LC3666/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2202

BY Algieri, Cote, Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the minimum corporate tax from four hundred dollars (\$400) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the year beginning on July 1, 2018, and abolishes the minimum tax for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2019.)
{LC3310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2203

BY Lombardi, Felag, Conley, DiPalma, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Subtracts state tax refunds, paid to an individual in the previous year, from federal adjusted gross income, for purposes of the state income tax for tax years beginning January 1, 2019.)
{LC3852/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2204

BY Metts, Quezada, Goodwin, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes cities and towns to tax certain real and/or nonprofit tangible properties owned by nonprofit educational and hospital institutions commencing with assessment performed 12/31/18 and every year thereafter.)
{LC3972/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2205

BY Kettle, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Revises the timing and process for calculating a foundation education aid bonus to regionalized school districts.)
{LC3421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2206

BY Quezada, Nesselbush, Calkin, Metts, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION EQUITY (Creates the "Student Equal Economic Opportunity Act" which would allow students who meet certain requirements to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at Rhode Island universities, colleges or community colleges.)
{LC4075/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2207

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Fogarty, Satchell, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--
LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks weighing
fourteen thousand pounds (14,000 lbs.) or less from sales and use tax.)
{LC3685/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2208

BY Ciccone, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Felag, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
INSURANCE BENEFITS (Entitles correctional officers with twenty-five (25) years of service
and who are at least fifty-five (55) years of age to a non-Medicare-eligible retiree health care
insurance benefit.)
{LC4120/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2209

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Deletes the provisions regarding reimbursement by the state
for conventional public housing students. Provides permanent foundation education aid funding
for services and instructional services for students residing in conventional public housing units.)
{LC3675/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2210

BY Metts, Miller, Goldin, Crowley, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF
RHODE ISLAND -- OASIS WELLNESS AND RECOVERY CENTER (Establishes a mental
health consumer advocate and wellness recovery center to provide support for those suffering
from mental health issues and would appropriate two-hundred ninety five thousand dollars
(\$295,000) to operate the program.)
{LC3973/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2211

BY Lynch Prata, Metts, Quezada, Miller, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
(Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase income disregards for
certain Medicare programs.)
{LC4148/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2212

(by request)

BY Sheehan

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.)
{LC3914/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2213

BY DiPalma, Conley, Felag, Seveney, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 (Changes the sunset provision of the Rhode Island New Qualified Jobs Incentive Act 2015 from December 31, 2018 to January 1, 2018.)
{LC4361/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2214

BY Pearson, Picard, DiPalma, Seveney, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates taxable retirement exemption of \$25,000 for certain pension plans/annuities beginning on 1/1/2019.)
{LC3667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2215

BY Satchell, Seveney, Picard, Sheehan, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-FUNDING OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires charter schools to issue a detailed invoice to the public school districts for local aid.)
{LC3918/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2216

BY Pearson, Conley, Sosnowski, Seveney, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND OCEAN STATE FUND (Allows for a credit equal to the amount contributed by a taxpayer for the taxable year to the Rhode Island Ocean State Fund, which is created in the general fund to accept monetary contributions for exclusively public purposes.)
{LC3287/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2217

BY Goldin, Felag, Crowley, Metts, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned income tax credit from fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%) for the tax years 2019 and beyond.)

{LC4228/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2218

BY Pearson, Seveney, DiPalma, Satchell, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Eliminates certain tax exemptions and dedicates one percentage point of sales & use tax revenue to the school building authority capital fund, as created by the department of education and administered by the Rhode Island Educational Building Corporation.)

{LC3155/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2219

BY Pearson, Gallo, Satchell, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides that payments by an employer, whether paid to an employee or lender, of principal and interest on a qualified education loan incurred by an employee shall be subtracted from the calculation of federal adjusted gross income.)

{LC3670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2220

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, DaPonte, Lombardo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INCREASE CERTAIN DIRECT AND HOME CARE WORKER WAGES

{LC4209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2221

BY Pearson, Metts, Gallo, Conley, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (Provides school housing aid for certain projects approved by the state including funding for payment of interest on certain bonds and leases.)

{LC4143/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2222

BY Archambault, Satchell, Nesselbush, Calkin, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE
CORPORATIONS (Requires written notice to certain plan purchasers of rule changes.)
{LC3709/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2223

BY Archambault, Sosnowski, Satchell, Crowley
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.)
{LC3745/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2224

BY Gallo, Nesselbush, Goodwin, Calkin, Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires individual or group policy insurance to cover
mastectomies.)
{LC3965/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2225

BY Archambault, Sosnowski, Satchell, Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- POWERS AND DUTIES --
CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS (Provides that the department of behavioral
healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals with the power and duty to certify a list of
chemical dependency professionals for use by state agencies and for referral of individuals for
treatment.)
{LC3742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2226

BY Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Miller, Metts, Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH
CARE FACILITIES - INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION (Requires hospitals to offer
immunization against influenza virus to all inpatients sixty-five (65) years of age or older from
October to March of the following year.)
{LC4277/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2227

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES (Establishes limits on the maximum number of patients that may be assigned to a unit's registered nurses in particular health care situations.)
{LC4414/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2228

BY Ruggerio, Miller, Coyne, Euer, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Amends the definitions of "smoking" and "retail tobacco store" to include electronic smoking devices, electronic nicotine delivery system products and other products that rely on vaporization or aerosolization.)
{LC3527/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2229

BY Pearson, Goldin, Paolino, Miller, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes pharmacies to dispense prescriptions of less than a thirty (30) day supply for the purpose of synchronizing a patient's medications.)
{LC4139/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2230

BY Euer, Miller, Coyne, Crowley, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LABORATORIES (Restores provisions of chapter 16.2 of title 23 as well as all of chapter 16.3 of title 23, which were repealed or deleted in the 2015 Budget Act, relating to definitions, licensing, and the operation of medical laboratories.)
{LC4328/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2231

BY Lynch Prata, Gallo, Crowley, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Further defines the duties of the department of elderly affairs with regard to elder caregiver respite services.)
{LC4376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2232

BY Archambault, Miller, Sosnowski, Calkin, Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND
AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (Requires movie theaters to provide open
captioning for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.)
{LC3744/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2233

BY Archambault, Miller, Sosnowski, Calkin, Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS
SERVICES (Requires health insurance to provide coverage for communication access between
deaf patients and their physicians.)
{LC3743/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2234

BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
(Establishes a process for payment to long-term care providers furnishing care and services to a
person applying for Medicaid assistance pending review for an application.)
{LC4135/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2235

BY Algiere, 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.)
{LC3611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2236

BY Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Crowley, Metts, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ELDERLY
AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Adds elder caregiver respite services to the web-based caregiver
support information center.)
{LC4177/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2237

BY Calkin, Seveney, Euer, Goldin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program.)

{LC3367/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2238

BY Coyne, Calkin, Seveney, DiPalma, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires all hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities to adopt policies to use a smoke evacuation system for surgical procedures that generate surgical smoke.)

{LC4158/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2239

BY Pearson, Satchell, DiPalma, Euer, Seveney

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.)

{LC3671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2240

BY Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits development of land contiguous to State House unless approved by general assembly.)

{LC4239/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2241

BY Kettle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF FOSTER - ZONING (Authorizes the town of Foster to enact an ordinance banning gravel operations from agricultural, forest management, or residential areas.)

{LC3429/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2242

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE DISTRICT
(Repeals and replaces Richmond-Carolina Fire District charter.)
{LC3811/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2243

BY Fogarty, Kettle, Morgan, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE
INCOME HOUSING (Allows mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and
manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of
compliance with the requirements of the city's or town's comprehensive use plan.)
{LC3716/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2244

BY Calkin, Felag, Quezada, Goldin, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAGES
(Gradually increases the hourly minimum wage from \$9.60 to \$15.00 on January 1, 2022, as well
as gradually increasing the hourly minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities from \$3.89
an hour to \$15.00 an hour on January 1, 2026.)
{LC3376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2245

BY Quezada, Calkin, Metts, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL
OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAY AND SUNDAY WORK (For purposes of overtime on Sundays
and holidays, remove the exemption in the definition of employees for health care and
maintenance workers, thereby entitling them to overtime pay.)
{LC4079/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2246

BY Raptakis, Morgan, Ciccone, Cote, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM
WAGES (Increases the hourly minimum wage in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for
the Northeast Region for the four (4) previous fiscal years, effective January 1, 2020.)
{LC3856/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2247

BY Lynch Prata, Quezada, Crowley, Metts, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM
WAGE (Increases the minimum wages to eleven dollars (\$11.00) per hour, commencing January
1, 2019, and to twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour, commencing January 1, 2020.)
{LC3896/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2248

BY Quezada, Nesselbush, Calkin, Metts, Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits a physician or agent thereof from
informing a patient of their life expectancy unless asked. No physician or facility or any agent
thereof shall be liable for not communicating this information.)
{LC4320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2249

BY Lombardo, Kettle, Conley, McCaffrey, Algieri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION
OF VEHICLES (Creates a special registration plate for holders of the Eagle Scout badge. The
forty dollar (\$40.00) surcharge for the plates shall be divided between the general fund and the
Narragansett Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)
{LC4330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2250

BY Lynch Prata, Felag, Gallo, Gee
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.)
{LC4150/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2251

BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING
AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces the alcoholic beverage manufacturing and wholesale
licensing fee from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to five hundred dollars (\$500).)
{LC4465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2252

BY Raptakis, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES - TRAINING (Requires the department of business regulation to administer testing to certify alcohol server training. It would also prohibit online testing.)
{LC3895/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2253

BY DiPalma, Conley, DaPonte, Pearson, Algieri

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF TRANSITIONING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BIENNIAL BUDGET (Creates a 13 member commission to study of the possibility of transitioning the state to the establishment of a biennial budget, and who would report back to the General Assembly and the Governor by February 1, 2019, and expire on July 1, 2019.)
{LC4237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2254

(by request)

BY Sheehan

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.)
{LC3913/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2255

BY Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Jabour, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS (Names the traffic tribunal building on New London Avenue "The Albert E. DeRobbio Traffic Tribunal.")
{LC4128/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2256

BY Lynch Prata, Gallo, DiPalma, Gee, Morgan

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.)
{LC4098/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2257

BY Felag, Seveney, Ciccone, Conley, Raptakis

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.)
{LC4296/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2258

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Felag, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS
(Eliminates the requirement that a service person serving in conflicts or undeclared wars receive
a campaign ribbon or expeditionary medal in order to receive a property tax exemption.)
{LC3553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2259

BY Euer, Felag, DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE
EMBLEMS (Designates the Class A Tall Ship commonly known as the "SSV Oliver Hazard
Perry" as the official flagship and tall ship ambassador of the state.)
{LC4312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2260

(by request)

BY Sheehan

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.)
{LC3916/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2261

BY Sheehan, Raptakis, Satchell, Seveney, Crowley

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 (This proposed constitution amendment, if adopted, would give the governor a line item veto in any bill appropriating money.)

{LC3350/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 2262

BY Algiere, Morgan, Gee, Kettle, Paolino

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO

{LC3311/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2263

BY Sheehan, Satchell, Raptakis, Seveney, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)

{LC3354/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2264

BY Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Gallo, Quezada, Crowley

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.)

{LC4240/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2265

BY Quezada, Calkin, Crowley, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WRONGFUL DISCHARGE FROM EMPLOYMENT (Ends Rhode Island's "employment-at-will" legal doctrine, provides job protection for employees that satisfactorily perform their duties provides specific remedies for wrongful discharge.)

{LC4118/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2266

BY Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Authorizes police departments/local drug control divisions to keep confiscated property with any derived income available for community/law enforcement purposes.)
{LC3720/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2267

BY Metts, Jabour, Quezada, Crowley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires the state to use the actual residence of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes.)
{LC3970/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2268

BY Lynch Prata, Metts, Gee, Quezada, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE HEALTHY PREGNANCIES FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN ACT (Prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant prisoners during transport to and from court proceedings by sheriffs and/or incarceration at the ACI with annual reports to the general assembly effective January 1, 2019.)
{LC4089/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2269

BY Goldin, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Repeals the provision declaring prisoners serving a life sentence civilly dead.)
{LC4220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2270

(Attorney General)

BY Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Euer, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE--MEDIATION CONFERENCE (Repeals the July 1, 2018, sunset clause in Chapters 325 and 406 of the 2013 Public Laws in regard to § 34-24-3.2 "mediation conference prior to mortgage foreclosure.")
{LC4394/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2271

BY Sheehan, Cote, Calkin, Metts, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes possession or use of a semi-automatic weapon rapid fire device to include bump stock, binary trigger or trigger crank punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment and/or a ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) fine.)

{LC3915/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2272

BY Metts, Quezada, Nesselbush, Euer, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE (Provides that prisoners who committed offenses prior to age eighteen (18) and were sentenced as adults would be eligible for parole after completing fifteen (15) years of their sentence.)

{LC4035/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2273

BY Nesselbush, Crowley, Goodwin, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT

(Defines any act of sexual penetration or contact performed by an individual with supervisory or disciplinary power, or who is in a position of authority, upon a person nineteen (19) years of age or younger, as sexual assault.)

{LC4258/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2274

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Goodwin, Metts, Calkin, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes it unlawful for any person to carry a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or on or about their person whether visible or concealed subject to certain exceptions.)

{LC4355/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2275

BY Lombardi, Jabour, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- REVISED UNIFORM FIDUCIARY ACCESS TO DIGITAL ASSETS ACT (Regulates

fiduciary and designated recipient access to digital assets relating to probate practice and procedure by creating the "Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act" to promote uniformity of the law among states that enact it.)

{LC4482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2276

(Attorney General)

BY Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Criminalizes possession of a firearm by a minor, except when the minor is engaged in certain activities and when accompanied by a parent, guardian, or qualified adult.)

{LC4387/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2277

BY Pearson, Euer, Goldin, Satchell, Seveney

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.)

{LC3905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2278

BY Pearson, Quezada, Gallo, Satchell, Lombardo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- SENATE TERMS FOR FOUR (4) YEARS (Provides for Constitutional Amendment for voter approval extending senate terms from 2 years to 4 years.)

{LC3901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2279

(Attorney General)

BY Gallo, Lombardi, Coyne, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - HOMICIDE (Known and may be cited as Kristen's Law and would include the death of all human beings as a result of a controlled substance transaction.)

{LC4343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2280

(Attorney General)

BY Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires federal national criminal records check for applicants for a hackney's operator license or a transportation network operator or driver.)

{LC4393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2281

(Attorney General)

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -

CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires an applicant for any license or registration issued by the contractors' registration and licensing board to undergo a national criminal records check, including fingerprints.)

{LC4396/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2282

BY DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Driscoll to join Kaitlin E. Twomey and Johnathan M. Clabbers in marriage on or about October 6, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC3999/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2283

BY Kettle, Cote, Paolino, Morgan, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT (Provides that when an agency publicly proposes for notice and comment or otherwise promulgates a new rule or regulation, it would identify at least one existing rule or regulation to be repealed.)

{LC3430/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2284

BY Seveney, Coyne, Calkin, DiPalma, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - FLASHING

VEHICLE LIGHTS (Enables newspaper motor route carriers to have installed upon them forward viewing a rotating amber beam lights.)

{LC4484/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2285

BY Lombardi, Jabour, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -

ELECTIVE SHARE (Clarifies the right of a surviving spouse of a decedent regarding elective shares taken against the decedent's will relating to real and personal estate to the estates of decedents dying on and after July 1, 2018.)

{LC4483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2286

BY Calkin, Quezada, Metts, Euer

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.)

{LC3369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2287

BY Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, Coyne, Lombardi, Pearson

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.)

{LC3402/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2288

BY Archambault, Lombardo, Quezada, Ciccone, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT (Renames title to be called Uniform Voidable Transaction Act/amends definition of "person"/adds substantive/procedural changes.)

{LC3748/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2289

BY Metts, Goldin, Quezada, Crowley, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Provides that only peace officers and persons approved by the school authorities for the purposes of educational instruction may carry firearms or other weapons on school grounds.)

{LC3967/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2290

BY Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Goldin, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from asking about the immigration status of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant, or prospective occupant of residential rental property.)

{LC3975/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2291

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CELL PHONE

TRACKING (Provides that cell phone tracking notice and warrant requirements do not apply to location information obtained by court order intercepting wire/oral communications or pen registers/trap and trace devices.)

{LC4353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2292

BY Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma, Pearson, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes

possession or use of a semi-automatic weapon rapid fire device to include bump stock, binary trigger or trigger crank punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment and/or a ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) fine.)

{LC4248/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2293

BY Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David P. Raiche to join Jillian Marie Rainville and Kevin James Nesbitt in marriage on or about October 12, 2018, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC4195/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2294

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REPORTING OF POLITICAL

CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE VENDORS (Amends the election laws concerning state or municipal vendors who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with the state.)

{LC4390/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2295

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Algiere

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Codifies the public corruption and white-collar crime unit within the department of attorney general.)

{LC4384/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2296

BY Paolino, Ruggerio, Morgan, Raptakis, Goodwin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits the practice of declawing cats (onychectomy) or any
partial or complete phalangectomy(s) or tendonectomy(s) on cats.)
{LC4181/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2297

BY Nesselbush, Crowley, Paolino, Goodwin, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT
(Increases the minimum penalty for first degree sexual assault from ten (10) to twenty (20) years.
The act would also create a category of cases wherein the first ten (10) years of any sentence be
ineligible for the benefits of deferment or suspension.)
{LC4261/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2298

BY Nesselbush, Fogarty, Quezada, Lombardo, Picard
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.)
{LC4256/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2299

BY Goodwin, Goldin, Sosnowski, Miller, Gallo
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.)
{LC3897/1}

Introduced, referred to Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2300

(Attorney General)
BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Algieri
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - CRIMES AGAINST THE
PUBLIC TRUST (Creates a new chapter and make several amendments to existing statutes
providing for penalties for crimes against the public trust.)
{LC4383/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2301

BY Metts, Crowley, Quezada, Ciccone, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)

{LC3969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2302

BY Lynch Prata, Gallo, Pearson, Lombardi, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates joint committee to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)

{LC4088/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2303

BY Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT (Enacts Uniform Parentage Act dealing with parent-child relationship, genetic testing, assisted reproduction, surrogacy agreements, adjudication proceedings/registry of paternity eff.

1/1/19.)

{LC4450/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2304

BY Nesselbush, Fogarty, Lombardi, Quezada, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -

NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS - BROADCAST EMPLOYEES (Prohibits the inclusion of noncompete agreements in broadcast industry employment contracts that are entered into after January 1, 2019.)

{LC4260/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2305

BY Raptakis, McCaffrey, Paolino, Cote, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

(Changes the period of time a voter may have to change their party affiliation from the 90th day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible to the 29th day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible.)

{LC3830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2306

BY Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS
AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Increases the penalties for a first offense of leaving the scene of
an accident resulting in death to a minimum five (5) years in incarceration, a minimum of ten
thousand dollars (\$10,000) and a minimum license revocation of five (5) years.)
{LC4463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2307

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Algiere
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PERSONAL CARE
ASSISTANT PROGRAM (Requires the registration, certification, and regulation of those
individuals who provide personal care assistant services to a consumer.)
{LC4357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2308

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC
RECORDS (Excludes evaluations or other personnel records of public school employees from
being deemed public records.)
{LC4429/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2309

BY Lynch Prata, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING VIANSA PORTESI ON BEING
SELECTED AS THE 2018 "DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN" FOR RHODE ISLAND
{LC4451/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2310

BY Lombardi, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF BROADWAY GAS, LLC
{LC4314/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on the Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Lounge of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will not meet on Tuesday, February, 6th.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri and upon the suggestion of Senator Satchell the Senate adjourns at 4:33 o'clock P.M. in memory of *Mary E. Magiera*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JEANINE CALKIN

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of this new day with its opportunities for growth in nobility of character and in service to others. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018:

1. **The Appointment of Michael F. McNally VICE Joseph A. Azrack to the I-195 Redevelopment Commission for a term expiring October 3, 2018.**

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

2. **2018-S 2309**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING VIANSA PORTESI ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2018 "DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN" FOR RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2018-S 2310**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF BROADWAY GAS, LLC

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.