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Twentieth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:18 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, 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, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President presents the following communications:



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

February 15, 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 today, Thursday, February 15, 2018 due to a work conflict.

I would appreciate your 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 15, 2018

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

Dear Mr. President,

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate Session today, Thursday, February 15th, as I am ill.

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

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33R

Read and placed on file.



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

February 15, 2018

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

Dear President:

I am writing to inform you that I will be unable to attend session Thursday, February 15, 2018 due to illness.

I would appreciate you recording my letter in the appropriate senate journal.

Sincerely,

Michael J. McCaffrey
Senate District 29

Read and placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2317****BY** Morgan, Lombardi, Felag, Algieri, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING CHARLES L. NILES, JR., FOR SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE FREEMASONS {LC4769/1}

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 Archambault, Nesselbush, Picard, Metts, Algieri.

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

Senate Resolution No. 2318**BY** Conley, Gallo, Seveney, Satchell, Goldin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REEXAMINE ALL RECENTLY APPROVED UTILITY RATE INCREASES FROM WHICH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION OR NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES WILL REALIZE TAX SAVINGS THIS YEAR THAT ARE NOT REFLECTED IN CURRENT RATES {LC4485/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Conley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Conley moves passage, seconded by Senators Algieri, Felag, Goodwin, Crowley, Gallo, Miller, Jabour, Ciccone, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Crowley, Quesada, Pearson, Picard, Metts, Fogarty, Satchell, Kettle, Archambault, Gee, Morgan, Paolino, Calkin, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, Goldin, Cote, and Sheehan.

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

Senate Bill No. 2319**BY** Goldin, Coyne, Euer, Miller, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Criminalizes the manufacture, import, possession, purchase, sale or transfer of any ammunition feeding device capable of accepting more than ten (10) rounds known as high capacity magazines.) {LC4226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

CALENDAR**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018:**

- 1. The Appointment of Derek M. Silva (Representing Labor) VICE Frank Montanaro to the Rhode Island Labor Relations Board for a term expiring August 1, 2021.**

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

Senator Fogarty moves that advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Felag, Conley, Ciccone, Algiere, Lombardi, Satchell, Conley, Gallo, Archambault, DiPalma, Cote, Goldin, Seveney, Lombardi, Crowley, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard and Metts.

Senators Pearson and Goodwin discuss the appointment.

The advice and consent of the senate is given this appointment, by unanimous consent, on a roll call vote, 32 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Miller, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 0:

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senators Goodwin and Goldin, and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President welcome to the Chamber the Newly appointed to the Rhode Island Labor Relations Board Derek M. Silva, daughter Isla, partner Arianne, and four members from the executive board of the Providence Fire Fighters IAFF Local 799, Hans Ramsden, Adam Chuman, Alex Varone, and Robert Crellin.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in room 313 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Goodwin announces the birthdays of Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr. and Senator Daniel DaPonte.

Senator Goodwin wishes everyone a happy and safe vacation week, and that the desk will remain open to receive new legislation during the recess week.

RECESS

Upon motion of Senator Maryellen Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri the Senate stands in recess at 4:35 o'clock P.M.

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**House Bill No. 7188**

BY Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rebecca M. Taylor to join Elizabeth Rose Thorsen and Lee Hunter Robinson in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the town of Cumberland, Rhode Island.)
{LC3790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7189

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Charles E. Alfano to join Caitlin Elizabeth Alfano and Vincent Nicholas Santaniello in Marriage on or about May 26, 2018, within the city of Newport, Rhode Island.)
{LC3766/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7253

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick J. Cafferty to join Lindsay Mary Nagel and Christopher Robert Lacek in marriage on or about June 9, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC3930/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2320**

(Secretary of State)

BY Euer, Pearson, Goldin, Jabour, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Provides that the alternate window for documents filed with the secretary of state to take effect is increased from up to thirty (30) days to up to ninety (90) days.)
{LC4336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2321

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - LONG-TERM LEASING CONTRACTS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (Clarifies that interconnection and standby transformer costs incurred by any electric distribution co. For BI be charged in transmission rates and socialized across RI and provides for the reimbursement of BI Power Co. By National Grid for such costs.)
{LC4601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2322

BY Raptakis, Jabour, Ciccone, Quezada, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTEREST AND USURY (Reduces the usury rate to twelve percent (12%).)
{LC3826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2323

BY Euer, Quezada, Pearson, Calkin, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Exempts natural hair braiders from the requirement to be licensed as hairdressers or cosmeticians, and defines the practice of natural hair braiding.)
{LC3947/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2324

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Lombardi, Conley**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.)

{LC4326/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2325**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley**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.)

{LC3839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2326

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY DaPonte, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires every electric distribution company and natural gas distribution company to submit to the division of public utilities and carriers an emergency response plan for review and approval.)

{LC4325/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2327**BY** Kettle, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES -- PRODUCE SCALES IN MARKETS

{LC3423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2328

(by request)

BY Cote, Sheehan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE CONSUMER PROTECTION SALES ACT (Creates a system of consumer protection for regulation by DBR of noninsurance business entities using or disclosing personal identifiable financial information for insurance sales.)

{LC4538/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2329**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Permits, rather than requires, electricity and gas revenues to be decoupled from sales and require submission of a full rate filing every three (3) years by electric and gas distribution companies.)
{LC4136/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2330

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Lombardo, Raptakis, DaPonte, DiPalma, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICE
{LC4121/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2331**BY** Coyne, Felag, Conley, Seveney, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Extends the co-operation requirement public utilities have by law with contractors involved in state construction projects to municipal, political subdivisions and other quasi-governmental agencies.)
{LC4720/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2332

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Picard

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.)
{LC4327/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2333**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (Allows small loan lenders to charge borrowers fees pursuant to applicable federal and state laws provided, they are disclosed and agreed to in writing.)
{LC4726/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2334**BY** Ciccone, Jabour, Miller, Archambault, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LOW-INCOME ENERGY COST ASSISTANCE (Creates an energy assistance program within the governor's energy assistance office with incentives for regular payments and conservation.)
{LC4710/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2335**BY** Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Crowley, Felag, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS (Streamlines the application and examination process as well as the educational and experience standards for applicants seeking registration as professional land surveyors.)
{LC4635/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2336**BY** Crowley, Jabour, Nesselbush, Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HOME ENERGY RATE AFFORDABILITY ACT (Creates the Home Energy Rate Affordability Program to ensure that utility rates are affordable for low-income households.)
{LC4632/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2337**BY** Miller, Goldin, Euer, DiPalma, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (Deletes the phrase "crime of moral turpitude" as a cause for denying or revoking a license of various businesses and professions.)
{LC4645/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2338**BY** Miller, Gallo, Gee, Sheehan, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Council on elementary and secondary education to mandate libraries in high schools to be open one hour before, during and one hour after school.)
{LC4535/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2339**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE UPDATING, STREAMLINING AND ENSURING RELEVANCE OF RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS TITLE 16 (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to review and make recommendations regarding the updating, streamlining and ensuring relevance of Rhode Island general laws title 16.)
{LC4715/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2340**BY** Calkin, Goldin, Sosnowski, Nesselbush, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Permits students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note.)
{LC4556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2341**BY** Gallo, Quezada, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES (Removes the requirement that a student with disabilities be a college student in order to be eligible to participate in the Mary Brennan fellowship fund program and also removes the requirement that the fellowship program take place in Providence.)
{LC4413/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2342**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Gallo, Satchell, 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.)
{LC4010/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2343**BY** Pearson, Picard, Satchell, Gallo, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Authorizes the commissioner of education, with the approval of the council on elementary and secondary education, to waive certain provisions of the laws for public schools but would prohibit the waiver of other listed provisions.)

{LC4511/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2344**BY** Paolino, Morgan, Gallo, Pearson, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, to develop curricular material on financial literacy.)

{LC4495/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2345**BY** Paolino, Morgan, Pearson, Raptakis, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CIVIC LITERACY (Requires the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to adopt a course of study on the nation's founding and related documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers.)

{LC4493/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2346**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Satchell, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Have each public institution of postsecondary education establish a plan for addressing the mental health needs of its students. Each institution shall develop policies aimed at identifying a student exhibiting suicidal behavior or tendencies.)

{LC3840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2347**BY** Satchell, Euer, Metts, Pearson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OUT OF SCHOOL TIME LEARNING COMMISSION (Creates a permanent joint commission to improve and increase the number of quality out of school time learning programs in the state.)

{LC4507/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2348**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Goldin, Gallo**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.)
{LC4008/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2349**BY** Lombardo, Metts, Cote, Nesselbush, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Permits students with necessary educational background to participate in career and technical internships.)
{LC4096/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2350**BY** Sosnowski, Goldin, Crowley, Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Prohibits the advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools that do not meet minimum federal and state governmental nutrition standards.)
{LC4599/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2351**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of elementary/secondary education and DCYF to each pay fifty percent (50%) of out-of-district transportation costs for children remaining enrolled in school at time of placement.)
{LC4780/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2352**BY** Conley, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Calkin, Pearson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN RHODE ISLAND (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to conduct a comprehensive review and make recommendations regarding the creation of a world-class education system in Rhode Island.)
{LC4716/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2353**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, Metts, Ciccone, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN -- DUTY TO REPORT (Requires representatives of educational programs to notify their leadership of all reports of sexual abuse who shall notify the department of children, youth and families and the school superintendent.)

{LC4606/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2354**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Ruggerio, Coyne, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Prohibits large retail establishments from providing plastic checkout bags/all retail establishments providing polystyrene food containers with enforcement by municipalities with opt out election effective January 1, 2021.)

{LC4162/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2355**BY** Lynch Prata, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE CLIMATE CHANGE COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND (ESTABLISHES THE RI COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND WHICH WOULD ENABLE CITIES AND TOWNS AND THE STATE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO FUND PROJECTS THAT INVEST IN MEASURES THAT ADAPT INFRASTRUCTURE ON PUBLIC LANDS TO ADDRESS THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.)

{LC4133/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 2356**BY** Calkin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING THE RHODE ISLAND SENATE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE BENEFITS OF DIRECT AIR CARBON CAPTURE

{LC4558/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2357**BY** Euer, Pearson, Conley, DiPalma, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Amends the annual bidding and enrollment process pursuant to this chapter.)

{LC4604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2358**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Miller, Conley, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BIODIESEL HEATING OIL ACT OF 2013 (Adds a definition for "fuel oil terminal" for the purposes of the Biodiesel heating oil act of 2013.)
{LC4636/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2359**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Ciccone, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY (Requires easement benefited property owners to pay costs to maintain easements or rights-of-way of property of another.)
{LC4496/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 2360**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Felag, Conley, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S DECISION TO ALLOW OFFSHORE DRILLING IN MOST OF AMERICA'S COASTAL WATERS
{LC4612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2361**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Goldin, Crowley, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- RHODE ISLAND SEED ACT (Provides that jurisdiction of all use of agricultural and vegetable seeds is vested exclusively in the director of the department of environmental management.)
{LC4637/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2362**BY** Calkin, Sosnowski, Seveney, Quezada, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS-THE ENERGY AND CONSUMER SAVINGS ACT OF 2005 (Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold or installed in the state.)
{LC3600/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2363**BY** Ciccone, Gallo, Felag, DiPalma, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RETAIL SALE OF GASOLINE (Eliminates the requirement that a waiver for fuel content standards be obtained from both weights and measures (DLT) and the department of environmental management (DEM).)

{LC4517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2364**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Metts, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from personal income tax the first \$25,000 a taxpayer received from pensions, interest income, 401k plans and individual retirement accounts, and up to \$50,000 for joint filers.)

{LC3788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2365**BY** Felag, Sosnowski, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes a charitable food donation tax credit to encourage donations of food to nonprofit organizations.)

{LC4774/1}

2/15/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2366

(by request)

BY Sosnowski, Picard, Goldin, Crowley, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Increases the amount from eighteen thousand dollars

(\$18,000) to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) that retired state educators could earn in yearly compensation in their post-retirement, before their retirement benefits would be reduced.)

{LC4597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2367**BY** Sheehan, Cote, Archambault, Picard, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Suspends the imposition of the minimum business corporation tax of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) for a period of three (3) years from the date of incorporation with the secretary of state.)

{LC3570/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2368**BY** Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Addresses the age-related disparate treatment of state employees who were eligible to retire by reason of age on June 30, 2012. The act exempts these employees from the 401(a) plan, and returns them to the traditional defined benefit plan.)
{LC4539/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2369**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides for proration of a homestead exemption in the city of Central Falls in cases when property is transferred during the year for which the exemption is claimed.)
{LC4375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2370**BY** Archambault, Picard, Fogarty, Quezada, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Clarifies depreciation relating to new books value calculation company's tangible personal property to include physical deterioration/functional/economic obsolescence.)
{LC3710/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2371**BY** Raptakis, Jabour, Kettle, Sheehan, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides that in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year.)
{LC3920/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2372**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Authorizes and direct the board of governors for higher education to assess a transportation fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per semester to students attending a RI public institution of higher learning.)
{LC4442/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2373**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Goldin, Gallo

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
{LC4009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2374**BY** Algieri, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Miller

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF \$175,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$175,000 to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.)
{LC4628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2375**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Reinstates for one year, from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, the formula used to distribute hotel tax funds prior to January 1, 2016.)
{LC4127/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2376**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Permits the department of transportation to lease state airport property for a period of fifty (50) years and requires one member of the airport corporation board of directors to have a pilot's license.)
{LC4055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2377

(RI Airport Corporation)

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS (Establishes the RI airport and aviation fund to be managed by the Rhode Island airport corporation and funded by an aviation jet fuel excise tax in the amount of 7% of the gross sales of aviation jet fuel sold and used in the propulsion of aircraft.)
{LC4613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2378**BY** Archambault, Nesselbush, Jabour, Lombardi, Lynch Prata**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.)
{LC4656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2379**BY** Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Requires the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation to annually pay six million dollars (\$6,000,000) to the town of Johnston in addition to any other monies paid to the town by the corporation.)
{LC4100/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2380**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Euer, Lombardo, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Allows a public entity, educational institution, hospital, nonprofit, or multi-municipal collaborative to participate in net metering without having to own the land on which the net metering resource is situated.)
{LC4530/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2381**BY** Goldin, Satchell, Miller, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Increases the compensation of direct-care staff of nursing facilities as a result of the application of the inflation index.)
{LC4424/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2382**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the Tiverton town council to grant, by ordinance, property tax credits and removes the current property assessment value-based tax exemptions for veterans, gold star parents and visually impaired persons.)
{LC4553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2383**BY** Seveney, Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows Tiverton to prorate tax due and payable upon sale of tax exempt property to purchaser holding no tax exempt status for that calendar year.)
{LC4552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2384**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Increases motion picture and musical and theatrical production tax or rebate incentives from 25% to 30% of the state-certified production costs, and eliminates the sunset clauses for the incentives granted for those productions.)
{LC4533/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2385**BY** DaPonte, Lombardo, Felag, DiPalma, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides that Rhode Island adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes would be reduced by the amount of individual retirement account rollover distributions.)
{LC4275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2386**BY** Fogarty, Jabour, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT (Provides for a residential renewable energy systems tax credit.)
{LC3714/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2387**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Metts, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the council on postsecondary education to assess a transportation fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per semester to students attending a Rhode Island public institution of higher learning.)
{LC4608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2388**BY** Archambault, Picard, Fogarty, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Changes the minimum corporate tax by calculating the tax based on gross income.)

{LC3719/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2389**BY** Satchell, Conley, Calkin, Goldin, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds

three (3) new income tax brackets for purposes of Rhode Island state income taxation.)

{LC4452/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2390**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Cote, Jabour**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION

DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND

MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

{LC4686/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2391**BY** Archambault, Nesselbush, Jabour, Lombardi, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION

TAX (Clarifies depreciation by taking into account physical deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence.)

{LC4682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2392**BY** Conley, Coyne, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Exempts Associated Radio Amateurs of Southern New England from real and personal property taxes.)

{LC4476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2393**BY** Lombardi, Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Gallo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Reduces the rental period from thirty (30) days to six (6) days in regard to the exclusion from the definition of occupancy for any home, condominium or other residential dwelling rented.)

{LC4497/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2394**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Repeals the sales tax on pet care services.)

{LC4149/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2395**BY** Lombardo, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND

RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Increases the Resource Recovery Corporation tipping fee from three dollars (\$3.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle to be paid to the town of Johnston on a biannual basis.)

{LC4101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2396**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Allows a credit against the Rhode Island estate tax of ninety-nine thousand six hundred dollars (\$99,600) for decedents who have died after December 31, 2018.)

{LC4480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2397**BY** Conley, Gallo, Seveney, Satchell, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE

FACILITIES STAFFING (Broadens definition of "employee" to include assistants/technologists providing direct medical care to patients and allows union/association to file appeal to personnel appeal board.)

{LC4481/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2398**BY** Pearson

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.)
{LC4607/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2399**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Goldin, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member.)
{LC4116/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2400**BY** Goldin, Calkin, Miller, Sosnowski, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Establishes a special enrollment provision for pregnant women to obtain health insurance coverage at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy.)
{LC4217/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2401**BY** Lynch Prata, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS--THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2018 (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patient's Right To Try Act of 2018," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.)
{LC4430/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2402**BY** Goldin, DiPalma, Satchell, Miller, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS (Requires managed care organizations to consult with the EOHHS to develop incentives for nursing facilities that demonstrate lower direct care staff turnover.)
{LC4225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2403**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.)
{LC4540/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2404**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Gallo, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT (Provides for consumer protection in eye care services by developing standards and enforcement protocols related to the utilization of emergent technologies in the provision of eye care services and for the delegation of eye care services by providers.)
{LC4724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2405**BY** Metts, Morgan, Paolino, Cote, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Allows parents or guardians of a child to opt out of vaccines for non-casual contact diseases transmitted by sexual contact.)
{LC4723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2406**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Miller, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES - INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Establishes rights pursuant to pharmacist-patient relationship.)
{LC4711/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2407**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Lombardi, Quezada, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Includes in the practice of physical therapy ordering diagnostic images and studies provided they are performed and interpreted by other licensed health care professionals.)
{LC4782/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2408

(by request)

BY Sheehan, Nesselbush, Euer, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits medical licensure and discipline board/hospitals/health care insurers from denying a license/hospital privileges/network provider/equal reimbursement status to osteopaths lacking board certification.)
{LC3867/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2409

BY DiPalma, Pearson, Euer, Lombardo, Miller

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.)
{LC4523/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2410

(by request)

BY Sheehan, Nesselbush, Euer, Calkin, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Requires the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline to provide for reciprocal licensure of physicians from other jurisdictions under certain conditions, and in connection therewith, requires the board to promulgate applicable rules and regulations.)
{LC3865/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2411

(Attorney General)

BY Crowley, Metts, Quezada, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Provides group health plan or insurers cover clinically appropriate residential services, including detoxification for treatment of mental health or substance-abuse disorders and the patient remain presumptively covered during the assessment review.)
{LC4359/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2412**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES
(Requires written notice of public hearing to all real property owners when proposed zoning amendment seeks to merge lots of those owners.)
{LC4859/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2413**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
(Requires that building height in special flood hazard zones be measured from the base flood elevation.)
{LC4858/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2414**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES (Increases from three (3) to six (6) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.)
{LC3718/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2415**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, Coyne, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE
(Requires that municipalities enact ordinances establishing building permit fees which are based on the actual cost of permitting activities. This act would empower the state building code commissioner to ensure compliance.)
{LC4528/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2416**BY** Quezada, Metts, Calkin, Goodwin, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - BAIL AND
RECOGNIZANCE (Amends the conditions of bail and recognizance to permit the release of a person charged with a misdemeanor without financial conditions.)
{LC3449/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2417**BY** Metts, Quezada, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL TENURE AND DISCIPLINE (Amends several provisions relative to how the commission on judicial tenure and discipline provide discipline, hearings and discovery.)

{LC3977/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2418**BY** Coyne, Miller**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF LEGALIZING MARIJUANA (This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the effects of legalizing marijuana from March 1, 2018, to May 31, 2018, and said commission would expire on July 1, 2018.)

{LC4647/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2419

(Secretary of State)

BY Lynch Prata, Calkin, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Creates an in-person early voting process and amends the mail ballot requirements.)

{LC4341/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2420**BY** Archambault, Metts, Jabour, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - TRIAL (Establishes compliance/certification procedure for criminal pre-trial discovery/creates a 9 member task force to investigate/make recommendations, pre-trial discovery with report due 1/1/20 and dissolution on 1/1/22.)

{LC3453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2421**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Algieri, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF ELDERS--ABUSE AND ISOLATION OF ELDERS OR DEPENDENT ADULTS -- THE PETER FALK CRIMINAL ISOLATION OF ELDERS ACT (Criminalizes isolation of an elder or dependent adult and would provide that certain notification requirements be fulfilled on behalf of elder persons or dependent adults.)

{LC4346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2422**BY** Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Revises access to public records charter re: definitions of public body public record, right to inspect, copy records, arrest logs, compliance, costs, court jurisdiction, remedies, claims settlement, violations.)
{LC3713/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2423**BY** Metts, Quezada, Jabour, Goldin, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Increases the maximum administrative penalty levied against real estate brokers and salespersons from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per violation.)
{LC4610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2424**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Ciccone, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY-- LIMITATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS (Makes a technical amendment to the statute which provides for the automatic termination of certain real property restrictions after thirty (30) years has lapsed.)
{LC4770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2425

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Goodwin, Archambault, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses under § 31-27-2 ("Driving Under Influence of Liquor or Drugs") and § 31-27-2.1 ("Refusal to Submit to Chemical Test") from five (5) to ten (10) years.)
{LC4382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2426**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Ciccone, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - UNINSURED MOTORIST IDENTIFICATION DATABASE PROCEDURE (Mandates each motor vehicle policy insurer provide a weekly record of each policy to the department of motor vehicles. A vehicle owner not insured for four (4) reporting periods must be notified to meet certain requirements.)
{LC4777/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2427**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Requires notice to the assessor of new subdivisions of land and provides for a proration of real estate taxes to be applied thereto.)
{LC4554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2428**BY** Metts, Lombardi, Quezada, Satchell, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Amends the penalty provisions for disorderly conduct and willful trespass to monetary penalties only, absent certain circumstances, and would make a first or second offense shoplifting a civil violation.)
{LC3451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2429**BY** Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush, Goodwin, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - FAMILY COURT (Expands jurisdiction of the family court in regard to certain immigrant children.)
{LC4772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2430**BY** Conley, Goldin, Euer, Lynch Prata, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)
{LC4626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2431**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW--RESALE OF UNITS (Imposes a penalty on a condominium association for failing to deliver a resale certificate within ten (10) days of a request by a unit owner, and establishes a maximum fee of \$125 for compiling a resale certificate.)
{LC4788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2432**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Prohibits misrepresentation of pet as service dog. DOH to provide decals/signs and information to businesses. Penalty of \$500 and/or 30 hours community service for violators.)

{LC4412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2433**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Ciccone, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS (Allows a person to make satisfactory arrangements for the payment of motor vehicle fines or costs, and would permit a person to request an ability to pay hearing before a license is suspended for failure to pay such fines or costs.)

{LC4779/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2434**BY** Archambault, Satchell, Miller, Conley, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Increases the number of permits for medical marijuana compassion centers from three (3) to twelve (12).)

{LC3729/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2435**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ORDINANCES (Allows cities and towns to issue violations to vehicles which are used for illegal dumping of materials, pursuant to city and town ordinances.)

{LC4683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2436**BY** Sheehan, Jabour, Kettle, Nesselbush, Calkin**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE NEED AND/OR FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A PUBLICLY FUNDED CAMPAIGN OPTION FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES (Creates a 7 member commission to study the need and/or feasibility of implementing a publicly funded campaign option for General Assembly candidates, and who would report back to the Senate by February 5, 2019, and expire on May 5, 2019.)

{LC4508/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2437**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITALS CONVERSIONS ACT (Requires hospitals closing ER dept/primary care services to pay expenses for special master/financial consultant/submit written plan dealing with employees/establish ad hoc community leader group/offset closure effect on municipality for 5 years.)

{LC4781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2438**BY** Nesselbush, Fogarty, Pearson, Quezada, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Revokes beneficiary status of a spouse upon the divorce or annulment to the designor.)

{LC4605/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2439**BY** Ciccone, Ruggerio, Paolino, Nesselbush, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE (Increases the amount of purchases the North Providence's purchasing agent may purchase an item, without bid, from \$1,500 to \$2,500.)

{LC4070/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2440

(Secretary of State)

BY Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION (Requires the secretary of state to notify the appropriate elected official of a newly registered voter's most recent former place of residence, only if it is located outside of Rhode Island.)

{LC4335/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2441**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Joseph P. Baxter to join Bethany E. Marchetti and Thomas P. Gentile in marriage on or about October 7, 2018, within the town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC4721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2442**BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Calkin, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Requires that any use of a premises for marijuana cultivation be disclosed in any real estate transaction.)
{LC4161/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2443**BY** Goldin, Calkin, Lynch Prata, Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act to provide mechanism for terminally ill patient to choose to end their life using physician prescribed drugs.)
{LC4227/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2444**BY** Gallo, Ciccone, Conley, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE GENERALLY (Exempts residential property from the definition of vacant property provided the owner of the property is in the process of renovation and/or rehabilitation.)
{LC4776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2445**BY** Morgan, Paolino, Kettle, Lynch Prata, Coyne**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND ADOPT A MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ANIMAL ABUSE CROSS REPORTING SYSTEM
{LC4820/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2446

(Secretary of State)

BY Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (Any person having a designated party affiliation can change it on or before the 29th day preceding a primary election. It also changes the date of primaries.)
{LC4731/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2447**BY** Metts, Jabour, Quezada, Crowley, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Entitles person to have criminal conviction records expunged if the offense is decriminalized subsequent to the conviction.)
{LC4477/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2448**BY** Goldin, Conley, Miller, Calkin, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the voter identification law.)
{LC4218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2449

(by request)

BY Cote, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Reduces the statutory interest on judgments for money in civil actions from twelve percent (12%) to six percent (6%).)
{LC3360/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2450

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata, Crowley, Goodwin, Coyne, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits the electronic dissemination of images, without consent, of another engaged in sexually explicit conduct or the intimate parts of another, where a reasonable person knows or understands that the image was to remain private.)
{LC4386/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2451

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Goodwin, Archambault, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Creates a new criminal offense of driving under the influence resulting in non-serious bodily injury.)
{LC4389/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2452**BY** Jabour, Felag, McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES - PORTABILITY OF CREDIT (Establishes portability of the estate tax credit and allow a deceased spousal unused credit against the Rhode Island estate tax of a surviving spouse for the unused estate tax credit of the first spouse to die.)
{LC4479/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2453**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Ciccone, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (Raises the minimum attorneys' fee awarded to a claimant from fifty dollars (\$50) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) in certain instances in unemployment compensation matters.)
{LC4522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2454**BY** DaPonte, Raptakis, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Exempts individuals validly licensed in their country and holding a validly issued study or work Visa from the state's licensing requirements.)
{LC4273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2455**BY** Coyne, Seveney, Conley, DiPalma, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Limits the issuance of pistol and revolver carry permits to the office of the attorney general.)
{LC4453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2456

(Attorney General)

BY Goldin, Calkin, Coyne, Miller, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Provides that applicants for gun permits submit to national records check including fingerprinting by FBI.)
{LC4392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2457**BY** Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Nesselbush, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Makes litigation
loan agreements subject to state usury laws.)
{LC4047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2458**BY** Lynch Prata, Gallo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Narrows the definition of an adult for the purposes of
proceedings in family court to only those eighteen (18) years of age and older.)
{LC3455/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2459**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Archambault**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.)
{LC4494/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2460**BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE
LIABILITY LIMITATION ACT (Regulates snow removal contracts between service providers
and service receivers, limit liability between them, and declare certain indemnity agreements
void as against public policy.)
{LC4057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2461**BY** Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Provided that any law or regulations which prohibits or protects
a person from exposure to second-hand smoke would include second-hand marijuana smoke or
vapor.)
{LC4581/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2462**BY** Felag, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Catherine Ham to join Laura A. Montgomery and Thomas M. Malone in marriage on or about June 2, 2018, within the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.)
{LC4516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2463**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardo, Ciccone, Jabour, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-MOTOR VEHICLES REPARATIONS ACT (Penalizes a motorist for two (2) separate violations if they are driving an unregistered motor vehicle and without insurance or proof of insurance.)
{LC4329/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2464**BY** Coyne, Miller, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS -- CHILDREN (Provides certain restrictions on the sale of tobacco products, enhances the definition of "tobacco products", and raises the legal minimum age to purchase tobacco products and nicotine-delivery systems from 18 to 21 years of age.)
{LC4324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2465

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Goodwin, Archambault, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for driving offenses.)
{LC4385/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2466**BY** Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SPECIAL POLICE FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (Clarifies the jurisdiction of special police officers upon the land and buildings of educational institutions, and on roads adjacent to the educational institutions to instances where the officer notices that a person is in danger of bodily harm.)
{LC4531/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2467**BY** DaPonte, Satchell, Jabour, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (Requires that parties to a hospital conversion be subject to a review of any defined pension plan.)
{LC4274/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2468**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Audrey Boyle to join Kaitlynne Erin Ward and Gregory Alan Morris in marriage on or about August 31, 2018, within the town of Lincoln, Rhode Island.)
{LC4472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2469**BY** Gallo, Quezada, Ciccone, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a worker rights' training program established and funded by the department of labor and training.)
{LC4487/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2470**BY** Goldin, Fogarty, Miller, Goodwin, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Amends the computation formula relative to temporary disability insurance and adds siblings and caregivers to those workers eligible to receive temporary caregiver insurance.)
{LC4598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2471**BY** Ciccone, Calkin, Goldin, Euer, Nesselbush**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.)
{LC4443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2472**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Algieri, Euer, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - JOBS DEVELOPMENT ACT

(Sunset/discontinue the Jobs Development Act rate reduction as of July 1, 2018.)

{LC4529/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2473**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Seveney, Goldin, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

APPROPRIATE DISABILITY LANGUAGE (Ensures appropriate disability language is used in job descriptions and statutes.)

{LC4532/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2474**BY** Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT

OF WAGES (Eliminates repealed statute references and creates a mechanism for workers to enforce their existing right to continuation of medical benefits, reinstatement after returning from being a temporary caregiver and relating to Sunday pay wage laws.)

{LC4478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2475**BY** Goldin, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Expands the protections and remedies for employees against employers who pay wage differentials based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability; age or country of ancestral origin.)

{LC4054/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2476**BY** Goldin, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM

WAGE--GRATUITIES (Incrementally increases from the \$3.89 per hour subminimum wage for tipped workers to \$9.00 per hour on January 1, 2022, Starting on January 1, 2023, the minimum hourly wage for tipped workers would be equal to the state's regular minimum hourly wage.)

{LC4219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2477**BY** Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE-WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Repeals § 25-3-7 of the general laws which gives the director of the department of labor and training the authority to exempt certain classes of employees from receiving overtime pay for Sunday and holiday work.)
{LC4474/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2478**BY** Satchell, Miller, Goldin, Nesselbush, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Gradually increases the minimum hourly wage for employees of employers who provide services to five (5) or more persons with developmental disabilities.)
{LC4629/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2479**BY** Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Amends the fair employment practices act by clearly establishing that employees of a defendant employer may be individually liable for unfair employment practices.)
{LC4489/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2480**BY** Algiere, Kettle, Morgan, Gee, Paolino**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 investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.)
{LC4559/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 2481**BY** Nesselbush, Lombardo, Paolino, Calkin, Jabour**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 (SESSIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY) (Proposes a constitutional amendment which, if approved by the voters, changes the opening date of the general assembly to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, and provides for adjournment no later than the Friday preceding Memorial Day.)
{LC4536/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 2482**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Conley, Algieri, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Amends the date for issuance of a new, fully reflective
registration plate from January 1, 2019 to July 1, 2019.)
{LC4551/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2483**BY** Goldin, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Creates additional restrictions on the times for which caterers with a Class P license may serve
alcohol.)
{LC4221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2484

(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 courtesy
registration plate for a vehicle more than twenty-five (25) years old.)
{LC4771/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2485**BY** DaPonte, Satchell, DiPalma, Pearson, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a Day of Portugal and Portuguese Heritage in RI,
Inc. motor vehicle license plate.)
{LC4331/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2486**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - DISABILITY
BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (Expands the existing disability business enterprises program.)
{LC4775/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2487**BY** Fogarty, Jabour, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES
(After 7/1/18, cities and towns would have authority to exempt themselves from the prohibition against issuing alcoholic beverage licenses within two hundred feet (200') of a school or church.)
{LC3722/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2488**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Permits the division of motor vehicles to issue a certificate of title to certain types of trailers, including a travel trailer, a fifth wheel trailer, and a park trailer.)
{LC4891/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2489**BY** Gallo, Ciccone, Conley, Goodwin, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES
(Adds prepackaged cheeses to the items allowed for sale at Class A license holders premises in towns or cities of ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants.)
{LC4709/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 2490**BY** Ruggerio, Algiere, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPELLING NICHOLAS D. KETTLE, SENATOR FOR DISTRICT 21, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SENATE PURSUANT TO R.I. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7
{LC4947/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:21 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algiere, the Senate adjourns at 4:22 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR DONNA M. NESSELBUSH

Lord, we ask you to keep us safe and healthy over the vacation break, and allow us to return refreshed so we may continue to serve in the best interests of our people. Amen