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Twenty Third Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 34 Senators present and 2 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

ABSENT – 2: Senators DaPonte and Raptakis

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

Upon suggestion of Senator Picard 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**

March 1, 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, March 1st as I will be out of state on business.

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

Sincerely,

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and placed on file.

March 1, 2018

The Honorable Senate
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

To the Honorable, the Senate:

Pursuant to Section 5.1 of the Senate Rules, I am making the following appointment:

Senate Committee on Finance

Thomas J. Paolino

Sincerely,

Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate

Read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairwoman Gallo, from the Committee on Education, reports back, with recommendation of the passage of the following measures:

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

Chairman Fogarty, from the Committee on Labor, reports back, with recommendation of the passage of the following measure:

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 2495****BY** Fogarty, Algieri, Lombardi, Felag, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD A. JENKS
{LC4956/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Fogarty requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Fogarty moves passage, seconded by Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, Felag, Gee, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Metts.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. **2018-S 2418**
 BY Coyne
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE
 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF
 LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. **2018-S 2441**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

3. **2018-S 2462**
 BY Felag
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. **2018-S 2468**
 BY Raptakis
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

5. **2018-H 7065**
 BY Ruggiero
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

6. **2018-H 7187**
 BY Canario
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

7. **2018-H 7188**
 BY Ackerman
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

8. 2018-H 7189**BY** Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

9. 2018-H 7253**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

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

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Calkin, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski.

NAYS – 0:**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. 7041**BY** McNamara, Morin, O'Brien, Solomon, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

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

{LC3060/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 7072

BY Solomon, Phillips, Cunha, Lima, Nardolillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits development of land contiguous to State House unless approved by general assembly.)
{LC3333/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 7360

BY Giarrusso

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DONEGAN & ASSOCIATES, LTD.
{LC4186/1}

Placed on the Consent Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2496**

BY Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Fogarty, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Requires an insurer of life insurance to provide annual notice to the insured and provides instructions and necessary forms to change the beneficiary.)
{LC4848/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2497

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE DATA SECURITY ACT (Creates the "Insurance Data Security Act" which would adopt the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act regarding data security.)
{LC4930/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2498

BY Lombardo, Fogarty, Archambault, Pearson, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- UNDERGROUND UTILITY EXCAVATION (Requires public utilities or its contractors to reimburse excavators for lost time expense incurred as a result of incorrect markings.)
{LC4646/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2499**BY** Cote, Lombardo, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LEAST COST PROCUREMENT (Caps the system benefit charge at the annual published Consumer Price Index or two and one-half percent (2.5%), whichever is greater.)
{LC5087/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2500**BY** Cote, Lombardo, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the office of energy resources to conduct a study to verify the energy savings measures from the state energy efficiency programs.)
{LC5088/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2501**BY** Raptakis, Morgan, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UTILITY DISTRICT ENERGY COSTS (Requires the state to pay the energy costs necessary to supply public street lighting if the local utility district fails to do so.)
{LC3829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2502**BY** Euer, Jabour, Goldin, Satchell, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS (Provides for the consolidation of food truck registration within the department of business regulation to streamline the registration process and reduce the burden on small businesses.)
{LC4926/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 2503**BY** Pearson, Satchell, Gallo, Lombardi, Picard

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATION REFORM ACT (MERA) OF 1993, AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE RHODE ISLAND'S OVERALL EDUCATION STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE
{LC4963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2504**BY** Quezada, Crowley, Metts, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT -- DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER] (Directs the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to issue regulations restricting cell phone use by students in the public schools during the school day unless they are being used in connection with an assignment or curriculum.)
{LC4969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2505**BY** Pearson, Gallo, Satchell, Seveney, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires charter school populations to reflect the combined demographics of the sending district(s).)
{LC4729/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2506**BY** Ciccone, Miller, Felag, Gallo, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE WORLD LANGUAGE AND DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT (Establishes and requires funding for a world language and dual language immersion program.)
{LC5159/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2507**BY** Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING (Removes the requirement that hunting and fishing licenses may be issued only by town and city clerks.)
{LC4786/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2508**BY** Miller, Calkin, Euer, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Requires fossil fuel facilities to also invest in renewable energy.)
{LC4946/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 2509**BY** Calkin, Seveney, Conley, Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING THE RHODE ISLAND SENATE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY (This resolution creates a 21 member commission to study and make recommendations concerning the development, use and economic benefits of renewable energy, and who would report back to the Senate by January 2, 2019, and expire on January 3, 2019.)
{LC3597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2510**BY** Coyne, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Amends the definition of a kennel to include a "residence" as a location that may not be considered a kennel and specifies how many animals are permitted therein.)
{LC5029/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2511**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Coyne, Conley, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - SHELLFISH GROUNDS (Ensures compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.)
{LC4927/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2512**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Applies the hotel tax distribution formula for entities within the Providence regional tourism district to any and all hotels physically connected to the Rhode Island Convention Center.)
{LC4773/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2513**BY** Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Increases threshold amount for contractor bonds to \$100,000, allows for waiver of bond on projects up to \$250,000, reduces time for payments to contractors and subcontractors and authorizes related regulations.)
{LC4931/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2514**BY** Pearson, DaPonte, Picard, Seveney, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - APPROPRIATION TO THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT FUND (Authorizes the appropriation of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the professional development investment fund for fiscal year 2019.)

{LC4912/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2515**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- PAYMENT OF STATUTORY FEES (Authorizes state agencies to allow vendors to withhold a commission for developing electronic filing systems.)

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2516**BY** Picard, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Prohibits nonprofit hospitals from real and personal property tax exemptions if nonprofit converts to a for-profit and then back to a nonprofit.)

{LC5045/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2517**BY** Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Crowley, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the dates of the R.E.C. meeting to the last ten (10) of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.)

{LC4905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2518**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Goldin**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE MUNICIPAL POLICE ACADEMY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

{LC3213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2519**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION-VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Gives cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or their surviving spouse from taxation.)
{LC5084/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2520**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Restores the forty-seven percent (47%) distribution percentage with respect to hotel tax proceeds generated in the various regional districts and repeals the separate formula used for hosting platforms.)
{LC4817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2521**BY** Conley, Lynch Prata, DiPalma, Seveney, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales and use taxes specialized packaging equipment such as kegs and barrel containers for alcoholic beverages.)
{LC4869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2522**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Requires a long-term economic policy/strategic implementation plan to receive a public hearing by house/senate, but also a vote of approval with transmittal to the governor for signature before it takes effect.)
{LC3858/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2523**BY** Felag, Goodwin

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT REQUIRED BY THE MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Establishes the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals as well as any initiatives and proposals requiring amendments to the Medicaid state plan.)
{LC4512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2524**BY** Felag, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - HOME COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY (Expands eligibility for elderly services assistance to persons under age 65 suffering from physician confirmed Alzheimer's disease related dementia with income not to exceed 250% of federal poverty level.)
{LC5160/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2525**BY** Raptakis, Ciccone, Cote, Sheehan, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Places twelve percent (12%) per annum interest rate on delinquent tax payments for business corporation, sales and use, estate and personal income taxes.)
{LC3825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2526**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Euer, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax any amount a construction contractor charges its clients for materials and supplies in connection with a construction contract.)
{LC4680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2527**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Excludes reality TV show(s) from receipt of tax credits/removes \$5 million tax credit cap per motion picture/repeals sunset provisions for tax credits for motion pictures/musical/theatrical productions.)
{LC4900/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2528**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Grants flexibility to enterprise fund entities, by allowing for the waiver of certain state purchasing requirements.)
{LC5046/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2529**BY** Euer, Goldin, Sosnowski, Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires individual/group health ins. Contracts eff. 1/1/19 to provide insured/spouse/dependents 12 month contraceptive coverage/voluntary sterilization/patient education/counseling/follow-up services and Medicaid recipient coverage for a 12 month supply.)

{LC4725/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2530**BY** Crowley, Quezada, Miller, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH (Expands the current law so that RI adult residents would be included in the department of health immunization registry presently maintained for children. Also provides that any person may opt-out of the registry by contacting the department.)

{LC4928/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2531**BY** Goldin, Sosnowski, Miller, Crowley, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE (Provides that any person, including, but not limited to, a minor who is pregnant, could give effective consent for medical, dental, health and hospital services relating to prenatal, delivery, and post-delivery care.)

{LC4880/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2532**BY** Miller, Goldin, Calkin, Satchell, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS-

-PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKETING (Regulates prescription drug marketing by manufacturers using schemes offering various discounts to disguise costs of high priced drugs versus lower costs alternatives and makes discounts available to individuals without health insurance. Effective 1/1/19.)

{LC4815/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2533**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Satchell, DiPalma, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Expands certain rights of persons with developmental disabilities.)
{LC4929/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2534

(Dept. of Health)

BY Satchell, Miller, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Exempts certain prepackaged manufacturer-supplied steroids and hormones from the pharmaceutical dosage limits contained in the uniform controlled substance act.)
{LC4933/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2535**BY** Miller, Goldin, Calkin, Satchell, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES - REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT (Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative and to pay an annual fee for each name listed with the department of business regulation.)
{LC4814/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2536**BY** Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Renders participating provider contracts between health insurance carriers/health plans with health care providers covered by group/facility agreements binding on all licensed providers without need for individual contracts.)
{LC4970/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2537**BY** Picard, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance companies to cover non-opioid treatments for pain which includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, massage therapy, acupuncture and oriental medicine.)
{LC4342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2538**BY** DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS (Allows for a nurse to delegate tasks to nursing assistants and authorizes the department of health to promulgate regulations that delineate delegable tasks.)
{LC3200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2539**BY** Miller, Goodwin, Conley, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- NON-OPIATE DIRECTIVE (Establishes a procedure for individuals to file a revocable voluntary non-opiate directive form with the person's licensed health care practitioner.)
{LC4812/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2540**BY** Seveney, Coyne, Miller, DiPalma, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Includes behavioral health counseling visits and medication maintenance visits as primary care visits for patient cost-sharing requirements under the provisions of a health plan.)
{LC4935/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2541**BY** Miller, Goodwin, Conley, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES--PARTIAL FILLS (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a partial fill of a Schedule II controlled substance at the request of the patient or the prescriber.)
{LC4882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2542**BY** DiPalma, Goldin, Euer, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Permits payments to parents who serve as certified nursing assistant caregiver for their children.)

{LC3182/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2543**BY** DiPalma, Conley, Miller, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS - DIVISION OF

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Provides for authorizations for services to developmentally disabled adults issued on or after July 1, 2018 be developed on an annual basis with funding for these services to be issued on an annual basis.)

{LC4633/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2544**BY** Pearson, Lombardo, Picard, Seveney, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY

(Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductible for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for medical osteopathic physician office visits.)

{LC4881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2545**BY** Miller, Goldin, Calkin, Satchell, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INSURANCE

COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.)

{LC4868/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2546**BY** Miller, Goldin, Calkin, Satchell, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE

DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires the directors of BHDDH to develop and implement a program to offer financial incentives to hospitals and emergency facilities that achieve Level 1 certification in level of care.)

{LC4813/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2547**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (Establishes aging/disability resource center within division of elderly affairs as part of long-term care system for elderly/disabled persons/family caregivers/providers and makes annual appropriation in the sum of \$1,000,000 to establish the center.)
{LC4093/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

Senate Resolution No. 2548**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO ASSESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND CHOICE, COVERAGE AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY, AND MARKET STABILITY (Extends the reporting date of the Senate commission to assess and make recommendations on health insurance issues relating to consumer protection and choice, coverage affordability and quality, and market stability, from March 1, 2018, to June 1, 2018.)
{LC4994/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 2549**BY** Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE THE ADVISABILITY OF RHODE ISLAND JOINING THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special Senate commission to examine the advisability of Rhode Island joining the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, from March 1, 2018, to June 1, 2018, and would expire on June 30, 2018.)
{LC4993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2550**BY** Satchell, Miller, DaPonte, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually develop a list of critical prescription drugs for which there is a substantial public interest in understanding the development of the drugs' price.)
{LC4883/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2551**BY** Goodwin, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (Establishes aging/disability resource center within division of elderly affairs as part of long-term care system for elderly/disabled persons/family caregivers/providers.)
{LC4105/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2552**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Establishes a public scorecard system to show how long-term care reform is meeting its goals of rebalancing the way services are delivered and moneys are spent on various service types.)
{LC4640/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2553**BY** Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT ACT OF 2013 (Requires DHS to seek Medicaid section 1115 waivers to provide caregiver support services for family caregivers, and provides for the creation of annual reports by DHS to track the number of caregiver assessments given by the department.)
{LC4642/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2554**BY** Felag, Conley, Gallo, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Livable Home Modification Grant allowing individuals to retrofit their residence to nationally recognized accessibility standards and receive fifty percent (50%) of the total sum spent, up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)
{LC4810/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2555**BY** Pearson, Picard, Seveney, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS (Requires the department of transportation to clear sidewalks of snow and ice on state roads for school bus stops along routes approved by the respective school committees and chief of police for each city and town.)

{LC4901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2556**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE I-195 REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011 (Allows the I-195 Redevelopment commission to make certain alterations to the boundaries of a portion of the I-195 redevelopment called "Parcel P4".)

{LC5006/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2557**BY** Ciccone, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Amends several provisions relative to truck size and weight limitations to be compatible with federal law.)

{LC4937/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2558**BY** Raptakis, Satchell, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (Reduces the term of office members and chair of the Kent County Water District board from seven (7) years to three (3) years, effective September 1, 2018 and limits the chair to three (3) consecutive terms.)

{LC4617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2559**BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalty for anyone found guilty of reckless driving while eluding police to a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and subject to a loss of license from 1 to 2 years and a possible forfeiture of their motor vehicle.)

{LC3831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2560**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NOTARIES PUBLIC AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Repeals the current state provisions regarding notaries and adopts an adapted version of the "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts.")

{LC4334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2561**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Sosnowski, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback period" for second and subsequent offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2, and for offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from 5 yrs to 10 yrs.)

{LC3821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2562**BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT AND IDENTITY PREVENTION ACT OF 2006 (Provides that a consumer report agency may not charge a consumer a fee for any security freeze service. Effective September 1, 2018.)

{LC4340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2563**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Creates the motor vehicle offense of "driving under the influence of liquor or drugs, resulting in physical injury", a felony punishable by up to three (3) years in prison and a license suspension of up to one year.)

{LC3820/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2564**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Sosnowski, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

{LC3823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2565**BY** Raptakis, Cote, Sosnowski, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a law enforcement officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test.)
{LC3824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2566**BY** Jabour, DaPonte

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Patrick James Quinlan to join Teri Lynn Stifano and Jonathyn Albert Arioste Pirolli in marriage on or about July 7, 2018, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)
{LC4895/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2567**BY** Ciccone, Jabour, Miller, Goodwin, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' LICENSE - SAFE ROADS AND MANDATORY INSURANCE (Allows DMV to issue driving privilege licenses/permits to applicants unable to establish lawful presence in US which are not valid for ID purposes effective July 1, 2018.)
{LC4974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2568**BY** Archambault, Jabour, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires informed consent notice and hand-delivery of chemical test for drugs under the influence of liquor or drugs.)
{LC4356/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2569**BY** Raptakis, Cote

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ELECTRONIC VOTING (Requires the joint committee on legislative services to make the record of the votes of the general assembly available to the public and the secretary of state electronically within thirty (30) minutes of the casting of said vote.)
{LC3859/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2570**BY** Euer, Pearson, Coyne, Conley, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - THE STATE FALSE CLAIM ACT (Amends the State False Claims Act to reflect amendments to the Federal False Claims Act.)
{LC4344/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2571**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY (Changes the month in which candidates for public office are required to declare their candidacy from June to April.)
{LC4807/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2572**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter.)
{LC4804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2573**BY** Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PARTY PRIMARY DATE (Changes the date of party primaries from the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September in each even numbered year to the first Tuesday in June in each even numbered year.)
{LC4800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 2574**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUSES--IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS (Requires all school buses to be equipped with ignition interlock systems.)
{LC3832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2575**BY** Euer, Seveney, Lynch Prata, Archambault, Lombardi

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY POTENTIAL REFORM OF VICIOUS DOGS HEARINGS (Creates a 10 member commission to study potential reform of vicious dogs hearings, and who would report back to the General Assembly by March 1, 2019, and expire on July 1, 2019.)
{LC4847/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2576**BY** Coyne, Miller, Seveney, Lynch Prata, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - MARIJUANA IMPACT STUDY (Creates and funds a study on the impact of the use of marijuana in this state.)
{LC4873/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2577**BY** Goodwin, Seveney, Satchell, Miller, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Provides that the state medical examiner is to conduct a multi-disciplinary team review of drug-related overdose deaths.)
{LC4932/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2578**BY** Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Fogarty, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEE WHISTLE BLOWER PROTECTION ACT (Creates legislative employee whistleblower protection to report criminal and ethics violations.)
{LC4911/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2579**BY** Algieri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC RAIL CORPORATION ACT (Enables the Rhode Island Public Rail Corporation to lower the self-insured retention amount required of the state and would provide indemnification statewide.)
{LC4938/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2580**BY** Morgan, Raptakis, Gee, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT -- DRUG TESTING (Authorizes random drug screening as a condition for continued public assistance, and would provide a mechanism for retesting those who fail the test.)
{LC4838/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2581**BY** Lynch Prata, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Gallo, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits the purposeful dissemination of indecent images of another without approval.)
{LC4936/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2582**BY** DiPalma, Euer, Seveney, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Creates process within DCYF for reviewing a determination that out-of-home residential placement is appropriate in an effort to ensure that a child is placed in the least restrictive placement. Requires DCYF to develop plan for recruiting foster families.)
{LC3187/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2583**BY** Metts, Quezada, Jabour, Crowley, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - ARREST (Repeals section 12-7-9 ("conditions justifying force dangerous to life").)
{LC4339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2584**BY** Ciccone, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET DIGITAL BLOCKING (Requires Internet service providers to provide digital blocking of sexual content and patently offensive material. It would allow consumers to deactivate digital block upon payment of a twenty dollar (\$20.00) fee.)
{LC3543/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2585**BY** DiPalma, McCaffrey, Metts, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABORTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT (Defines and would regulate, and in some cases, would prohibit dismemberment abortions.)

{LC4751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2586**BY** Gallo, Conley, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Implements several provisions of the federal sex offender registration and notification act, to include registration for a litany of federal or military offenses, and specifies what information can or cannot be shared on a public registry website.)

{LC4498/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2587**BY** Cote**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Removes the exception to the \$100,000 limitation of damages when the state is engaged in a proprietary function in the commission of a tort and would exempt the state and any city or town or fire district from interest awards in civil actions.)

{LC4354/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2588**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Crowley, Metts, Jabour**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION (Requires that the judicial selection commission be composed of at least three (3) members of color.)

{LC4967/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2589**BY** Lombardi, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Ciccone, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - FOOD DONATIONS (Provides immunity to persons donating food to food banks.)

{LC4778/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2590**BY** Archambault, Metts, Lombardi, Jabour, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Removes the requirement that the attorney general consent to a deferment of sentencing in a written deferral agreement and grant the superior court traditional discretion in sentencing matters.)

{LC3728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2591**BY** Felag, Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rachel Anne Hampton to join Jacqueline Alexis John and Charles Patrick McCabe, IV, in marriage on or about July 28, 2018, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC5060/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2592**BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS (Renders void and unenforceable any motor transportation contract term indemnifying an indemnitee from or against its own negligence, intentional acts or omissions in contracts entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of the chapter.)

{LC4892/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2593**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Jabour, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Allows for employers, in workers' compensation actions, to shift the legal burden to employees to prove they were not intoxicated at the time of injury or death, after a showing that the employee had a positive test for intoxicating substances.)

{LC4654/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2594**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Jabour, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED EMPLOYERS FUND (Extends the effective date of the Rhode Island uninsured employers fund to July 1, 2019.)

{LC4652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2595**BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Conley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Limits amount of marijuana cardholders and primary caregiver cardholders can cultivate, length of time marijuana treatment for acute pain to 6 months, and raises application fees from \$250 to \$10,000 for compassion centers.)
{LC4727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2596**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Crowley, Metts, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Adds individuals receiving public assistance to the list of persons liable and qualified for jury service and mandates the director of human services to provide the jury commissioner with a list of those people on public assistance on a yearly basis.)
{LC4965/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2597**BY** Fogarty, Nesselbush, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Provides the method by which records are to be furnished relative to an employee's statement of earnings.)
{LC4867/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2598**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Crowley, Metts, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Provides that for the purpose of determining income limitations for receiving general public assistance, child support that is in arrears for thirty (30) days or more would not be considered to be income.)
{LC4968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2599**BY** Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Crowley, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- INHERITANCE FROM CHILD BY NON-SUPPORTING PARENT (Provides a mechanism for disqualification of parent(s) of a child who dies intestate upon petition to the probate court for denial or limitation of the right of the parent(s) to a share of the decedent's estate.)
{LC4910/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2600**BY** Nesselbush, Jabour, Euer, Lombardi, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Eliminates the statute of limitations for injuries suffered as a result of sexual abuse by any person including a child.)
{LC4902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2601**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Crowley, Metts, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- FULL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS (Subjects obligors of child support to license suspension after a 60-day arrearage but provides conditional driving privileges for employment.)
{LC4966/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2602**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour, Nesselbush, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Requires notice of claims of common law right to be given to an employer and the employer's workers' compensation insurance carrier and clarifies liability of employers and their insurers for workers' compensation claims.)
{LC4653/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2603**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- FISCAL NOTES (Establishes special requirements for fiscal impact statements relative to the department of corrections.)
{LC4440/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2604**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)

{LC4441/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2605**BY** Lombardi, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Requires all persons or entities caring for or having custody of an animal to report animal abuse, cruel neglect or abandonment to the police.)

{LC4857/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2606**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines

imitation firearm and provide that it is unlawful for any person to change, alter, remove, or obliterate any coloration or markings in any way that makes the imitation firearm look to be an operable firearm. Violation is a misdemeanor.)

{LC4388/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2607**BY** Fogarty, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS

CONTRACTORS - REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Distinguishes the criminal penalties for violating a final order of the Contractors' Registration Board. Judgments less than \$5,000 are misdemeanors; judgments \$5,000 or more are felonies.)

{LC4391/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2608**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Calkin, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS

(Establishes a new and separate calendar within the superior court to expediently hear and decide land use matters concerning the development of renewable energy resources.)

{LC4550/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2609**BY** DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Allows for security deposits on furniture when a furnished apartment is leased.)
{LC4631/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2610**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PRIMARY CARE TRUST ACT (Creates the "Primary Care Trust Act" to require health insurers to allocate a fair portion of medical spending for the delivery of primary care services and creates a trust for administration of the program.)
{LC4712/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2611**BY** Sheehan, Metts, Quezada, Cote, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS (Vests with the governor the sole authority to nominate, on the basis of merit, from a list submitted by the judicial nominating commission with the advice and consent of the senate, all judges and magistrates, to all courts.)
{LC3352/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2612**BY** Goldin, Miller, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES (Requires all candidates for United States President and Vice President file copies of their last five (5) years of federal income tax returns with the state board of elections no later than fifty (50) days prior to the general election.)
{LC4224/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2613**BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE (Exempts from the real estate conveyance tax certain low-income and affordable housing developments.)
{LC4897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2614**BY** Miller, Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Jabour, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - VITAL RECORDS

(Requires that a death certificate reflect the decedent's gender identity, as reported by the next of kin.)

{LC4672/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2615**BY** Miller, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Conley, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that no person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of or transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know is prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm.)

{LC4657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2616**BY** McCaffrey, Lombardo, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS (Amends multiple sections relating to "open meetings" including utilizing advances in technology for observing meetings, how quorums are calculated, procedures for closed meetings and notice requirements.)

{LC4058/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2617**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- T.F. GREEN AIRPORT (Renames the state airport in Warwick to "Rhode Island International Airport.")

{LC4793/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2618**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Paolino, Lombardo, DaPonte**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Ticket resellers required to provide refund for counterfeit, misrepresented and unusable tickets. Ticket issuers would offer optional transferable tickets and eliminates criminal penalty.)

{LC4787/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2619**BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Nesselbush, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Creates a legal process to aid employees in collecting their unpaid wages from their employer.)

{LC3665/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2620**BY** Ciccone, Fogarty, Lombardi, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Mandates certain apprenticeship requirements in order to become a hoisting engineer.)

{LC5030/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2621**BY** Miller, Gallo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. FRANK MEGLIO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

{LC5112/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 2622**BY** Calkin, Quezada, Goldin, Conley, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT OF 2006 (Provides that a credit reporting agency may not charge a consumer any fee in connection with the placement, temporary lifting or permanent removal of a credit security freeze.)

{LC3976/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Lombardi congratulates Senate Pages, Sabrina and Samantha Estrella on receiving the Woman Development Institute's Extraordinary Woman Award.

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

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women's Caucus will meet Tuesday, March 6, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in the Library of the State House.

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the Senate in the Senate in Room 212 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 Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey wishes Senator William J. Conley, Jr. a Happy Birthday tomorrow.

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber former teacher from Troy New York, Trudy Hanmer.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon the suggestion of Senator Fogarty the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M, in memory of *Richard A. Jenks*.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR ROGER A. PICARD

Lord, we ask you to show us our place in this chamber, to define our duties, to direct our energies for the common good, and to always guide us as we work. Amen.

Appendix**TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON THURSDAY, MARCH 1st****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}

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}

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}

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}

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}

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018:****1. 2018-S 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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. 2018-S 2352

BY Conley

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

Committee on Education recommends passage.

3. 2018-S 2621

BY Miller

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. FRANK MEGLIO ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. 2018-H 7360

BY Giarrusso

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF DONEGAN & ASSOCIATES, LTD.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018:

- 1. 2018-S 2430**
BY Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT
CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018:

- 1. 2018-S 2469**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage.