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**JOURNAL**  
**-OF THE-**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

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Thursday, January 31, 2019

Fourteenth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, January 31, 2019 and is called to order at 4:20 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 67 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marshall, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Barros, Fellela, Hull, Kazarian, Morin, Newberry, Tobon, Ucci,

**INVOCATION**

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday, January 30, 2019, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST 2019**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Joe Serodio  
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 5127  
entitled: Reproductive Health Care Act  
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary

Signature: Joe Serodio

House District # 64

Date: 1/31, 2019

Acknowledgement:  
Danica Paci  
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

*NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Michael Morin is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Representative Deborah A. Fellela is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Representative Stephen Ucci is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 31, 2019.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE****TRANSFER OF BILL**

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

**House Bill No. 5236**

**BY** Shanley, Ruggiero, Barros, Cortvriend, Cassar

**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.) {LC397/1}

01/31/2019 Committee transferred to House Finance

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5241**

**BY** Mattiello, Shekarchi, Slater, Morin, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Authorizes and provide for online sports wagering through authorized hosting facilities in Rhode Island.) {LC1189/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5242**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Millea, Corvese, O'Brien, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PATHWAY TO RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Provides that municipal pension funds may only be diverted from the state upon the occurrence of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances and approval after a public hearing, and a minimum of 30 days prior written notice to affected employees.) {LC520/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5243**

**BY** Shanley, Casimiro, Mendez, Barros, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- PAYMENT OF STATUTORY FEES (Facilitates state departments/agencies to implement electronic filing of applications for licenses/permits/ registrations/certificates by allowing state vendor to withhold commission for developing and implementing electronic filing web-based system.) {LC1001/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5244****BY** Bennett, Shanley, McNamara, Jackson, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO JEWISH SENIORS AGENCY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Increases the authorized tax exempt holdings of Jewish Seniors Agency of Rhode Island to \$2,000,000.) {LC637/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5245****BY** Slater, Diaz, O'Brien, Blazejewski, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned income tax credit from fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.) {LC671/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5246****BY** Lima, Solomon, Costantino, Marshall, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE (Prohibits renting/leasing/financing sales of dogs/cats. Sets forth penalties for violations and exemptions to the act.) {LC1095/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5247****BY** Lima, Williams, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Authorizes hospital medical staff to elect whether or not to participate in a maintenance of certification program, to elect medical specialty board to implement the program and prohibits insurers from denying reimbursement based solely on this election.) {LC1104/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5248****BY** Lima, Bennett, Corvese, Williams**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.) {LC1096/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5249****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Millea, Corvese, O'Brien, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that the state's share of foundation education aid would follow the student, the school the student is attending, and that districts would make adjustments between themselves for and to the nearest monthly increment.) {LC529/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5250****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Millea, Corvese, O'Brien, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires the same access to high school students by military recruiters enjoyed by other private recruiters regarding postsecondary institutions.) {LC533/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5251****BY** Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, O'Brien, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- DELEGATION OF NON-ABLATIVE TREATMENTS (Establishes procedures regulating the delegation of non-ablative laser hair removal treatments.) {LC1024/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Resolution No. 5252****BY** Messier, Williams, Ajello, Morin, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC1136/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5253****BY** O'Brien, McEntee, Craven, Marshall, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Requires that instruction in health and physical education include information provided to students that mixing opioids and alcohol can cause accidental death.) {LC766/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5254****BY** Tanzi, McEntee, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NAMING STATE CONSTRUCTIONS - E. RICHARD DURFEE ROAD (Names a certain portion of Sand Hill Cove Road in Narragansett, "E. Richard Durfee Road".) {LC1106/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5255****BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Edwards, Marshall, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires verification of hours worked on computers by contractors for professional or technical services rendered to the departments of transportation, health, human services, administration and commerce in contracts exceeding \$100,000.) {LC1140/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5256****BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, McLaughlin, Edwards, Millea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

(Requires motor vehicle dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being sold has a spare tire/ jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall be a civil penalty of \$100 for a violation under this subsection.) {LC1126/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5257****BY** Tanzi, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER

OF ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA, NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND {LC1152/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5258****BY** Azzinaro, Morin, Casey, Price, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE

PROTECTION ACT (Mandates builders of new 1 and 2 family dwellings to provide written info to buyer about installation of automatic sprinkler system subject to civil penalties for violations/results of radon tests/certification of working smoke detector devices eff 1/1/20) {LC1148/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 5259****BY** Craven, O'Brien, McEntee, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR - UNION REPRESENTATION (Clarifies the rights and options of government employees who decide not to join their employer's exclusive bargaining unit.) {LC962/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5260****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, O'Brien, Almeida, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ARBITRATION -

CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS - MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Makes the arbitrator's decision binding on all matters pertaining to certified public school teachers and municipal employees, including those matters involving the expenditure of money.) {LC535/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5261****BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Morin, O'Brien, Almeida, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RELIEF OF INJURED AND

DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND PUBLIC OFFICERS (Adds and makes correctional offices to the definition of "police officer" for the purpose of payment to their salary during line of duty illness or injury.) {LC538/1}

01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019:

1. **2019-H 5015**  
**BY** Marshall  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Johnston, Casey, Bennett, Edwards, Diaz, McLaughlin, Abney, Donovan, Ruggiero, and Azzinaro.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Johnston, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. **2019-S 9**  
**BY** Coyne  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Johnston.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Jackson, Johnston, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### GUESTS

Representative Ranglin-Vassell introduces her intern, Kazandra Delvos Reyes (a third year student at Rhode Island College) to the House.

Representative Diaz welcomes to the House 7 year old, Angel Jimenez who saved the Hasbro Children's Hospital from a fire catastrophe. Angel is here today along with his mother, Francisca Jimenez; and his uncle, Angel Duran. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Angel to the House.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 5262**

**BY** Williams, Amore, Hull, Lombardi, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MATTHEW A. LOPES, SR. {LC1177/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williams seconded by Representatives Almeida, Amore, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino, Lima, Lombardi, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Blazejewski, Leader Filippi, Representatives Shanley, Kennedy, Speaker Mattiello and the entire House of Representatives by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 5263**

**BY** Bennett, Mattiello, Edwards, Jacquard, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY TO BE "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND URGING ALL RHODE ISLAND MOTORISTS TO AVOID DISTRACTED DRIVING {LC646/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Bennett seconded by Representative Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Edwards, Jacquard, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Shanley, Leaders Filippi, Shekarchi, Representatives Marshall, Johnston, O'Brien, and Abney by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.



**House Resolution No. 5264**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Almeida, Solomon, Williams, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4-8, 2019, TO BE "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1198/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Almeida, Solomon, Williams, Casimiro, Leaders Shekarchi, and Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bennett announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Chairman Solomon announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Chairman Williams announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Williams wishes Alissa and Caitlin Whitworth a Happy Birthday, twin sisters of House page, Sarah Whitworth.

Leader Shekarchi reminds everyone about the filing deadline and informs members they can file up until midnight tonight and also on line.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUEST**

Representative Tanzi introduces her intern, Alondra Estevez (a junior at Rhode Island College) to the Chamber.

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 79**

**BY** Seveney, Coyne

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Lucille Mary King to join Sara Elizabeth Rodgers and Benjamin Patrick King in marriage on or about June 15, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC717/1}

02/01/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 88**

**BY** Lynch Prata, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dina Spaziano to join Elizabeth Rose Colagiovanni and Michael Augustine D'Amore in marriage on or about July 26, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC163/1}

02/01/2019 Referred to House Judiciary

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Resolution No. 5090**

**BY** Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFICACY AND COST OF IMPLEMENTING A RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR ALL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the efficacy and cost of implementing a recycling program for multi-family residential units from February 7, 2019, to April 30, 2019, and expires on May 30, 2019.) {LC550/1}

02/01/2019 Placed on House Calendar (02/05/2019)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT**

Chairman Solomon for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5117**

**BY** Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Middletown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Middletown on November 6, 2018.) {LC504/1}

02/01/2019 Placed on House Calendar (02/06/2019)

## NEW BUSINESS

**House Bill No. 5265**

**BY** Shekarchi, Lima, Noret, Donovan, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- THE ANIMAL RIGHTS ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes an animal rights advisory council to advise the governor and the general assembly on matters relating to animal rights, treatment, health, and safety.)

{LC1213/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5266**

**BY** Shanley, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Amends the career and technical education program to provide standards in curriculum, additional opportunities for students, and provides certain tuition formulas and reimbursement rates.) {LC1105/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5267**

**BY** Solomon, Lima, Serpa, O'Brien, Johnston

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY- USE OF ANIMALS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL LESSON (Prohibits a medical school in this state from using a live animal while teaching medical procedures if there is an alternate teaching method utilized by at least one accredited school in the state.) {LC1168/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5268**

**BY** Edwards, Maldonado, Canario, Slater, Amore

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES (Eliminates repealed statute references and create a mechanism for employees to enforce their existing right to continuation of medical benefits.) {LC286/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5269**

**BY** Blazejewski, Shanley, Barros, Cassar, Ranglin-Vassell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Provides health care employers with at least 18 employees, which receive certain state funding or pay an executive \$1,000,000 or more annually, pay a minimum wage of \$15.00.) {LC1099/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5270**

**BY** McKiernan, McEntee, Craven, Millea, Almeida

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS (Increases the maximum weekly unemployment benefit rate to the higher of fifty-seven and one-half percent (57.5%) of the average weekly wages paid to the workers in the prior calendar year or six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$636) per week.) {LC1173/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5271****BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, McKiernan, Millea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Allows an employee granted unpaid family or parental leave to substitute any accrued vacation, sick or other appropriate paid leave for any part of the unpaid leave.) {LC1210/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5272****BY** Azzinaro, Jackson, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEES FOR STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES -- VETERANS (Authorizes state higher education institutions to waive application and transcript fees for veterans.) {LC1036/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 5273****BY** Chippendale, Hull, Costantino, Marszalkowski, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the aggregate amount of tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations to \$5,000,000 for 2020.) {LC1090/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5274****BY** Edwards, Canario, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HIGHWAYS (Repeals § 11-22-11 which prohibits the testing of the speed of a horse on a public highway and the applicable fine.) {LC264/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5275****BY** Ajello, Craven, McEntee, Chippendale, Walsh**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Includes the general assembly elections in the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.) {LC1156/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5276****BY** Price, Nardone, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Excludes the growth of marijuana and any of its derivatives from the provisions requiring the permitted use of plant agriculture within all city and town zoning ordinances.) {LC1017/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5277****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Christopher R. Blazejewski to join Lauren Joy Auffrey and Christopher Pedro Aoyama in marriage on or about May 5, 2019, within the Town of North Kingtown, Rhode Island.) {LC1195/1}

02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:45 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Williams, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Matthew A. Lopes Sr.; on motion of Representative Nardone, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jonnathon R. Duclau; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JAMES N. MCLAUGHLIN**

Thank you God for Your presence here with us today and Your blessings on this Assembly, today, and each and every day. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

**Senate Bill No. 9**

**BY** Coyne, Seveney, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

(Allows the board of canvassers of the town of Bristol to combine two (2) or more voting districts for the representative district 68 special election in March, 2019.) {LC339/1}

01/31/2019 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019:**

1. **2019-H 5090**  
**BY** Quattrocchi  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFICACY AND COST OF IMPLEMENTING A RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR ALL MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS, INCLUDING CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019:**

1. **2019-H 5117**  
**BY** Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 1, 2019**