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Thursday, January 24, 2019

Ninth Legislative Day

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

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 35 Senators present and 3 Senators absent as follows:

PRESENT –35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

ABSENT – 3: Senators Crowley, Raptakis, Sheehan.

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Eighth Legislative Day of the 2019 proceedings is read in part.

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Murray and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. Garrett Mancieri, Chairman of the Downtown Woonsocket Collaborative, and Autumn Fest Committee, and former City Councilor.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Archambault and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber New Page Ryan Asadorian.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:



January 24, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal business, I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth A. Crowley".

Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley
Senate District 16

Read and ordered to be placed on file.



January 24, 2019

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, January 24th as I am out of state on business.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonidas P. Raptakis", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

Leonidas P. Raptakis
Senator – District 33

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

NEW BUSINESS

Senate Resolution No. 104

BY Goodwin, de la Cruz, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF THE HONORABLE RAYMOND W. FOGARTY

{LC506/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Goodwin requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Goodwin moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senators Metts and Goodwin speak on the resolution.

Senate Resolution No. 105

BY Algieri

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE WINE STORE ON BEING NAMED THE 2018 RETAILER OF THE YEAR BY BEVERAGE DYNAMICS

{LC1009/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar January 29, 2019.

Senate Resolution No. 106

BY Ruggerio, Gallo, Miller, Lombardi, Ciccone

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL TRAFICANTE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

{LC726/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar January 29, 2019.

Senate Bill No. 107

BY Algieri, Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces the minimum corporate tax from four hundred dollars (\$400) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the year beginning on July 1, 2019, and abolishes the minimum tax for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2020.)

{LC626/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 108

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Creates a five (5) year period after the date of dissolution, termination, or revocation of limited liability companies or corporations to settle and close its affairs but not to continue its business.)

{LC774/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 109

BY Lynch Prata, Metts, Cano, Quezada, Pearson

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

{LC800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 110

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Metts, Miller, Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADOPT "AN AMERICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY" PROGRAM

{LC295/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 111

BY Gallo, Conley, Satchell, Pearson, Sheehan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Provides that the department of education, in consultation with a workgroup composed of various stakeholders, would develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside the district.)

{LC684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 112

(General Treasurer)

BY Cano, Gallo, Goodwin, Paolino, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FINANCIAL LITERACY (Mandates that a program of financial literacy be taught to all students in the public high schools throughout the state of Rhode Island.)

{LC334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 113

BY Gallo, Satchell, Sheehan, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Requires all new school buses purchased/leased on or after January 1, 2021, be equipped with a 3-point seat belt system for the operator/passenger seats and requires school districts to prepare implementation, use and compliance plans.)

{LC689/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 114

BY Miller, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Valverde, Goldin
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.)
{LC556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 115

BY Gallo, Conley, Satchell, Pearson, Sheehan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides increased school housing aid for communities that utilize resident architectural firms, for the architectural services included in a new school or school renovation project.)
{LC685/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 116

BY Miller, Gallo, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen.)
{LC376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 117

BY Felag, Raptakis, Morgan, Seveney, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the provisions of the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act.)
{LC783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 118

BY Gallo, Satchell, Sheehan, Lawson, Metts
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER FORM A WORK GROUP TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW INTO HOW RHODE ISLAND CAN PROTECT STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS
{LC688/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 119

BY Gallo, Cano, Lawson, Satchell, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires that all high school students attending public schools fulfill at least one-half credit or course requirement in civics education, commencing with the graduating class of 2020.)

{LC405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 120

BY Felag, Conley, DiPalma, Seveney, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Mandates that quasi-public corporations limit the use of all funds and property to perform the function or service for which the quasi-public corporation was created.)

{LC793/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 121

BY Felag, Conley, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Establishes a charitable food donation tax credit to encourage donations of food to nonprofit organizations. The tax credit established would be equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the fair market value of the contribution.)

{LC791/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 122

BY Archambault, Felag, Conley, Cano, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - START-UP RHODE ISLAND TAX FREE ZONE PROGRAM (Establishes the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act," whereby selected businesses would not be required to pay state income, business, corporate taxes, local taxes or franchise fees for a period of up to ten (10) years.)

{LC420/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 123

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Increases the rate of interest on delinquent state tax payments from 2% to 3% greater than the prime rate, and also reduces the cap and floor on such interest to no greater than 15% and 12% per annum, respectively.)

{LC775/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 124

BY Gallo, Pearson, Lombardo, Ciccone, Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION-SALES AND USE TAXES-LIABILITY
AND COMPUTATION (Increases the amount of the exemption from sales tax for clothing
including footwear from \$250 to \$1,000.)
{LC692/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 125

BY DiPalma, Coyne, Seveney, Pearson
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.)
{LC300/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 126

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Cano, Pearson
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.)
{LC748/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 127

BY Quezada, Ciccone, Euer, Goodwin, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALE AND USE TAXES --
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Imposes 1% state tax on sale of hookah tobacco/vaping
devices, accessories/supplies/replacement parts & 1% local hookah tobacco/vaping devices tax
to be used by cities/towns for education of persons of the dangers of hookah tobacco/vaping
device usage.)
{LC619/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 128

BY Quezada, Crowley, Cano, Euer, Metts
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO YEAR
UP PROVIDENCE
{LC617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 129

BY Felag, Metts, Goldin, Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides for tax years on or after 1/1/2020 a taxpayer entitled to federal earned-income credit increase from 15% to 18% as a state- earned income credit not to exceed the amount of state income tax.)
{LC782/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 130

BY Felag, Sosnowski, Raptakis, McCaffrey, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification for up to \$15,000 retirement income of the taxable portion of retirement income from certain types of retirement plans.)
{LC781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 131

BY Archambault, Rogers, Quezada, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Allows for accumulated depreciation reduction for physical deterioration, functional and economic obsolescence.)
{LC427/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 132

BY Felag, Sosnowski, Raptakis, McCaffrey, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the exemption for retirement income from state income tax from \$15,000 to \$20,000 commencing in 2020.)
{LC786/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 133

BY Gallo, Lombardo, Ciccone, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITIES AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in values of motorcycles from sales tax.)
{LC687/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 134

BY DiPalma, Pearson, Felag, Seveney, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - WITHHOLDING OF TAX (Provides that the non-resident withholding requirement for a corporation that sells real estate be consistent with the seven percent (7%) corporate income tax rate.)

{LC591/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 135

BY Gallo, Lombardo, Ciccone, Picard

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

{LC686/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 136

BY Miller, Satchell, Sosnowski, Goldin, Valverde

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.)

{LC412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 137

BY Miller, Satchell, Sosnowski, Goldin, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS-- PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKETING (Regulates prescription drug marketing by manufacturers using strategies offering various discounts to disguise costs of high priced drugs versus lower costs alternatives and makes discounts available to individuals without health insurance. Eff. 1/1/20.)

{LC385/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 138

BY Euer, Goldin, Coyne, Crowley, Miller

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

{LC733/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 139

BY Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Goldin, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Amends current law so that, as part of a comprehensive discharge plan, a hospital would be required to try to contact the patient's emergency contact and the recovery coach, in accordance with federal law, without first obtaining the patient's consent.)

{LC742/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 140

BY Archambault, Crowley, Sosnowski, Miller, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (Requires movie theaters to provide open captioning for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.)

{LC425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 141

BY Archambault, Crowley, Sosnowski, Miller, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COMMUNICATION ACCESS SERVICES (Requires health insurance to provide coverage for communication access between deaf patients and their physicians.)

{LC424/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 142

BY Archambault, Crowley, Sosnowski, Cano, Satchell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEARING AIDS (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from \$1,500 to \$2,000, per ear, every three years. In addition, the amount of insurance coverage would no longer be based on the age of the recipient.)

{LC426/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 143

BY Archambault, Sheehan, DiPalma, Paolino, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROL
SUBSTANCES ACT (Provides for physician/patient discussion regarding addiction and
alternate treatment prior to initial and third opioid prescription.)
{LC431/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 144

BY Goldin, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED
CARE ARRANGEMENTS (Requires managed care organizations to consult with the executive
office of health and human services to develop incentives for nursing facilities that demonstrate
lower direct care staff turnover.)
{LC1032/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 145

BY Archambault, Nesselbush, Satchell, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE
CORPORATIONS (Requires nonprofit dental service plan providers to provide notice of any changes
relating to coverage to all plan purchasers purchasing dental services for employees under a group or
individual policy.)
{LC428/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 146

BY Archambault, Nesselbush, Miller, Euer, Satchell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNANTICIPATED OUT-OF-NETWORK
BILLS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES (Protects people with health insurance from surprise medical
bills for emergency and other services by requiring a non-participating health care provider to bill an
insured party only for a co-payment, or deductible.)
{LC423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 147

BY Felag, Ciccone, Gallo, Conley, Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND LIVABLE HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Livable
Home Modification Grant which allows eligible homeowners and renters to retrofit their
residence to nationally recognized accessibility standards.)
{LC790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 148

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Morgan, Coyne, Euer

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

{LC549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 149

BY Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON - VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER (Ratifies and validates the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington at the polls on November 6, 2018.)

{LC1051/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 150

BY Lombardo, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - JOHNSTON PLANNING BOARD (Authorizes the Johnston town council to add two (2) alternate members to its planning board.)

{LC1004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 151

BY Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Ciccone, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits.)

{LC778/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 152

BY Goldin, Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Miller, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE ACT (Codifies the current state of the law on reproductive rights in Rhode Island by incorporating the protections set forth in Roe v. Wade limiting restrictions on an individual's decision to terminate a pregnancy.)

{LC138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 153

BY Ciccone, Goodwin, Nesselbush, Conley, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'
LICENSE - SAFE ROADS AND MANDATORY INSURANCE (Allows the department of
motor vehicles to issue driving privilege licenses and driving privilege permits to applicants
unable to establish lawful presence in the United States.)
{LC458/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 154

BY Picard
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY CONDOMINIUM LAW - RESALE OF
UNITS (Imposes a penalty against a condominium association that fails to deliver a resale
certificate within ten (10) days of a request by a unit owner.)
{LC772/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 155

BY Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING
FIELDS (Increases compensation paid by the airport corporation to the city of Warwick for
municipal services at the T.F. Green Airport.)
{LC797/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 156

BY Coyne, Seveney, Euer, DiPalma, Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Limits the
issuance of pistol and revolver carry permits to the office of the attorney general.)
{LC512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 157

BY Goldin, Coyne, Euer, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- LILA MANFIELD
SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates the Lila Manfield Sapinsley
Compassionate Care Act, to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may
choose to end their life using drugs prescribed by a physician.)
{LC1037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 158

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS (Requires that penalties or restitution payments for larceny or campaign expenditure reporting violations be deposited into the general fund.)

{LC508/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 159

BY Archambault, Ruggiero, Rogers, Euer, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Authorizes law enforcement/animal control officer to hold animal confined in motor vehicle up to 72 hours pending district court hearing as to costs/fees/surrender of possession/ownership.)

{LC422/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 160

BY Lynch Prata, Coyne, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- MANDATORY DOG AND CAT MICROCHIPPING ACT (Provides for the mandatory microchipping of all dogs and cats and applicable penalties to the owner for failing to microchip the animal.)

{LC678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 161

BY Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Miller

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 six (6).)

{LC433/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 162

BY Nesselbush, Quezada, Crowley, Gallo, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Revokes any beneficiary status of a spouse upon divorce or annulment of a marriage.)

{LC566/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 163

BY Archambault, Seveney, Conley, McCaffrey, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING
FIELDS (Extends DOT authority to lease airport property to 50 years. Increase to 9 directors on
the airport corporation board.)
{LC430/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 164

BY Nesselbush, Lombardi, Sheehan, Conley, Ciccone
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.)
{LC572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 165

BY Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE
GENERALLY (Extends the immunity from liability for ordinary negligence to any person who
uses an automated external defibrillator or performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a person in
need thereof.)
{LC788/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 166

BY Quezada, Crowley, Cano, Euer, Metts
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS -
FAMILY COURT (Expands jurisdiction of the family court related to custody or guardianship of
immigrant children to include immigrant persons younger than twenty-one (21) years of age for
purposes of abuse and neglect determinations in accordance with federal law.)
{LC613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 167

BY Lynch Prata, Coyne, Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Prohibits
the use of wild or exotic animals in traveling animal acts and sets forth the penalties for violation
of such prohibition.)
{LC679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 168

BY Raptakis, Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE
IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Increases the
maximum dollar amount from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to five thousand
dollars (\$5,000) for claims handled in small claims court.)
{LC894/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 169

BY Quezada, Euer, Bell, Metts, Crowley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WRONGFUL
DISCHARGE FROM EMPLOYMENT (Ends Rhode Island's "employment-at-will" legal
doctrine, provides job protection for employees that satisfactorily perform their duties provides
specific remedies for wrongful discharge.)
{LC604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 170

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Seveney, Coyne, Archambault
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND
PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and
preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.)
{LC592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 171

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Seveney, Coyne, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
APPROPRIATE DISABILITY LANGUAGE (Ensures appropriate disability language is used in
job descriptions and statutes.)
{LC299/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 172

BY Goodwin, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EQUAL PAY DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING (Requires employers with 100 employees to yearly submit a form to the department of labor and training, which contains information regarding the compensation and hours worked of employees by age, gender, race, ethnicity, job category and occupation title.)

{LC734/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 173

BY Gallo, Pearson, Lawson, Ciccone

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.)

{LC718/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 174

BY Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Metts, McKenney, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the hourly minimum wage effective January 2, 2020 to eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) per hour and effective January 1, 2021, to twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50) per hour.)

{LC816/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 175

BY Lawson, Ruggiero, Euer, Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR - UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DURING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN (Enables federal employees, who are working during a government shutdown but not receiving wages, to receive unemployment benefits while they are working but not getting paid.)

{LC879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 176

BY Algiere, Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers

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.)
{LC629/1}

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

Senate Resolution No. 177

BY Algiere, Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (Provides for the publishing and submission to the electors, a proposition of amendment to the constitution of the state for a line item veto.)
{LC632/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 178

BY Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Ciccone, DiPalma

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.)
{LC779/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 179

BY Gallo, Sosnowski, Sheehan, Lombardo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY BEVERAGE ACT (Creates the "Healthy Beverage Act" which would require that children's meals offered by restaurants include certain healthy beverage options if the beverage is automatically included in the meal.)
{LC683/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

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, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Judiciary will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Women's Caucus will be held today, at the rise of the Senate in the Library of the State House.

Senator Metts announces that the Capitol Ministries will meet every Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock P.M. in room 333 of the State House.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M, in memory of the Honorable Raymond W. Fogarty.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA

Heavenly Father, guide us in the ways of peace. May we show loyalty towards one another and be worthy of the trust you have placed in us. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019:

1. **2019-S 105**
BY Algieri
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE WINE STORE ON BEING NAMED THE 2018 RETAILER OF THE YEAR BY BEVERAGE DYNAMICS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-S 106**
BY Ruggerio
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL TRAFICANTE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019:

- 1. 2019-S 65**
BY Conley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.