

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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# Journal of the Senate

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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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Twelfth Legislative Day

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 38 Senators present and 0 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –38:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 0:**

## **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman Lynch Prata, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

*The Appointment of Melissa DuBose, Esq. VICE Associate Judge Rafael A. Ovalles as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court*

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

*The Appointment of Christopher Knox Smith, Esq. VICE Associate Judge William C. Clifton as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court*

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 186**

**BY** Valverde, Goldin, Satchell, Goodwin, Miller

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH TO FEBRUARY 2ND OF 2019 TO BE "PHYSICIAN ANESTHESIOLOGISTS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC883/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Valverde requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Valverde and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Herbert Chen, Dr. Molly Thomas, and Dr. Raphael Padilla of the RI Society of Anesthesiologists.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 187**

**BY** Crowley, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Satchell, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF RUDOLPH J. LEGENZA

{LC344/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Crowley requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators, Algiere, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 188**

**BY** Euer, DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RHODE ISLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL AND NATIONAL GRID INVESTIGATE AND DETERMINE THE CAUSES FOR THE RECENT LOSS OF GAS UTILITY SERVICE ON AQUIDNECK ISLAND

{LC1064/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Euer requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Bill No. 189**

**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT (Creates "The Rhode Island Utility Fair Share Roadway Repair Act" which requires public utilities to properly repair and repave roadways affected by the actions of the utility.)

{LC501/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 190**

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW - MANAGEMENT OF CONDOMINIUM (Provides that financial and other records be made available for examination by unit owners within thirty (30) days of a request being made.)

{LC1144/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 191**

**BY** Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Lombardi, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN LENDERS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

{LC842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 192**

**BY** Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN AFFECTED EMPLOYEES LOAN PROGRAM

{LC985/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 193****BY** Raptakis, Morgan, Paolino, Lombardo, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND FRANCHISE TAX (Refunds the minimum tax paid by corporations with annual gross income of less than four hundred dollars (\$400); but caps the amount refunded at four hundred dollars (\$400).)

{LC1039/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Resolution No. 194****BY** DiPalma, Euer, Seveney, Felag, Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND EVALUATE RHODE ISLAND'S ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE (Creates a 22 member commission to study and evaluate Rhode Island's electric and natural gas transmission and distribution system infrastructure, and report back to the General Assembly by March 1, 2020, and expire on June 30, 2020.)

{LC1170/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 195****BY** Raptakis, Bell, Metts, Sheehan, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW-GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Reduces the usury rate to twelve percent (12%).)

{LC404/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 196****BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Valverde, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (Extends the sunset provision for the pilot program known as "after school alternative program" until June 30, 2024.)

{LC1086/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 197****BY** Felag, Raptakis, Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Amends certain sections of the education law to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education, and would make provisions to allow for certification as teachers, military personnel, and their spouses who are certified in another state.)

{LC785/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 198****BY** Ciccone, Nesselbush, Quezada, Cano, Archambault**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.)

{LC463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 199****BY** Gallo, Satchell, Sheehan, Seveney, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHING A CLASS SIZE MAXIMUM FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) (Limits public school K through 2 class size to twenty (20) students.)

{LC1056/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Resolution No. 200****BY** Metts, Seveney, Quezada, Gallo, Picard**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCY TO HOUSE ADULT EDUCATION (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to conduct a review and make recommendations regarding the appropriate state agency to house adult education from March 1, 2019, to March 3, 2020, and would expire on June 3, 2020.)

{LC849/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 201****BY** Raptakis, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY (Prohibits the town of Coventry from charging its sewage works' users more than the interest the town has actually paid for its borrowed funds for sewage works' purposes.)

{LC131/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 202****BY** McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Miller, DiPalma, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Prohibits a food service establishment from providing a consumer with a single-use plastic straw unless requested by the consumer.)

{LC1128/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 203****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Extends the period for musical and theatrical productions to obtain tax credits to July 1, 2024.)

{LC1046/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 204****BY** Felag, Sosnowski, Seveney, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES TAX (Eliminates the sales tax on taxi services and pet care services.)

{LC951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 205****BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Felag, Archambault, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY COMPUTATION (Exempts from tax burial containers, liners and vaults and items sold by funeral directors to conduct funeral services.)

{LC1112/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

**Senate Bill No. 206****BY** Seveney, Picard, DiPalma, Coyne, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Amends the definition of the term "disabled," for purposes tax relief, to include persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government.)

{LC628/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 207****BY** Lombardo, Crowley, Nesselbush, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND LOCAL ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Applies a tax to moderate-income housing equal to eight percent (8%) of the property's previous years' gross scheduled rental income.)

{LC771/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 208****BY** Quezada, Goodwin, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes cities and towns to tax real and/or personal property owned, leased or operated in whole or in part by any nonprofit institution of higher education or nonprofit hospital currently exempt by charter, general, or public law.)

{LC843/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 209****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Exempts persons with a retail sales permit from requirement of paying a registration fee for making sales at a flea market.)

{LC1025/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 210****BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CENTRAL FALLS (Relieves Central Falls from reimbursing state for expenses related to fiscal stability act, expenses related to Central Falls school district bankruptcy proceeding, expenses of Moreau v Flanders, or expenses incurred after termination of the receivership.)

{LC899/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 211****BY** Metts, Miller, Crowley, Coyne, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ADVOCATES OF RHODE ISLAND -- OASIS WELLNESS AND RECOVERY CENTER (Establishes a mental health consumer advocate and wellness recovery center to provide support for those suffering from mental health issues and would appropriate two-hundred ninety five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to operate the program.)

{LC845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 212****BY** Sosnowski, Crowley, Sheehan, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS RETIREMENT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97-THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Provides for a stipend to be paid to certain retired state employee, municipal employees, and teachers or their beneficiaries during years when a cost of living adjustment is not scheduled.)

{LC1057/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 213****BY** Metts, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- "THE RHODE ISLAND INFORMED CONSENT PROTECTION ACT" (Provides for vaccine informed consent. Fines For Violations.)

{LC882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 214****BY** Euer, Murray, Crowley, Pearson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSION ACT (Expands the health services council to twenty-four (24) members and amends disclosure provisions of the hospital conversion act.)

{LC732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 215****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE - NEW TITLE (Changes title of chapter 5-37.2 and throughout, replacing words "Oriental medicine" with "East Asian medicine" and allows certified individuals to practice the art of acupuncture and East Asian medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.)

{LC1123/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 216****BY** DiPalma, Miller, Satchell, Sheehan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS (Allows for a nurse to delegate tasks to certified nursing assistants and authorizes the department of health to promulgate regulations that delineate delegable tasks.)

{LC292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 217****BY** DiPalma, Miller, Goldin, Archambault, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF CLAIMS (Provides greater details to be considered when deciding if there has been substantial compliance with the statutes requiring the prompt processing and payment of health insurance claims.)

{LC1003/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 218****BY** Satchell, Sosnowski, Seveney, Coyne, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PFAS IN FOOD PACKAGING (Prohibits PFAS, a class of fluorinated organic chemicals, from being used in food packaging.)

{LC1167/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 219****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEW HOME BUYERS FIRE PROTECTION ACT

{LC1138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 220****BY** Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PAWTUCKET OPPORTUNITY ZONE INCOME TAX CREDIT ACT (Tax credit for opportunity zone in investment in Pawtucket)

{LC1038/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 221****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits development of land contiguous to State House unless approved by general assembly.)

{LC795/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 222****BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD (Ratifies the Home Rule Charter amendments adopted and approved by the electors of North Smithfield on November 6, 2018.)

{LC1088/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 223****BY** Coyne, Lynch Prata, Miller, McCaffrey, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

{LC1120/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 224****BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - E-911 UNIFORM EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM DIVISION (Mandates that the E-911 uniform emergency telephone system division develop and commence operation of a text-to-911 emergency system on January 1, 2020.)

{LC661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 225****BY** Ruggerio, Ciccone, Goodwin, Archambault, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Expands family court jurisdiction to enter protective orders to provide for the safety and welfare of household pets in domestic abuse situations.)

{LC1091/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 226****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Eric Ruscitti to join Katelyn Trotta and Vincent Ruscitti in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1166/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 227****BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

{LC1062/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 228****BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Michael A. Mack to join Mary Hannah Stewart and John Veale in marriage on or about November 2, 2019, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.)

{LC1092/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 229****BY** Metts, Cano, Quezada, Goodwin, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ASSET FORFEITURE

(Standardizes procedures for asset forfeitures for all crimes simplifying procedures and addresses counterproductive incentives.)

{LC854/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 230****BY** Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that only those juveniles over the age of fourteen (14) be required to register as sex offenders and that the offense be comparable or more severe than those defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2241.)

{LC852/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 231****BY** Metts, Crowley, Quezada, Goldin, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from asking about the immigration status of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant, or prospective occupant of residential rental property.)

{LC856/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 232****BY** Metts, Nesselbush, Quezada, Cano, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires the state to use the actual residence of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Their actual residences would be collected by the dept.of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state to be utilized for redistricting.)

{LC844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 233****BY** Felag, Algieri, Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS

{LC784/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 234****BY** Conley, DiPalma, Lawson, Satchell, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER PRIVACY PROTECTION (Creates "Consumer Privacy Protection Act.")

{LC789/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 235****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS {LC1029/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 236****BY** Metts, Quezada, Crowley, Goodwin, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL TENURE AND DISCIPLINE (Amends several provisions relative to how the commission on judicial tenure and discipline provide discipline, hearings and discovery.)

{LC846/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 237****BY** Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Satchell, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Amends the penalty provisions for disorderly conduct, willful trespass, and shoplifting.)

{LC850/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 238****BY** Seveney, McCaffrey, Coyne, DiPalma, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES-MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Imposes \$300 substance abuse education assessment for conviction of driving under the influence or a violation for refusal to submit to a breathalyzer. Funds would be allocated to department of behavioral health and used to fund substance abuse programs.)

{LC1211/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 239****BY** Goldin, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Increases the compensation of direct-care staff of nursing facilities as a result of the application of the inflation index.)

{LC1031/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 240****BY** Lombardi, Lawson, Metts, Ciccone, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM (Exempts unclassified employees covered by terms/provisions of collective bargaining from 2 grade increase limit per year at the maximum of the grade.)

{LC900/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 241****BY** Raptakis, Lombardo, Paolino, Lombardi, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the hourly minimum wage in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region for the four (4) previous fiscal years, effective January 1, 2021.)

{LC393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 242****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED PROTECTION FUND (Provides that the provisions of § 28-53-7 which addresses payments from the uninsured protection fund to employees of uninsured employers, would apply to injuries that occur on or after September 1, 2019.)  
{LC1145/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 243****BY** Quezada, Cano, Nesselbush, Picard, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - MISSING TITLES FOR OLDER VEHICLES (Allows the owner of motor vehicles, which is between ten (10) and twenty (20) years old and cannot locate a title certificate obtain a registration certificate with the name of the current registered owner(s).)  
{LC623/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019:****1. 2019-S 79****BY** Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**2. 2019-S 88****BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

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

**YEAS** –38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.**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, and to the Honorable House of Representatives forthwith.

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Henry Meyer, and Leanne Peckham of the South Kingston Water Department.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Archambault announces that the Committee on Judiciary will be held Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 o'clock P.M. in Room 313 of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Crowley, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:44 o'clock P.M, in memory of Rudolph J. Legenza.

**ROBERT L. RICCI**  
Secretary of the Senate

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG Jr.**

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 towards a successful Senate Session, and bless us with a Patriots win on Sunday. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- 1. 2019-S 75**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-S 87**  
**BY Lynch Prata**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019:

1. *The Appointment of Melissa DuBose, Esq. VICE Associate Judge Rafael A. Ovalles as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court*

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

2. *The Appointment of Christopher Knox Smith, Esq. VICE Associate Judge William C. Clifton as Associate Judge of the Rhode Island District Court*

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