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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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Wednesday, February 13, 2019,  
Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
and Wednesday February 27, 2019

Sixteenth 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 4:06 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, Valverde.

**ABSENT** – 0:

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

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

February 13, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggiero:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra C. Cano  
Senator District #8

Received an ordered to be placed on file.



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

February 11, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised that I will be absent from session on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 due to being out of town on business.

Thank you,

Frank Lombardo III  
Senator  
District 25

Received an ordered to be placed on file.

**FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**House Bill No. 5349**

Act 003

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

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Camille Vella-Wilkinson to join Mishiunnukquom Garcia and Launcelot A. Gumbs, III, in marriage on or about February 14, 2019, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)  
{LC1386/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Nesselbush, and Felag.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 35 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

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

**NAYS – 0:**

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman Miller, from the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

**Senate Resolution No. 252**

**BY** Metts, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. KENNETH R. WALKER, SR.

{LC1192/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Senate Resolution No. 100**

**BY** Morgan, de la Cruz, Goodwin, Coyne, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2019 AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC594/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

Senators Conley and Archambault speak on the resolution.

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

**Senate Bill No. 253**

**BY** Cano, Goldin, Goodwin, Miller, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LOCAL OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY ACT (Creates a process that provides affected employees an opportunity to purchase the business that employs them, but is in danger of being sold or going out of business.)

{LC1349/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 254**

**BY** Cano, Quezada, Metts, Euer, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the ODEO to create and for all state and municipal employees to receive annual training in cultural competency.)

{LC886/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 255**

**BY** Bell, Murray, Satchell, Quezada, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT - NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT - LIMITED-LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Removes the 10 year period within which time the secretary of state's office is authorized to withdraw a certificate of revocation for all Rhode Island business corporations, foreign corporations, nonprofit corporations and limited liability companies.)

{LC1005/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 256****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT (Creating the travel insurance act to establish comprehensive/uniform regulatory framework for travel insurance. Clarifying/bolstering enforcement authority over participants in the travel insurance industry.)

{LC1246/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 257****BY** Lynch Prata, Quezada, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSURANCE RATES (Prevents the consideration of an applicant's credit history in determining automobile insurance rates.)

{LC815/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 258****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (Defines educational requirements to qualify as a social worker and exempts social workers from license procedures.)

{LC1353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 259****BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS CERTIFICATION ACT (Precludes the department of business regulation from pursuing any administrative action against a certified appraiser more than five (5) years after the certified appraised issues a certified appraisal.)

{LC1440/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 260****BY** Quezada, Metts, Euer, Crowley, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Exempts natural hair braiders from the requirement to be licensed as hairdressers or cosmeticians, and would define the practice of natural hair braiding.)

{LC964/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 261**

(Lieutenant Governor)

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

{LC1023/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 262****BY** Murray, Bell, Satchell, DiPalma, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Removes the condition that there needs to be a reasonable expectation that a 19 year old will complete a program in secondary school in order to qualify as a dependent child.)

{LC1135/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 263****BY** Sheehan, Gallo, Lombardi, Satchell, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires charter public schools include on their board of governors or trustees, one member from host community to be appointed by the school committee of said community.)

{LC1281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 264****BY** Quezada, Pearson, Valverde, Bell, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Permits students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note.)

{LC1262/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 265****BY** Cano, Crowley, Nesselbush, Conley, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AMERICANIZATION OF SCHOOLS (Repeals requirement that persons between 16 and 21 who cannot speak, read or

write English to attend classes until they learn (minimum 200 hours). Also repeals fines and institutional commitment for failure to take such classes.)

{LC1202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 266**

**BY** Quezada, Bell, Crowley, Euer, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Would combine all public school districts into four school districts, based on counties.)

{LC993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 267**

**BY** Satchell, Metts, Goldin, Goodwin, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -

PSYCHOLOGISTS (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists.)

{LC1400/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 268**

**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE

REDUCTION ACT (Prohibits retail sales establishments from providing plastic checkout bags and all retail establishments from providing expanded polystyrene disposable food containers and would be enforced by municipal designees, with an opt out provision.)

{LC1607/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 269**

**BY** Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE CLIMATE

CHANGE COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND (Establishes the RI coastal adaptation

trust fund. The trust would enable cities and towns and the state to apply for grants to fund

projects that invest in measures that adapt infrastructure on public lands to address the impacts of climate change.)

{LC812/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.



**Senate Bill No. 270****BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROTECTION (Reduces the number of water quality fund classes from three to two.)

{LC1254/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 271****BY** Sosnowski, Coyne, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BOARD OF CERTIFICATION OF OPERATORS OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES (Eliminates the cap on the maximum fee allowable for submitting an application for certification to the board of certifications of operators of public water supply facilities.)

{LC1252/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 272****BY** Conley, Goldin, Euer, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned income tax credit from fifteen percent (15%) to twenty percent (20%) for the tax years 2020 and beyond.)

{LC1230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 273****BY** Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Repeals the authority of various cities and towns to provide certain tax exemptions and tax stabilization agreements.)

{LC598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 274****BY** Gallo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT (Allows state employees who had also been a correctional officer to elect to combine their service time earned from each job, for the determination of their retirement eligibility date and calculation of retirement benefits.)

{LC1515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 275****BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Requires \$5,000,000 bond referendum for affordable housing with a \$700 rental price ceiling per unit for the fiscal year 2021.)  
{LC461/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 276****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS (Requires the director of administration to purchase a contract for long-term health care benefits covering state employees from a health insurer with its headquarters located in this state.)  
{LC1204/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 277****BY** Felag, DiPalma, Ciccone, Gallo, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - MILITARY RETIREMENT (Excludes for the purposes of RI state income taxes, the first \$25,000 of military retirement income, paid by the state or federal government to persons 60 years or older.)  
{LC1420/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 278****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that a tax payment shall be paid by midnight on the date in which the tax becomes due and payable, and reduces the amount of penalty for taxes unpaid from a maximum of twenty-one percent (21%) to ten percent (10%).)  
{LC1565/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 279****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 clients for materials and supplies in connection with a construction contract.)  
{LC1372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 280****BY** Felag, Goodwin**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.)

{LC794/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 281****BY** Lynch Prata, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides that the taxation of military service pensions for purposes of the Rhode Island personal income tax would be reduced and phased out over a five (5) year period from 2019 to 2023.)

{LC802/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 282****BY** Crowley, Metts, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE -- STATE SUBSIDIES (Expands the tiered-rate structure for childcare assistance program to meet federal benchmark for access to high-quality childcare for all age groups of children.)

{LC1476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 283****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- DISABILITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (Expands the existing disability business enterprises program.)

{LC1187/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 284****BY** McKenney, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Felag, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE ACT (Would, through the office of management and budget, implement the Lean government initiative and include a mandatory yearly progress report by departments, agencies, boards and commissions.)

{LC1557/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 285****BY** Crowley, Metts, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES - STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Increases the state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities, by an amount equal to the amount paid by the distressed city or town into the ocean state libraries (OSL) annual assessment charges.)

{LC1475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 286****BY** McKenney, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Felag, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday for the days of August 10, 2019 and August 11, 2019.)

{LC1554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 287****BY** McKenney, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Felag, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a one-time non-refundable personal/corporate income tax credit for the actual costs of sewer connection for single/multifamily homes based on real property owner's filing status.)

{LC1556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 288****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS (Removes the seven million (\$7,000,000) dollar limit allowing the motion picture production company tax credit to be carried forward. Increases the total credits that may be issued up to twenty five million (\$25,000,000.))

{LC1369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 289****BY** Bell, Nesselbush, Quezada, Miller, Seveney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING AN IMPROVED "MEDICARE FOR ALL" SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE UNIVERSAL, COMPREHENSIVE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

{LC332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 290****BY** Bell, Nesselbush, Quezada, Seveney, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program .)

{LC333/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 291****BY** Valverde, Quezada, Goldin, Miller, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Requires pharmacies display warning notice regarding use of opioids/schedule II controlled substances compiled by DOH relating to overuse/misuse/mixing with other drugs/alcohol effective 9/1/19.)

{LC1162/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 292****BY** Gallo, Ciccone**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.)

{LC1516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 293****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE ACT (Provides consumer protection in eye care services by developing standards and enforcement protocols related to the utilization of emergent technologies in the provision of eye care services, as well as for the delegation of eye care services by providers.)

{LC1437/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 294****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT ACT OF 2013 (Requires annual reports to track the number of caregiver assessments given as part of the assessments conducted for Medicaid long term services and supports the creation of a family caregiver support association by the division of elderly affairs.)

{LC1404/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 295****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Repeals the automatic phase out of the nursing facility reimbursement price based methodology.)  
{LC642/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 296****BY** Bell, Nesselbush, Quezada, Miller, Seveney**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICARE-FOR-ALL SINGLE PAYER PROGRAM IN RHODE ISLAND (Creates an 11 member commission to study and assess the implementation of Medicare-For-All Single Payer in Rhode Island, and report back to the Senate one year from the date of passage, and expire two years from the date of passage.)  
{LC657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 297****BY** Miller, Goldin, Archambault, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Authorizes the establishment of harm reduction centers.)  
{LC1470/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 298****BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSE ANESTHETISTS (Permits a registered nurse who is enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia program to practice as a nurse anesthetist under the supervision of a certified registered nurse anesthetist or an anesthesiologist.)  
{LC411/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 299****BY** Goldin, Satchell, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE (Allows pregnant women with an annual family income above applicable

Medicaid income limit to be eligible to purchase health insurance through one of the Medicaid managed care plans.)

{LC1026/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 300**

**BY** Metts, Quezada, Paolino, Morgan, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE 1986 NATIONAL CHILDHOOD VACCINE INJURY ACT AND SUBPOENA DR. WILLIAM THOMPSON

{LC855/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 301**

**BY** Sheehan, Crowley, Nesselbush, Metts, Picard

**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.)

{LC1022/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 302**

**BY** Coyne, Miller, Satchell, Lynch Prata, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Allows those individuals who do not otherwise meet the requirements, to reside in an Alzheimer's special care unit or program.)

{LC1264/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 303**

**BY** Metts, Archambault, Morgan, Paolino, Felag

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

{LC857/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 304****BY** Satchell, Miller, Sheehan, Valverde, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- NON-OPIATE DIRECTIVE (Directs filing non-opiate directives with the DOA and deletes requirements for recording in electronic health record and verification by a registered practitioner. Replaces medical disciplinary board with the dept of health for compliance violations.)

{LC1463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 305****BY** Crowley, Metts, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMISSION ON THE DEAF AND HARD-OF-HEARING (Provides conditions to lawfully permit a state employee to be employed as an interpreter or a CART provider outside of the normal working hours.)

{LC1469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 306****BY** Valverde, Miller, Goldin, Lawson, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Authorizes a licensed pharmacist, who successfully completes a course on tobacco cessation therapy, to prescribe and dispense tobacco cessation drug products to a qualified patient pursuant to rules adopted by the board of pharmacy.)

{LC1043/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 307****BY** Miller, Goldin, Satchell, Sheehan, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires all contracts between health insurance carriers and the Rhode Island Medicaid program to cover clinically appropriate services for the treatment of mental health and/or substance abuse disorders.)

{LC1231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 308****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (Prohibits misrepresentation of the status of



an animal as a service animal in order to acquire any right or privilege afforded disabled persons.)  
{LC1238/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 309**

**BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES (Adds six members to the commission on traumatic brain injuries.)

{LC1603/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 310**

**BY** Coyne, Lynch Prata, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF THE STATE PLAN ON ALZHEIMER'S  
DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS

{LC1260/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 311**

**BY** Sheehan, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME  
RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies amendments to the  
Home Rule charter of the town of North Kingstown adopted and approved by the electors of the  
town of North Kingstown on November 6, 2018.)

{LC1452/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 312**

**BY** Bell, Quezada, Satchell, Crowley, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES-  
NEIGHBORHOOD (Amends several sections of the Rhode Island Zoning Enabling Act of 1991  
with the intent of preserving neighborhood character and promoting smart growth.)

{LC656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 313**

**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO  
TAXATION (Exempts from taxation real property acquired or leased by a railroad entity used in

the boarding or disembarking of railroad passengers or supporting passenger railroad operations and services.)

{LC1193/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 314**

**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, McCaffrey, Morgan

**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, 2019 and limits the chair to three (3) consecutive terms.)

{LC409/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 315**

**BY** Nesselbush, Cano, Quezada, Conley, Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Statute of limitation for childhood sex abuse claims extended to 35 years.)

{LC1190/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 316**

**BY** Goldin, Cano, Goodwin, Quezada, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires employers to give their employees, who make a timely request, two (2) hours of paid leave to vote. This act would be enforced by the department of labor and training.)

{LC923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 317**

**BY** Bell, Quezada, Nesselbush, Seveney, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer. Provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.)

{LC920/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 318****BY** Lawson, Euer, Valverde, Conley, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.)  
{LC1265/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 319****BY** Goldin, Valverde, Lawson, Murray, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows an individual who is eligible to vote and turns eighteen (18) years of age on or before the date of a general election to vote in the primary election immediately preceding that general election.)  
{LC482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 320****BY** Goldin, Miller, Euer, Coyne**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 his or her life using drugs prescribed by a physician.)  
{LC1194/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 321****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION (Allows plaintiffs seeking a domestic abuse protective order in family court to include any of their minor children who are not related to the defendant by blood or marriage within the same complaint and restraining order.)  
{LC1820/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 322****BY** Metts, Quezada, Goldin, Euer, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires the sealing of any district court file, where a resolution of a trespass and eviction complaint results in a verdict for the tenant and no appeal is taken.)  
{LC881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 323****BY** Goldin, Cano, Goodwin, Valverde, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

{LC1134/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 324****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS TRANSACTIONS ACT (Authorizes any municipal water supply system, any regional water quality management district commission to enter into a transaction with municipal water supply systems or regional water quality management district commissions.)

{LC1567/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 325****BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the governor to designate any person to solemnize a marriage within the state of Rhode Island on a particular day and within a particular city or town.)

{LC484/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 326****BY** Bell, Nesselbush, Valverde, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARIES (Requires that on all primaries, the candidate's names would be listed in an order chosen by lot under the direction of the secretary of state.)

{LC658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 327****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS (Amends the definition of "public body" to include the board of directors of any library which has funded at least twenty-five percent (25%) of its operational budget in the prior budget year with public funds.)

{LC1338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 328****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Establishes portability of unused estate tax credit of predeceasing spouse by surviving spouse for decedents dying after 12/31/18.)  
{LC1392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 329****BY** Nesselbush, Goldin, Lawson, Bell, Quezada**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 also provides instructions and necessary forms to change the beneficiary.)  
{LC1275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 330****BY** Cano, Goldin, Euer, Murray, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES -- SEXUAL HARASSMENT (Extends protection to domestic servants/includes retaliation as unlawful practice and requires employers of 4 or more employees to conduct sexual harassment programs for new employees within 1 month of the date of hire/all employees by September 1, 2019.)  
{LC1320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 331**

(Governor)

**BY** Metts, Ciccone, Bell, Crowley, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.)  
{LC1330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 332****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE LIABILITY LIMITATIONS ACT (Regulates snow removal contracts between service providers and service receivers, limit liability between them, and declare certain indemnity agreements void as against public policy.)  
{LC459/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 333****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Raises amount from \$1,500 to \$5,000 at which insurer may fail to renew private passenger auto policy/assess premium surcharge for property damage claim payment. Eff. 1/1/20.)  
{LC1239/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 334****BY** Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Valverde, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Requires that any use of a premises for marijuana cultivation be disclosed in any real estate transaction.)  
{LC511/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 335****BY** Sheehan, Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS (Authorizes detectives, and any rank above, in the town of North Kingstown police department to sign written complaints, under oath, for the issuance of search warrants.)  
{LC1451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 336****BY** Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine Kennedy to join Maeve Shea Kennedy and Zachary Adam Fand in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC1472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 337**

(by request)

**BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT (Allows an owner or owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)  
{LC1563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 338****BY** Miller, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Satchell, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT - OFFENSES AND PENALTIES (Excludes the possession of buprenorphine from those controlled substances that can result in criminal penalties.)  
{LC1403/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 339****BY** Goldin, Euer, Murray, Valverde, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Repeals the state voter identification law.)  
{LC1028/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 340****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Craig Pearson to join Danielle Parent and Matthew Puglise in marriage on or about March 15, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC1270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 341****BY** Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - PAROLE (Provides that juveniles sentenced as adults parole eligible after completing 15 years of their sentence.)  
{LC853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 342****BY** Goldin, Seveney, Euer, McCaffrey, Satchell**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.)  
{LC1035/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 343****BY** Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SPECIAL POLICE FOR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS (Clarifies the jurisdiction of special police officers upon the land and buildings of educational institutions, and on roads adjacent to the educational institutions to instances where the officer notices that a person is in danger of bodily harm.)

{LC1393/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 344****BY** Archambault, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Raptakis, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES --UNIFORM DIRECTED TRUST ACT (Permits the settlor of a trust to designate a trust director who shall be a person other than the trustee to direct actions relative to a trust and pursuant to any power of direction.)

{LC1342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 345****BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Archambault, Morgan, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - NONCOMPETE AGREEMENTS - BROADCAST EMPLOYEES (Prohibits the inclusion of noncompete agreements in broadcast industry employment contracts that are entered into after January 1, 2020.)

{LC1288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 346****BY** Lynch Prata, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER (Creates joint committee to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders.)

{LC810/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 347****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Amends § 5-22-12, thereby removing the authority of the city or town council, bureau of licenses or board of police commissioners to revoke any license issued for amusements, performances and/or movies on Sunday.)

{LC839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 348****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - PICKLED FISH (Repeals several sections of the general laws regarding the pickling, packaging, sorting, and branding of pickled fish.)

{LC820/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 349****BY** Paolino, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - PICKLED FISH (Repeals sections of the general laws dealing with grading of various qualities of mackerel and the sale or export of pickled fish not approved or branded.)

{LC821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 350****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SODA AND CREAM OF TARTAR (Repeals the requirement that city and town councils appoint an inspector or saleratus, bicarbonate of soda, and cream of tartar in order to test for adulterated product, and eliminates the fine for any person selling such adulterated product.)

{LC829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 351****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - FALSE PERSONATION (Removes auctioneers, corders of wood and fence viewers as subjects of this violation and would set forth the penalty for impersonating the town sealer of weights and measures.)

{LC819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 352****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-4 of the general laws that prohibits a person from being a second at a duel that results in the infliction of a mortal wound.)

{LC832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 353****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING  
{LC824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 354****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES - FIREWOOD AND CHARCOAL (Repeals the provision of the general laws that require baskets of charcoal be sealed by the sealer of weights and measures of the town where the person so using the basket resides, or of the town where the charcoal is measured for sale.)  
{LC817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 355****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - HIGHWAY (Repeals several criminal offenses pertaining to three (3) bridges, including the Crawford Street Bridge, the Apponaug River Bridge, and the Pawtuxet Falls Bridge.)  
{LC822/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 356****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMALS AT LARGE (Repeals the section of the law authorizing the impoundment of at large animals in private ways in Newport.)  
{LC823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 357****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS (Repeals the licensing requirements for certain shows or exhibitions occurring on Sundays within certain designated cities and/or towns.)  
{LC835/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 358****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSE - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-3 of the general laws that prohibits a Rhode Island resident from engaging in a duel outside the state that results in a mortal wound.)

{LC837/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 359****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Repeals the statute imposing a fine not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) on a person robbing or drawing a fishpot, weir or net belonging to another person.)

{LC831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 360****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (Repeals the prohibition of the general laws regarding the removal of gravel or the deposit of debris from Easton's Beach, the enforcement provisions thereto, and the bounds of Easton's Beach.)

{LC836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 361****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PUBLIC UTILITIES (Repeals the requirement that phone books contain a "Warning" that refusal to relinquish, or damage a phone in certain circumstances may be a crime.)

{LC833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 362****BY** Paolino, Pearson, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - DUELING AND FIGHTING (Repeals § 11-12-1 of the general laws that prohibits engaging in a duel with a dangerous weapon.)

{LC818/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 363****BY** Paolino, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - SEAWEED (Repeals Chapter 46-11 which prohibits the taking of seaweed by anyone not a resident of the town of Barrington and imposes fines for doing so.)

{LC838/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 364****BY** Paolino, Pearson, de la Cruz, Morgan**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.)

{LC830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 365****BY** Nesselbush, Lawson, Bell, Quezada, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Makes the owner of any vehicle not inspected as required by §§ 31-38-3 or 31-38-4 responsible for any fines or penalties imposed as a result of non-inspection and would prohibit any law enforcement officer from citing the operator of said vehicle.)

{LC1296/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 366****BY** Bell, Satchell, Euer, Goldin, Murray**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE TRAUMA INFLICTED ON CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE (Creates a 13 member commission to study the impact of the trauma inflicted on children exposed to violence, and report back by February 7, 2020, and expire on May 7, 2020.)

{LC1568/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 367****BY** DiPalma, Seveney, McKenney, Felag, Lawson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "KNOW BEFORE YOU FLY" CAMPAIGN AS AN OFFICIAL SOURCE OF SAFETY EDUCATION FOR PROSPECTIVE AND ACTIVE OPERATORS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC1268/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 368****BY** Euer, Valverde, Algiere, Murray, Lawson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- REAPPORTIONMENT  
{LC182/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 369****BY** Lawson, Euer, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Ruggerio**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.)  
{LC1266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 370****BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Cano, Lawson**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 workers in the prior calendar year or six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$636) per week.)  
{LC723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 371****BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Cano, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Allows an employee to establish a lien against an employer's property to aid the employee in collecting unpaid wages from the employer.)  
{LC921/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 372****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MUNICIPAL POLICE CONTRACTS (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.)  
{LC1233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 373****BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Archambault, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE - CONTRIBUTIONS (Permits employees who are covered by employer sponsored disability insurance programs to elect to be exempt from the state temporary disability insurance program, provided the employer has submitted documentation to the director confirming such coverage)

{LC1339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 374****BY** Goldin, Goodwin, Quezada, Euer, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGE--GRATUITIES (Incrementally increases from the \$3.89 per hour subminimum wage for tipped workers to \$9.00 per hour on January 1, 2023, Starting on January 1, 2024, the minimum hourly wage for tipped workers would be equal to the state's regular minimum hourly wage.)

{LC1034/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 375****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Electrical apprentices qualify for journeyperson "B" exam by successfully completing 288 hours of classroom training in a recognized trade school.)

{LC1337/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 376****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Continues all provisions of firefighter's collective bargaining agreements until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.)

{LC1234/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 377****BY** Sheehan, Raptakis, Lombardi, DiPalma, Seveney**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (This proposed constitution amendment, if adopted, would give

the governor a line item veto in any bill appropriating money.)  
{LC1143/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 378**

**BY** Bell, Quezada, Nesselbush, Conley, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Authorizes the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate to be hung in the state house.)

{LC1006/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 379**

**BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, McCaffrey, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the state of Rhode Island.)

{LC1235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 380**

**BY** Gallo, Conley, Goodwin, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Adds prepackaged cheeses to the items allowed for sale at Class A license holders premises in towns or cities of ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants.)

{LC1397/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 381**

**BY** Lynch Prata, McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING NEW BUILDINGS (Names the traffic tribunal building on New London Avenue "The Albert E. DeRobbio Traffic Tribunal.")

{LC803/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 382**

**BY** Paolino, Pearson, DiPalma, Morgan, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Increases the annual flat

fee given to Lincoln and Tiverton by their respective sports wagering facilities to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.)

{LC1441/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 383**

**BY** Raptakis, Felag, Lynch Prata, Murray, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows business vehicles which are owned by an entity which a veteran owns, and registered and authorized to conduct business in the state of Rhode Island, to register such business vehicles with veteran plates.)

{LC1336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 384**

**BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE GOLD STAR  
FAMILY HIGHWAY (Provides an honorary name to a portion of highway on Chopmist Hill Road from Route 44 in Chepachet to Route 6 in Scituate, now known a Hartford Pike, as the Gold Star Family Highway.)

{LC1216/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 385**

**BY** Quezada, Crowley, Cano, Euer, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES  
(Entitles all honorably discharged veterans to a waiver of the motor vehicle registration fees.)

{LC620/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 386**

**BY** Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE  
CHARTER OF MP CLEANING CO. INC.

{LC1471/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 387**

**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Picard

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN  
RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS,



CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT (TRA),  
AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY  
{LC1514/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Resolution No. 388**

**BY** Sosnowski, Felag, Sheehan, Gallo, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 10TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC1335/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019:**

**1. 2019-S 37 SUB A**

**BY** Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends indefinite  
postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Felag moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lombardi, Goodwin, Lynch Prata,  
Conley, Gallo, Crowley, Archambault, Paolino, Murray, and Coyne.

Senators Bell, Crowley, and Nesselbush discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed,  
upon a roll call vote, with 33 Senators voting in the affirmative and 4 Senators voting in the  
negative as follows:

**YEAS –33:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algiere, Archambault,  
Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson,  
Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Miller, Morgan, Murray,  
Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan,  
Sosnowski, Valverde.

**NAYS – 4:** Senators Bell, DiPalma, Euer, Metts.

**2. 2019-S 242****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED PROTECTION FUND

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Ciccone moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Archambault, and McKenney.

Senators Bell and Ciccone discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, on a roll call vote, with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative, and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –37:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, 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, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**Senator DiPalma announces that the Demanding Dignity Rally will meet Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 3:15 o'clock P.M. in the Library of the State House.**RECESS**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Metts, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate stands in recess at 4:40 o'clock P.M, in memory of Dr. Kenneth R. Walker, Sr.

**CALL TO ORDER**The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT** –36: 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

**ABSENT** – 2: Senator Miller, Pearson.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Grace Sowa, Hilary Sowa, and Chris Sowa.

Upon the suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber new intern Driston Galvo.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber from “Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America” Terry Schimmel, Jean Bowen, Suzanne Marcy, Val Follett, Christine Bandoni, John Glasheen, and Deb Kelly.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

**The Reappointment of Scott Jensen as Director of the Department of Labor and Training**

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

### COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

#### **The Appointment of James Manni VICE Colonel Ann Assumpico as Director of the Department of Public Safety**

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Resolution No. 390**

**BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL OF CRANSTON FOR FINISHING IN 1ST AND 2ND PLACE IN THE STATEWIDE CYBERPATRIOT NATIONAL YOUTH CYBER DEFENSE CHALLENGE, AND IN THE TOP FIFTEEN PERCENT OF ALL TEAMS COMPETING ACROSS THE NATION

{LC1730/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Gallo moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lombardi, Felag, Murray, Sosnowski, Lombardo, Nesselbush, Metts, Lawson, Picard, Satchell, Paolino, Bell, Valverde, Seveney, DiPalma, Goldin, Raptakis.

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

### GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Aidan Ranaldi, Vignesh, Peddi, Daniel Nikitskaya, Henry Cheng, Jack Zukowski, Hannah Couitt, Jacquelyn Prata, Donna Wayles, Timothy Vesey, David Regine

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 389****BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2019

{LC1496/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by 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, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

**Senate Resolution No. 391****BY** Lombardi, Gallo, Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LOIS FRANCES LANNI

{LC1116/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Lombardi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lombardi moves passage, seconded by Senators, McCaffrey, Morgan, Ciccone.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019:**

1. **2019-S 386**  
**BY** Satchell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MP CLEANING CO. INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-S 387**  
**BY** Crowley  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT (TRA), AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2019-S 388**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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 –35:** 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, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

**NAYS – 0:**

### CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019:

1. **2019-S 139 SUB A**  
**BY** Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator Goldin moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Felag, Sosnowski, Lynch Prata, Goodwin, Lombardi, Sheehan, Crowley, Cano, Valverde, Euer, Seveney.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 34 Senators voting in the affirmative and 2 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS –34:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Valverde.

**NAYS – 2:** Senators de la Cruz, Morgan.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 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 Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

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

Senator Quezada announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey wishes Senator Felag a happy belated Birthday February 15, 2019.

#### RECESS

Upon the motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Lombardi, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senator stands in recess at 4:41 o'clock P.M, in memory of Lois Frances Lanni.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4:17 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, 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, Valverde.

**ABSENT** – 3: Senators Miller, Pearson, Satchell.

**INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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



## COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:



February 27, 2019

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

Dear President Ruggerio:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that due to personal reasons, I will be absent from the chamber on Wednesday, February 27, 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 "Adam J. Satchell".

Senator Adam J. Satchell  
Senate District 09

Read and ordered to be placed on file

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

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

**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}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

**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}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 227**

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Dan E. Blackstone to join Victoria Sardelli and Connor Taub in marriage on or about May 5, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC1062/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 336**

**BY** Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine Kennedy to join Maeve Shea Kennedy and Zachary Adam Fand in marriage on or about June 8, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC1472/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 340****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Craig Pearson to join Danielle Parent and Matthew Puglise in marriage on or about March 15, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1270/1}

From the Committee on Judiciary to the Consent Calendar.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 393****BY** Gallo, Conley, Goodwin, Ciccone, Sheehan**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2019, TO BE "ARTS IN THE SCHOOLS MONTH"

{LC1600/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Gallo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Paul Carpentier, Randall Rosenbaum, Maggie Anderson, Yunus Konvik, Sevde Cizginer, Madelyn Kaplan, Gloria Budz, Tate Sanchez, Heidi Copeman, Michelle Turner, Kristen Murphy Heynen, Tara Villanova, Kerri Marshall, Lola Rael, and Nkeke Harris.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 394****BY** Metts, Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC1453/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration

Senator Metts requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

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

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Senate Bill No. 395**

BY Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS (Enables Rhode Island businesses to voluntarily promulgate standards to guide its business activities in a sustainable and responsible manner, as well as metrics for assessing whether it has met its objectives.)

{LC2010/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

#### **Senate Bill No. 396**

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION--AUTOMOBILE WRECKING AND SALVAGE YARDS (Prohibits any entity or individual from advertising the sale, purchase, receipt, transport, delivery or salvage of any junk or discarded automobile unless the advertiser is a licensed auto wrecking or salvage yard.)

{LC1702/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

#### **Senate Bill No. 397**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES (Exempt New Shoreham from the jurisdiction of the division of PUC for purposes of regulating transportation network companies, and allows the town to establish its own regulatory framework regarding transportation network company services.)

{LC1055/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 398**

(209)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DESIGNERS OF INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS (Provides that professional engineers who are registered and authorized to practice by the Rhode Island state board of registration for professional engineers be deemed to have met the qualifications for a designer's license.)  
{LC1684/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 399**

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Seveney, Coyne, DiPalma, Valverde, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Prohibits nonregulated power producers from automatically renewing a contract. Mandates that the nonregulated power producer provide methods for the customer to cancel service and provide the customer with notice of the contract expiration date.)  
{LC1868/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 400**

BY Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Ciccone, Archambault, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games.)  
{LC1801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 401**

(by request)

BY Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCREENING AND EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA AND RELATED DISORDERS (Requires public schools to provide screening for dyslexia/related disorders/establish approp. treatment and/or education plan for students starting in school year 2020-2021/creates study comm. for 2 schools dedicated to instruction of dyslexic children.)  
{LC1981/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 402**

BY Valverde, Murray, Lawson, Satchell, Seveney  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING  
AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Requires schools to comply with recycling and composting laws  
and promotes food donation and local food service contracts.)  
{LC1564/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 403**

BY Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION-CURRICULUM (Requires elementary  
schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship.)  
{LC1727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Resolution No. 404**

BY Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Conley, DiPalma, Euer  
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION  
TO STUDY THE EFFECT AND PROCEDURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE  
RHODE ISLAND COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC)  
{LC1972/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 405**

BY Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Archambault  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --  
AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT (Defines the term "farm products" for the purposes of enforcement and  
regulation of the agricultural functions of the department of environmental management.)  
{LC1639/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 406**

BY Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, DiPalma, Euer  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- ASSENT TO  
FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT (Has Rhode Island assent to the FDA Food Safety  
Modernization Act, and empowers the director of DEM to perform those acts necessary to be in  
compliance with the provisions of the act for the modernization of the safety of the food supply.)  
{LC1642/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 407**

BY Satchell, Rogers, Archambault, Sosnowski, Bell  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION (Exempts the producers of certain milk and milk product produced for personal consumption from the inspection requirements of the milk sanitation code.)  
{LC1898/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 408**

BY Lombardo, Lombardi, Archambault, Gallo  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFUSE DISPOSAL - EXEMPTING POST-USE POLYMERS, GASIFICATION PROCESSES AND RECOVERABLE FEED STOCKS  
{LC1896/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 409**

BY Lawson, Valverde, Murray, Euer, Nesselbush  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Increases the members of public school personnel to include all trained school administrators, teachers, or SROs among those authorized to administer an opioid antagonist where there is an emergency drug overdose in a school setting.)  
{LC1399/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 410**

(Environmental Management)

BY Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Euer, Coyne, Valverde  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT (Creates the "Plastic Waste Reduction Act" designed to reduce the use of plastic bags by retail establishments by offering recyclable bag options and providing penalties for violations.)  
{LC1865/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 411**

BY Lynch Prata  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- ESTABLISHING THE "PROTECTION FROM INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES ACT" (Establishes restrictions on invasive plant species to include running bamboo.)  
{LC1076/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 412**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION - THE CLIMATE CHANGE COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND (Establishes OSACR, a fund which provides grants to fund projects that adapt infrastructure to address climate change; assess eligibility of projects, allocation, disbursements and the fund's financing. Effective July 1, 2019.)  
{LC1655/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 413**

BY Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Specifically defines plant agriculture as not the cultivation and processing of marijuana.)  
{LC1726/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 414**

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Ciccone, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Defines small, large and residential wind energy systems. Provides that the zoning ordinance for wind energy systems establish requirements and guidelines consistent with the latest technical paper published by the statewide planning program.)  
{LC1769/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Resolution No. 415**

BY Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF WIND TURBINES ON ALL MARINE LIFE (Creates a 5 member commission to study the effect of wind turbines on all marine life, and report back to the Senate by February 11, 2020, and expire on May 11, 2020.)  
{LC1857/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 416**

BY Cano, Quezada, Metts, Crowley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - FEDERAL AID (Requires free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools, to the extent state and federal funds are available.)  
{LC1559/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.



**Senate Bill No. 417**

BY Coyne, Conley, Lynch Prata, Seveney, Lawson  
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.)  
{LC514/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 418**

BY Cano, Goldin, Valverde, Crowley, Quezada  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SUGARY DRINKS (Creates a tax on  
sugary drinks and creates a dedicated revenue source for programs designed to benefit public  
health.)  
{LC1976/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 419**

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, Coyne, Valverde  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT  
(Gradually increases the state's contribution to the teachers' retirement system, while reducing  
the municipal contribution, eventually resulting in the contributions being shared equally.)  
{LC1798/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 420**

BY Quezada, Bell, Metts, Crowley  
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.)  
{LC611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 421**

BY Archambault, Sosnowski, Rogers, Coyne, Conley  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Entitles dairy farms to the exemptions  
from taxation granted to farmland, forestland, or open space.)  
{LC1844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 422**

BY Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES

(Repeals the state estate tax.)

{LC1890/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 423**

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Changes the retirement benefits of state employees who were eligible to retire by reason of age on 6/30/12. Exempts these employees from the 401(a) plan, and returns them to the traditional defined benefit plan.)

{LC1423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 424**

BY Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID--TOWN OF

EXETER (Clarifies the status of pilot payments to the town of Exeter in view of its not presently having a police department.)

{LC1725/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 425**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Required the secretary of health and human services to increase income disregards for Medicare cost-sharing programs eligibility.)

{LC796/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 426**

BY Archambault, Sosnowski, Rogers, Coyne, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX

(Establishes a tax credit for a business corporation that is a licensed dairy farm allowing for a refundable tax credit based on the amount of milk produced and sold.)

{LC1845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 427**

BY Morgan, Raptakis, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the number of years that the town of West Greenwich may enter into tax stabilization agreements from ten (10) to twelve (12).)  
{LC1880/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 428**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Reinstates for one year, from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, the formula used to distribute hotel tax funds prior to January 1, 2016.)  
{LC806/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 429**

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Changes the formula for providing state aid to students in conventional public housing and provides funding through gambling revenue and taxes derived from the sale of marijuana.)  
{LC1779/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 430**

BY Quezada, Bell, Metts, Crowley, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TUITION EQUITY (Creates the "student equal economic opportunity act" which would allow students who meet certain requirements to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition at Rhode Island universities, colleges or community colleges.)  
{LC596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 431**

(General Treasurer)

BY Ruggiero, Goodwin, Ciccone, Archambault, Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- NON-ERISA COVERED PENSION PLANS (Requires that all defined pension plans which are not covered

by the ERISA and have at least two hundred (200) members, comply with ERISA's annual reporting provisions.)

{LC1764/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 432**

(request of Judiciary)

BY Conley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE FUNDS (Adds the Judiciary's Indirect Cost Recovery – Supreme Court, Victims' Rights Information, RI Supreme Court Disciplinary Counsel and Small Claims Mediation accounts to the list of restricted receipt accounts which are not subject to indirect cost recovery.)

{LC1699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 433**

BY Lawson, Nesselbush, Valverde, Murray, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Protects seniors and qualified disabled adults from financial exploitation.)

{LC1340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 434**

BY Euer, Murray, Goodwin, Crowley, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING (Provides for increases in the amount of foundation level school support that a community would receive, based upon a community's ability to meet and surpass its minimum low and moderate income housing requirements.)

{LC1596/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 435**

BY Lynch Prata, McKenney, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VETERANS' SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM (Creates a transitioning veterans' small business loan program through the commerce corporation.)

{LC798/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 436**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Amends the law on property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons.)

{LC801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 437**

BY DiPalma, Satchell, Felag, Conley, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Sets the minimum hourly wages for employees of developmental disabilities organizations who have developmental disabilities at thirteen dollars and seventy seven cents (\$13.77) with an increase to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) commencing on July 1, 2020.)

{LC1643/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 438**

BY Felag, Seveney, Ciccone, Lombardo, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$185,000 TO THE DIVISION OF ELDERLY AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO FUND ELDER RESPITE SERVICES (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$185,000 to the Division of Elderly Affairs in the Department of Human Services.)

{LC2017/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 439**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Adds elder caregiver respite services to the web-based caregiver support information center.)

{LC807/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 440**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INSURANCE (Establishes audit requirements for pharmacy benefit managers, and would also establish annual reporting requirements for health insurers.)

{LC813/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 441**

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH -- ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM LICENSURE (Prevents promulgating any regulation discriminating against/giving preference to the number/percentage of participants receiving adult day care services based upon their age/age group.)

{LC1984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 442**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Amends process and timing of filing a complete application for Medicaid benefits and provides coverage while application is pending.)

{LC811/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 443**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Updates the laws relating to physician assistants to reflect current standards and terminology.)

{LC1806/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 444**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Redefines the term "covered services" as used to describe applicable subscriber agreements between a health care entity and a dentist, to exclude waiting period and alternate benefit provisions.)

{LC1799/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 445**

BY Sosnowski, Crowley, Goldin, Euer, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from varying the premium rates

charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member.)

{LC1800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 446**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Sets forth the application process for Medicaid coverage and the review procedures to be utilized in reviewing such applications.)

{LC805/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 447**

BY Valverde, Goldin, Coyne, Lawson, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT FOOD AND DRUGS - REGULATION OF PERSONAL CARE

PRODUCTS (Requires the personal care product industry to more fully disclose the ingredients they use and, where applicable, identify ingredients that have been published as a chemical of concern on one or more designated list included in the act.)

{LC1617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 448**

BY Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSURE

OF INTERPRETERS FOR THE DEAF (Prohibits a person who is under the age of eighteen (18) to work or volunteer in the medical settings including mental health and behavioral health care facilities for any deaf and hard of hearing clients or patients.)

{LC1467/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 449**

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND

WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Authorizes the town of Warren to enact ordinances for the purpose of regulating the sale of tobacco, flavored tobacco products, electronic vaporizer devices and liquids used in electronic vapor devices.)

{LC1852/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 450**

BY Raptakis, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT ON DECEMBER 27, 2018 (Makes various amendments pertaining to the duties and operations of the Central Coventry Fire District.)

{LC1510/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 451**

BY Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires state/city/town to install solar panels supplying at least 50% of the electrical needs within five (5) years of the completion date for any new public buildings, including schools, prior to the issuance of a construction permit.)

{LC1439/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 452**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES (Allows the residents of New Shoreham who earn up to one hundred forty percent (140%) of area median income to qualify for affordable housing.)

{LC1053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 453**

BY Euer, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Requires initial, biennial, and continuing education in land use law and planning for local planning, zoning, or historic board and commission members.)

{LC1656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 454**

BY Euer, Goldin, Lynch Prata, Murray, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every health insurance contract to provide coverage for all



FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, voluntary sterilization procedures, patient education and counseling as well as Medicaid coverage for a 12 month supply for Medicaid recipients.)  
{LC1748/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 455**

BY Archambault, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, McKenney, McCaffrey  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC  
USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of owner to  
exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use  
of private lands.)  
{LC1682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 456**

BY Sheehan, Crowley, Seveney, Satchell, Nesselbush  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE  
GENERALLY - NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS (Places limits on the terms that can be  
included in an agreement that settles a claim of sexual harassment, retaliation for reporting  
sexual harassment and stalking.)  
{LC1431/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 457**

BY Sheehan, Crowley, Nesselbush, Murray, Sosnowski  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Creates public funding for  
legislative candidates, would limit contributions of public funds for all candidates for governor,  
statewide office holders and legislators.)  
{LC1282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 458**

BY Felag  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY  
PROVISIONS - SERVICE CONTRACTS (Defines service contracts and clarifies that consumer  
service contracts are not insurance and not otherwise subject to the insurance code.)  
{LC1679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 459**

(Judiciary)

BY Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Coyne, Valverde, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Updates the language required to be given by police officers when responding to domestic abuse calls.)

{LC1700/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 460**

BY Goldin, Lynch Prata, Quezada, Goodwin, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT (Changes the definition of employee and employer for purposes of the fair employment practices act, while expanding personal liability for violations.)

{LC706/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 461**

BY Felag, Seveney, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Gleason to join Brianna Gleason and Vincent Romano in marriage on or about July 12, 2019, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.)

{LC1978/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 462**

BY Coyne, Ruggerio, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS--CHILDREN

{LC1432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 463**

BY McKenney, Archambault, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Allows damages recovery for emotional stress, grief, loss of enjoyment of life resulting from wrongful death of a spouse, parent, child to all pending future claims.)

{LC1694/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 464**

(Attorney General)

BY Coyne, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Felag, Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines the term "ghost gun" and bans the manufacture, sale purchase or possession of a machine gun, a ghost gun or an undetectable firearm.)

{LC1608/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 465**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SEIZURE OF ANIMALS BEING CRUELLY TREATED (Authorizes certain state and municipal agents to take possession of animals found abandoned or neglected, and to proceed to provide all necessary care and treatment for the animal.)

{LC1797/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 466**

BY Crowley, Quezada, Metts, Nesselbush, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

{LC1783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 467**

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (Amends the definitions of abuse and neglect with regard to elderly affairs by deleting the term "willful" and would also delete the definition of willful.)

{LC1680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 468**

BY Sheehan

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.)

{LC1188/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 469**

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Coyne, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Enhances penalties for failure to report lost or stolen firearms to the police department, and specify penalties for making a false report of lost or stolen firearms.)

{LC1610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 470**

(Attorney General)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY (Removes the exception to the (\$100,000.00) 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.)

{LC1590/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 471**

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Conley, Lynch Prata

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.)

{LC1520/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 472**

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Archambault, Goodwin, Seveney, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Makes the possession of schedule I through V controlled substances and possession of more than an ounce of marijuana misdemeanors punishable by up one year imprisonment and /or a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine or both.)

{LC1586/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 473**

BY Bell, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Adds live-in caregivers and others residing in a dwelling unit to the definition of tenant, and would permit such person to extend the term of a lease for up to three (3) months.)  
{LC1561/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 474**

(Board of Elections)

BY Crowley, Quezada, Sheehan, Lombardi, Nesselbush

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Allows local boards of canvassers to combine voting districts in special elections for approval/rejection of questions or when no officials will be elected or in primary elections only with board of election approval.)  
{LC1940/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 475**

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Adopts the uniform interstate depositions and discovery act, and amends the current law regarding depositions taken for use in a foreign jurisdiction by referencing the new act.)  
{LC1796/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 476**

BY Quezada, Crowley, Nesselbush, Metts, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - FAMILY COURT  
{LC2018/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 477**

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES  
{LC1949/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 478**

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING  
{LC1951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 479**

BY Euer, Murray, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Requires real estate sellers to provide buyers with an annual building energy cost estimate and imposes a duty on sellers to conduct real estate condition inspections.)  
{LC1821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 480**

(request of Judiciary)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS (Provides that the chief justice of the supreme court may declare a disaster emergency and orders necessary action to ensure efficient operation of the judicial system.)  
{LC1701/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 481**

BY Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans persons convicted of animal cruelty from possessing companion animals.)  
{LC1137/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 482**

(Board of Elections)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Permits emergency mail ballots at any time prior to any election and would require that electors sign an electronic

poll book containing a certificate of facts relating to the circumstances necessitating the emergency application.)  
{LC1948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 483**

BY Coyne, Conley, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Archambault  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CHILD  
ADVOCATE OFFICE (Requires the child advocate to review case records of fatalities or near  
fatalities when there is abuse or neglect present and the family had prior department contacts.)  
{LC1840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 484**

BY Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, Algieri, Raptakis  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS (Requires most  
employers in Rhode Island to participate in the E/Verify employment authorization program and  
establishes deadlines to do so.)  
{LC1884/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 485**

BY Morgan, Raptakis  
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE  
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR SENATORS  
AND REPRESENTATIVES) (Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to the electors of the  
state that increases the length of term for senators and representatives to four (4) years and would  
impose a limit of four (4) consecutive terms for those offices.)  
{LC1855/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 486**

BY Morgan, Paolino, Rogers, Raptakis  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (This act would  
require that a person mailing a mail ballot be either the spouse, guardian or relative by blood or  
marriage of the person voting by mail ballot.)  
{LC1894/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 487**

BY Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Changes one of the eligibility requirements to vote by mail ballot from an elector who "may" not be able to vote at a polling place to and an elector who will not be able to vote at a polling place.)

{LC1885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 488**

BY Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS - CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (This act would require any person voting by mail ballot or emergency mail ballot to provide proof of identity, exempting those in a hospital, hospice, or skilled nursing facility.)

{LC1888/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 489**

BY Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Requires funeral directors/agents to notify secretary of state and the chairperson of the board of canvassers upon filing death certificate for the purpose of removal from the roles of registered voters.)

{LC1728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 490**

BY Quezada, Metts, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION (Requires that the judicial nominating commission be composed of at least three (3) members of color.)

{LC612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 491**

BY Quezada, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- FULL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

{LC615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 492**

BY Quezada, Bell, Metts, Valverde

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

{LC601/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 493**

(request of Attorney General)

BY Lombardo, Archambault, Ciccone, McKenney, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Amends the Deceptive Trade Practices Act to clarify the law's exemptions, enable individuals subject to unfair or deceptive acts/practices to recover increased damages/permit the attorney general to seek civil penalties for initial violations of the law.)

{LC1584/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 494**

BY Lynch Prata, McKenney, McCaffrey, Archambault, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS - CONTRIBUTION AMONG JOINT TORTFEASORS

{LC1648/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 495**

(request of Judiciary)

BY Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Adds the administrator of the supreme court as an individual authorized to perform marriages and would clarify that the current administrators of the superior court, family court, district court, or traffic tribunal are empowered to perform marriages.)

{LC1698/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 496**

BY Conley, Goldin, Euer, Lynch Prata, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected

of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent of guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)  
{LC2006/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 497**

BY Goldin, Lynch Prata, Murray, Nesselbush, Euer  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN (Provides for a process for married and unmarried parents, to complete adoption to confirm their parentage of children born into their relationships with mutual intent and through assisted reproduction.)  
{LC1488/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 498**

(Request of Judiciary)  
BY McKenney, Lawson, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Conley  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - LAW PRACTICE (Provides that the rules and regulations pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law committee would be approved and promulgated by the supreme court.)  
{LC1697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 499**

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Archambault  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF ELDERS--ABUSE AND ISOLATION OF ELDERS OR DEPENDENT ADULTS -- THE PETER FALK CRIMINAL ISOLATION OF ELDERS ACT (Makes it a felony to isolate an elder or dependent adult and would expand the persons entitled to notice when a guardianship or conservatorship petition is filed in the probate court for dependents or elderly adults.)  
{LC469/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 500**

(Attorney General)  
BY Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Crowley, Ciccone  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Extends monitoring of hospital conversions from 3 to 5 years/increases

fine for violations from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000/simplifies judicial review.)  
{LC1583/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 501**

(Board of Elections)

BY Raptakis, Crowley, Paolino, Felag, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows voters to file state form designating party affiliation rather than in person and change affiliation within 30 days prior to primary election with local canvassing board.)

{LC1941/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 502**

(Attorney General)

BY Seveney, Coyne, Valverde, DiPalma, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires firearms to be stored securely when not in use and enhances penalties for failure to store firearms in a secure manner.)

{LC1611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 503**

(Attorney General)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Extends the effective date of Chapters 157 and 259 of the 2018 Public Laws from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020 in regards to Chapter 11-37.1 ("Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification").)

{LC1595/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 504**

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the look-back period from five (5) years to ten (10) years for third and subsequent offenses for driving under the influence of liquor or drugs and refusal to submit to chemical testing.)

{LC1593/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 505**

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION BENEFITS  
{LC1804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 506**

BY Morgan  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - SALARIES  
AND TRAVELING EXPENSES (Requires all non-supervisory classified employees to  
electronically record their daily work hours.)  
{LC1887/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 507**

BY Cano  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS  
{LC1986/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 508**

BY Quezada, Goodwin, Goldin, Cano, Euer  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM  
WAGES (Gradually increases the hourly minimum wage from \$10.50 to \$15 by July 1, 2023,  
and the hourly minimum wage for employees receiving gratuities from \$3.89 an hour to \$15 an  
hour by January 1, 2027.)  
{LC1405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 509**

BY Goldin, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lawson, Cano  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Comprehensively addresses wage discrimination by expanding  
employee protections and the scope of the remedies available to employees who have  
experienced wage discrimination.)  
{LC1251/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 510**

BY Lynch Prata, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF  
WAGES - VIOLATIONS  
{LC1867/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 511**

BY McCaffrey, Lawson, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Valverde  
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.)  
{LC1366/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 512**

BY McCaffrey, Lawson, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Valverde  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS (Requires that the  
contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with  
certified school teachers and municipal employees would continue until a successor agreement  
has been reached between the parties.)  
{LC1367/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 513**

BY Quezada, Bell, Metts, Crowley  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAY AND SUNDAY WORK (For purposes of overtime pay on  
Sundays and holidays, removes health care and maintenance workers from the definition of  
employees not entitled to overtime pay, thereby enabling them to collect overtime pay.)  
{LC597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 514**

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - SEASONAL EMPLOYEES (Creates a seasonal employment designation for purposes of unemployment benefits, which would allow employers hiring employees for less than twenty (20) weeks to apply for a seasonal determination by the director of the department of labor and training.)

{LC1654/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Resolution No. 515**

(Governor)

BY Lombardi, Sheehan, Algieri, Morgan, Archambault

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line-item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.)

{LC1416/1}

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

**Senate Bill No. 516**

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING (Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.)

{LC1720/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 517**

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LENDING OR BORROWING MONEY OR RECEIPT OF CREDIT BY LICENSEES (Prohibits the lending or borrowing of money or receipt of credit by delinquent licensees among manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of alcoholic beverages as regulated by the department of business regulation (DBR).)

{LC1745/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 518**

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION OF  
SALES (Allows license holders to restrict any person who has not reached his or her twenty first  
birthday from entering the licensed establishment after ten o'clock (10:00) pm.)  
{LC1814/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019:****1. 2019-S 392**

**BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE  
CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ON 160 YEARS AS A VITAL  
SPIRITUAL AND SERVICE CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH  
PROVIDENCE AND LARGER RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

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 –33:** 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, Morgan,  
Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Lynch Prata introduces Attorney General Peter Neronha to the Chamber.

Senator Lombardi announces that the Committee on Labor will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 212 of the State House.

Senators Crowley and Quezada introduce Representative Tobon to the Chamber.

Senator Coyne announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the Senate, in Room 310 of the State House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:38 o'clock P.M.

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



**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR JAMES A. SEVENEY**

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

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019:

1. **2019-S 386**  
**BY** Satchell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MP CLEANING CO. INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-S 387**  
**BY** Crowley  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN RHODE ISLAND AND TAIWAN, ENHANCING BILATERAL RELATIONS, CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT (TRA), AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2019-S 388**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

**Appendix**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-S 139 SUB A**  
**BY** Miller  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --  
COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR JAMES C. SHEEHAN

Almighty God, as we return to this chamber, we beseech you to fit us for today's work and for the work in days ahead. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019:

1. 2019-S 392

BY Metts

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ON 160 YEARS AS A VITAL SPIRITUAL AND SERVICE CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH PROVIDENCE AND LARGER RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019:**

**1. The Reappointment of Scott Jensen as Director of the Department of Labor and Training**

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

**2. The Appointment of James Manni VICE Colonel Ann Assumpico as Director of the Department of Public Safety**

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

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TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

**House Bill No. 5349**

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

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Camille Vella-Wilkinson to join Mishiunnukquom Garcia and Launcelot A. Gumbs, III, in marriage on or about February 14, 2019, within the City of Warwick, Rhode Island.)  
{LC1386/1}

Transmitted to the Governor.

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA**

Open our minds, Lord, to the wisdom in others. Help us to work in a unified effort towards harmony and peace for all the people of our State. Amen.



## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019:

1.     **2019-S 226**  
      **BY** Goldin  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
2.     **2019-S 228**  
      **BY** Algieri  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
3.     **2019-S 227**  
      **BY** Algieri  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
4.     **2019-S 336**  
      **BY** Goldin  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
5.     **2019-S 340**  
      **BY** Euer  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES  
  
      Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

## 10th Annual Joint Legislative Black History Month Heritage Celebration

- Word of Welcome:** *The Honorable Harold M. Metts*
- Invocation:** *The Reverend Justin R. Lester  
Congdon Street Baptist Church*
- National Anthem:** *Reverend Shane Lee*
- Remarks/ Introduction  
of the Black & Latino  
Caucus Members:** *Representative Carlos E. Tobon  
Co-Chair*
- Welcome Remarks:** *Her Excellency Gina M. Raimondo  
Governor*
- Song Selection:** *Carl Lauro Elementary School Choir  
Odell Zeigler, Director*
- Reading:** *O'Sha L. Williams  
Brown University*
- Introduction of Speaker:** *The Honorable Ana B. Quezada*
- Music Selection:** *Donnell Best  
Berklee School of Music*
- Guest Keynote Speaker:** *Barbra Muller, Ph. D, Director  
Center for Leadership and  
Educational Equity*
- African-American  
National Anthem:** *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"  
Donnell Best  
Berklee School of Music*
- Benediction:** *The Reverend Justin R. Lester  
Congdon Street Baptist Church*
- Closing Musical Selection:** *"We Shall Overcome"*