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# Journal of the Senate

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Twenty Sixth 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 4:19 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, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

**ABSENT – 3:** Senators Algieri, Felag, and Paolino.

## **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.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

**GUESTS**

Upon the suggestion of Senator Seveney and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mike Coffey the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Rite Solutions.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Metts and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Mr. Dwayne Keys of the South Providence Neighborhood Association.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**



**Senate Chamber**

March 21, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, due to a business commitment. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis L. Algieri  
SENATE MINORITY LEADER

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations****Senate Chamber**

March 21, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President:

Please be advised that I will be absent from the Senate session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, due to illness. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Paolino  
SENIOR DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Read and 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. 5305**

**BY** Williams, Blazejewski, Fellela, Ucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED PROTECTION FUND (Extends the effective date of the Rhode Island Uninsured Protection Fund from February 1, 2019 to September 1, 2019.)

{LC1185/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Calendar.

**House Bill No. 5516****BY** Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rebecca Weinreich, to join Wendy Anne Nelson and Daniel Michael Weinreich in marriage on or about June 1, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC1491/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Judiciary.

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Miller, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on 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}

Transferred from the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Committee on Commerce

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Resolution No. 640****BY** Ruggiero, Crowley, Conley, Cano, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD A. HARWOOD

{LC2047/1}

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, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Murray, Morgan, Nesselbush, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**Senate Bill No. 642****BY** Rogers, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Adam Plumer to join Samantha Toohey and Matthew Borys in marriage on or about June 28, 2019, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.)  
{LC2226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 643****BY** Goldin, Miller, Satchell, Valverde, Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Increases tax wage base for contributions to TDI /TCI, expands eligibility, increases benefit rates, adds sibling and grandchild in coverage benefits, increases temp caregiver weeks, and institutes fines for not reinstating an employee who uses program.)  
{LC1208/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 644****BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Bethany Laskowski to join Jonelle Lorena Schofield and Joshua Kerry Cliff in marriage on or about May 18, 2019, within the city of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC2176/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 645****BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mark S. Mandell to join Sara Kemper and Zach Mandell in marriage on or about August 31, 2019, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)  
{LC490/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 646****BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Jayant Sane to join Ami Pathuk and Davè Rutul in marriage on or about May 18, 2019, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.)  
{LC2190/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 647**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WEIGHTS AND MEASURES -- FIREWOOD AND CHARCOAL (Repeals the provision that provides the corder of wood be paid per cord of wood.)  
{LC2118/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 648**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- LUMBER SURVEYORS (Repeals the provision that requires city and town councils appoint one or more surveyor and measurer of boards, plank, timber, joint and scantling.)  
{LC2122/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 649**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- SHIPWRECKS (Repeals the requirement that the town council of every town shall annually appoint a commissioner of wrecks and shipwrecked goods.)  
{LC2117/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 650****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS – LONG-TERM CONTRACTING STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (Clarifies that all interconnection and standby transformer costs are to be socialized by National Grid throughout the state of Rhode Island, retroactive to June 15, 2010.)  
{LC2107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 651****BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Ciccone, Picard, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
{LC1292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 652****BY** Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UTILITY DISTRICT ENERGY COSTS (Requires the state to pay the energy costs necessary to supply public street lighting if the local utility district fails to do so.)  
{LC1361/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 653****BY** Gallo, Goodwin, Pearson, Quezada, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Establishes courses that include instruction in career and technical education programs.)  
{LC2041/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 654****BY** Metts, Gallo, Lawson, Satchell, Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97--RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Requires a proposed private school to demonstrate financial stability.)  
{LC555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 655****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires a school committee to demonstrate a good faith effort to meet the required number of days in the school year.)  
{LC542/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 656****BY** Goodwin, Ciccone, Quezada, Miller, Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Early Childhood Innovation Act whereby the department of human services shall establish a childhood innovation fund to create programs to close the achievement gap that currently exists for at-risk children entering kindergarten.)  
{LC1902/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.



**Senate Bill No. 657****BY** Quezada, Metts, Cano, Nesselbush, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Mandates that the state seal of biliteracy be awarded by the commissioner beginning with the class of 2020 and a report be given to the general assembly no later than 8/1/20 of students who have been awarded a state seal of biliteracy.)

{LC924/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 658****BY** Euer, McCaffrey, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island global warming solutions act to reduce carbon emissions across various sectors of the local economy.)

{LC1209/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Resolution No. 659****BY** DiPalma, Goldin, Murray, Euer, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE BENEFITS TO RHODE ISLAND OF ENACTMENT OF A GREEN NEW DEAL, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATE LEGISLATION BASED ON GREEN NEW DEAL PRINCIPLES. {LC2128/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 660****BY** Sosnowski, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Felag, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - NUISANCE ACTIONS AGAINST SEAFOOD AND COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY (Precludes Rhode Island local fishermen or aquaculturists from being found a public or private nuisance due to alleged objectionable odor or noise as a result of generally accepted industry procedures.)

{LC1363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 661****BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Conley, Lombardo, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DISTRIBUTED GENERATION INTERCONNECTION (Requires municipalities to adopt comprehensive solar siting ordinances addressing both roof, ground mounted and carport solar systems.) {LC2060/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 662****BY** Sosnowski, McCaffrey, Conley, Euer, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2019 (Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island for consumption or distribution within the state and establishes an "economic and climate resilience fund" to disburse the collected funds.) {LC2213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 663****BY** Valverde, Sosnowski, Coyne, Euer, Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY - WOODLAND PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACT (Establishes and implements woodland stewardship and preservation programs managed by the department of environmental management administered by cities and towns through local comprehensive planning and zoning.)  
{LC1582/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 664****BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (Adds department of corrections' correctional officers to the list of public safety employees that are entitled to their full salary if they are injured and become disabled as a result of performance of their job duties.) {LC2077/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 665****BY** Picard, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH-CARE FACILITIES (Requires the tax administrator to remit eighteen percent (18%) of all hospital licensing fees to the city of Woonsocket collected from any hospital located in the city of Woonsocket.)  
{LC2091/1}

.Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 666****BY** Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Requires the tax administrator to remit thirteen percent (13%) of all hospital licensing fees to the municipality wherein the hospital is located.)  
{LC2092/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 667**

(by request)

**BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE HOLDINGS OF MEMORIAL AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF WESTERLY (Authorizes the Memorial and Library Association of Westerly to take, hold, transmit and convey real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000).)

{LC2161/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 668**

**BY** Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX CREDIT AND TAX EXEMPTION ACT (Provides a tax credit for qualified investments in "opportunity zones" as defined by federal law and located in Rhode Island.)

{LC2102/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 669**

(by request)

**BY** DiPalma, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Authorizes the city of Newport to impose an additional two percent (2%) real estate transfer tax.)

{LC2090/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 670**

**BY** Raptakis

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

{LC403/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 671**

**BY** Crowley, Nesselbush, Conley, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT (Establishes a Pawtucket-Central Falls station redevelopment district and provides that tax credits may be available for certain projects located in the district for an amount not to exceed 50% of the project cost.) {LC2105/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 672****BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (Provides that payments for injuries in the line-of-duty, issued as part of the collective bargaining agreement between the state of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island department of corrections, shall not be subject to taxation.) {LC2137/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 673****BY** Cano, Conley, Crowley, Nesselbush**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND PROJECTS (Authorizes state and local incremental tax revenues generated in the arts district, the growth center district and the ballpark district in the city of Pawtucket to be allocated to finance improvements in the districts.) {LC2103/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 674****BY** Euer, Lawson, Cano, Murray, Valverde**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%.) {LC2129/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 675**

(RI Turnpike &amp; Bridge Authority)

**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Seveney, Euer**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT {LC2210/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 676**

(Department of Health)

**BY** Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Expands the provisions requiring the reporting of immunization status and any other relevant information to adults, not just children, and requires the department of health to include routine adult immunization in the department's immunization program.) {LC1604/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 677****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PAYMENT TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS (Allows health care providers to refuse to accept payment by virtual credit card payment (a single-use digital credit card) at least once each health insurance contract year.) {LC1703/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 678****BY** Quezada, Valverde, Murray, Euer, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE-- PERINATAL DOULA SERVICES (Provides for medical assistance health care for expectant mothers and establishes medical assistance coverage and reimbursement rates for perinatal doula services.) {LC2194/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 679****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits cost sharing for persons forty-five (45) years or older for colorectal screening examinations, laboratory tests and colonoscopies covered by health insurance policies.) {LC2095/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 680****BY** Miller, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Satchell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- ENSURING ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CARE FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Establishes the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) program which uses medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to create a comprehensive approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.) {LC1521/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 681**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PENALTIES (Provides for the assessment of administrative monetary penalties for certain licensed professionals who are found guilty of unprofessional conduct.) {LC1869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 682****BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (Authorizes the governor to enter into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact and designates an office to administer this compact.)  
{LC1164/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 683****BY** Miller, Conley, Goldin, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE HEALTH CARE MARKET  
STABILITY (Establishes a reinsurance program in order to provide stability in the individual insurance market and imposes a shared responsibility payment penalty for individuals who do not have health insurance coverage with certain exceptions.)  
{LC2193/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 684****BY** Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PAYMENTS TO FIRE  
COMPANIES (Requires reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies on or along Route 95.)  
{LC1362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 685****BY** Lawson, Euer, Valverde, Seveney, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY (Requires that trains used in connection with the movement of freight be operated by a crew of at least two (2) persons.)  
{LC2015/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 686****BY** Pearson, Gallo, Picard, Lombardo, Quezada

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS ALONG STATE  
HIGHWAYS (Requires the department of transportation to clear sidewalks of snow and ice on state roads for school bus stops along routes approved by the respective school committees and chief of police for each city and town.)  
{LC956/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 687****BY** Ruggerio, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE - NEW BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (Allows a contractor or builder to hire a qualified third-party assistant or state inspector to perform an inspection if a building official fails to perform an inspection within forty-eight (48) hours after notification.)

{LC1311/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 688****BY** Lombardo, Goodwin, Pearson, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Authorizes building inspectors to affix their signatures to permits that pertain to work they inspect.)

{LC1474/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 689****BY** Euer, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Extends the effective date for the application of the new definition section relative to zoning ordinances and would also extend the current definitions section relative to zoning ordinances.)

{LC1778/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 690****BY** Crowley, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the number of communities who may combine to appoint a building official and prohibits requiring a building official to perform duties not in the building code when building code duties are pending.)

{LC1314/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 691****BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Expands the definition of "family member" for purposes of zoning ordinances.)

{LC1286/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 692****BY** Metts, Quezada, Miller, Bell, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight to nine and makes the mayor of Providence or designee an ex officio member with voting privileges.)

{LC1905/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 693****BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

{LC410/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 694****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Prohibits the use of a school district's listserv to distribute any political advertisement, invitation, and/or propaganda.)

{LC1289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 695****BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - WRITS, SUMMONS AND PROCESS (Provides for minimum qualifications for court constable to include education, military, or law enforcement experience and drug and psychological screening.)

{LC1597/1}

019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 696****BY** Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Adds Rhode Island certified state constables to the definition of peace officer.)

{LC1536/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.



**Senate Bill No. 697****BY** Ciccone, Metts, Miller, Quezada, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES (Provides interest on civil actions be calculated at a rate equal to weekly average one year constant maturity Treasury yield, as published by Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System, for the calendar week preceding the date of the judgment.)

{LC1904/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 698****BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT (Creates a comprehensive statutory scheme to address all aspects of noncompetition agreements.)

{LC1774/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 699****BY** Ruggerio, Ciccone, Pearson, Lombardo, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY (Prohibits pet shops from offering for sale cats or dogs that are not obtained from an animal shelter, dog pound or animal rescue. Further prohibits any person from selling, exchanging, trading, bartering or displaying any dog or cat in public.)

{LC2016/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 700****BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

{LC408/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 701****BY** Coyne, McCaffrey, Metts, Archambault, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (Enables innocent persons who have been wrongfully convicted of a crime to petition the presiding justice of the superior court for an award of compensation and damages.) {LC1816/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 702****BY** DiPalma, Miller, Conley, Seveney, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT (Precludes the disability of a parent from serving as a basis for denial or restriction in matters involving a child's welfare, foster care, family law, guardianship and adoption.)

{LC1721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 703****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PARTY PRIMARY DATE (Changes the date of party primaries from the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September in each even numbered year to the first Tuesday in June in each even numbered year.)

{LC36/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 704****BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter.) {LC35/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 705****BY** Coyne, Lynch Prata, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Prohibits pet shops from offering for sale cats or dogs that are not obtained from an animal shelter, dog pound or animal rescue. Further prohibits any person from selling, exchanging, trading, bartering or displaying any dog or cat in public.)

{LC1817/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 706**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- GRAND JURIES

(Permits grand juries to issue reports to superior court as a public record and provide a process for review and acceptance by the superior court and allow the attorney general or any person or entity named in the report to challenge the court's decision.)

{LC1836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 707****BY** McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Lombardi**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 but apply to executed releases before passage date.) {LC1562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 708****BY** Goodwin, Ciccone, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Removes the exception to \$100,000 limit for civil tort damages or tort liability indemnification by the state/city/town/fire districts and exempts the state/city/town/fire districts from statutory interest on civil tort damages.) {LC1903/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 709****BY** Archambault, McKenney, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY ADMINISTRATION -- SECURITY (Makes sweeping changes to the motor vehicles laws by repealing the many sections that require the filing of security or bond with the DMV following a motor vehicle accident.) {LC2100/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 710****BY** Metts, Nesselbush, Quezada, Lawson, Crowley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - FEES (Provides for a fee increase for filing an action in district court, superior court and family court.) {LC2099/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 711****BY** Lawson, Nesselbush, Metts, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD TO WORK WITH THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO DEVELOP A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF EXPANDING NON-TRADE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN RHODE ISLAND {LC1813/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 712****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR - UNION REPRESENTATION (Clarifies the rights and options of government employees who decide not to join their employer's exclusive bargaining unit.)

{LC2158/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 713****BY** Ciccone, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY AND WORKS - LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Requires builders on state public school contracts \$5,000,000 or more to have 15% of the labor performed by apprentices, and sets forth other consequential requirements for such contracts.)

{LC1781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 714****BY** Coyne, Conley, Sosnowski, Sheehan, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Requires the workforce board to fund a non-trade apprenticeship incentive program in fisheries.)

{LC1739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 715****BY** DiPalma, Ruggerio, Conley, McCaffrey, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Amends the date that a new, fully reflective registration plate would be issued from January 1, 2020 to December 1, 2019. The act would also increase the registration fee for fully reflective plates from \$6.00 to fifteen dollars \$15.00.)

{LC2136/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 716**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE LOTTERY {LC1605/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Resolution No. 717****BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF "PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study and evaluate the impact of 'Project Sustainability' in the State Of Rhode Island from March 1, 2019, to June 30, 2019, and said commission would expire on December 31, 2019.)

{LC2214/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 718****BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF W.D. SCHOCK CO., INC.

{LC2177/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**Senate Bill No. 719****BY** Pearson, Gallo, Lombardi, Satchell, Seveney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIP (Adds secondary school mathematics and science educators to those individuals eligible for a fellowship.)

{LC724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 720**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Conley, Lombardi, DiPalma, Miller, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DIVISION OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION (Makes numerous changes to the merit system.) {LC1876/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 721****BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Provides an exception to required school immunizations for pupils whose personal, philosophical, or religious beliefs are contrary to immunization and/or testing.) {LC2171/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 722****BY** Metts, Goodwin, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Places responsibility on landlords to house evicted tenants due to landlord neglect/gives cities/towns revolving fund account flexibility/allows municipal lien similar to property taxes for action against property.) {LC1899/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 723****BY** Metts, Quezada, Ciccone, Crowley, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LICENSING (Create a new process and standard to be utilized concerning whether an applicant's past criminal conviction should disqualify them from receiving a government issued license.) {LC1770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 724****BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES - VIOLATIONS (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a law enforcement officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test.) {LC402/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 725****BY** Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Adds thermal systems insulation workers, apprentices, journeypersons, contractors and masters to the mechanical trades' regulation chapter of the general laws.) {LC1572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 726****BY** Cano, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardi, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- APPRENTICESHIPS (Comprehensively amends the state's apprenticeship laws to make them easier to understand and be more consistent with each other and applicable federal regulations.) {LC1045/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 727****BY** Lombardi, Lombardo, Ciccone, Archambault, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Allows the holder of a valid master mechanical trade license to perform repair or renovation work on certain large air conditioning equipment but must subcontract the work if it includes new construction.) {LC2087/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 728****BY** Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM (Allows a provisional employee in classified service, who has satisfactorily served in their position for more than five (5) consecutive years, to be deemed qualified to be awarded permanent status in that position, without the need of examination.) {LC2157/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

**Senate Bill No. 729****BY** Crowley, Sheehan, Nesselbush, Quezada, Metts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LOCAL TOBACCO CONTROL ACT (Allows for cities or towns to require local licensing of any person, firm or corporation, engaged in the general business of a tobacco retailer.) {LC2101/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

**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 Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Senator Lynch Prata announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

Senator Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 211 of the State House.

Senator Crowley announces that the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 310 of the State House.

Senator McCaffrey wishes Senator Goldin a Happy Birthday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator McCaffrey, and upon the suggestion of Senator Goodwin the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M, *in memory of Bernard A. Harwood.*

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



**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR ANA B. QUEZADA**

Open our hearts Lord, not only to the needs of those we serve, but also to one another in this Chamber so as a community of leaders we can be led to wise and courageous actions that benefit Rhode Island. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019:

1.     **2019-S 641**  
      **BY** McCaffrey  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 16, 2019, TO THE  
      "HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
  
2.     **2019-S 717**  
      **BY** DiPalma  
      **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND  
      EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY  
      AND EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF "PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY" IN THE  
      STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.
  
3.     **2019-S 718**  
      **BY** McKenney  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE  
      CHARTER OF W.D. SCHOCK CO., INC.  
  
      Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

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

1. *The Reappointment of Courtney Hawkins as Director of the Department of Human Services*

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

**Appendix**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5305**  
**BY Williams**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - RHODE ISLAND UNINSURED PROTECTION FUND**

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