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Thirty Second Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT –38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Algieri, Archambault, Bell, Cano, Ciccone, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Nesselbush, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Satchell, Seveney, Sheehan, Sosnowski, and Valverde.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

GUESTS

Upon the suggestion of Senator Sheehan and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber new intern, Tim Belliveau.

Upon the suggestion of Senator Gallo and by Unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Chamber Michael Thomas, the President of the New England Board of Higher Education.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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

April 4, 2019

Mr. Robert L. Ricci
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 220
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the Senate Rules, I would like to respectfully request that the following bill be withdrawn:

2019 Senate Bill S-324; entitled An Act Relating to Waters and Navigation –
The Municipal Water Supply Systems Transactions Act

This legislation has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Maryellen Goodwin
Senate ~ District 1

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 measures:

House Bill No. 5256

BY Azzinaro, Corvese, McLaughlin, Edwards, Millea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS (Requires motor vehicle dealers to disclose in writing that a vehicle being sold has a spare tire/jack or is otherwise equipped in compliance with applicable law. There shall be a civil penalty of \$100 for a violation under this subsection.)

{LC1126/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5365

BY Edwards, Marshall, Shekarchi, Canario, Price

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.)

{LC287/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5461

BY Williams, Almeida, Caldwell, Hull

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

{LC12/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

House Bill No. 5773

BY Morin

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 appraiser issues a certified appraisal.)

{LC2001/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Commerce.

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

{LC766/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 5118**BY** Bennett, Handy, Kennedy, Abney, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen.)

{LC640/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 5298**BY** McNamara, Jackson, Amore, Ackerman, Corvese**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.)

{LC232/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

House Bill No. 5484**BY** McEntee, Shekarchi, Fogarty, Filippi, Craven**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.)

{LC1155/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

House Bill No. 5430**BY** Serpa, Casimiro, Ackerman, Fellela, Lyle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE (Adds the requirement that in DCYF cases resulting in a fatality or near fatality of a child, one of the requirements for the office of the child advocate to investigate the case would be the child or the child's family had prior contact with the DCYF.)

{LC1492/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5341**BY** Shanley, Tanzi, Kazarian, Knight, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Extends the timeframe within which to bring an action for an unlawful employment practice.)

{LC675/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5340**BY** McEntee, Tanzi, Kazarian, Craven, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Tolls the statute of limitations during the period of investigation by the commission for human rights for certain violations for up to one year, starting on the date the charge is filed until the date the commission makes a determination.)

{LC587/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

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

{LC1095/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5129 SUB A**BY** Solomon, Casey, Johnston, Millea, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW--RESALE OF UNITS (Imposes a penalty against a condominium association that fails to deliver a resale certificate within ten (10) days of a request by a unit owner.)

{LC707/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5115**BY** Corvese, McNamara, Jackson, Maldonado, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS (Prohibits the use of display fireworks, or aerial consumer fireworks without a permit between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and makes a violation of this permit requirement a civil violation punishable by a fine of \$75 and court costs.)

{LC258/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5041**BY** Solomon, Phillips, Jackson, McNamara, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Prohibits development of land contiguous to State House unless approved by general assembly.)
{LC159/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 5466 SUB A**BY** Jacquard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Requires that all electrical work performed in the state be done in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electrical Code, and would also require that the state building commission adopt the latest edition of the National Electrical Code.)
{LC1334/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Labor.

House Bill No. 5182 SUB A**BY** Phillips, Ucci, Hawkins, Amore, Serodio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- SPECIAL EVENTS LICENSE (Permits cities and towns to issue special events liquor licenses to permit the equivalent of one-day licenses one day each month.)
{LC245/A/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Resolution No. 5016**BY** Azzinaro, Tobon, Fellela, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VETERAN AND MILITARY SPOUSE EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
{LC171/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veteran's Affairs.

House Bill No. 5467**BY** Lombardi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF CARS INC.
{LC1549/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5257**BY** Tanzi, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA, NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND {LC1152/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Consent Calendar.

House Bill No. 5091**BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TEN TREES GROUP, INC. {LC415/1}

From the House of Representatives to the Senate Consent Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

Senate Bill No. 90**BY** Ciccone, Pearson, Quezada, Crowley, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY WORKPLACE (Creates the "Healthy Workplace Act of 2019" and would establish a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct.) {LC464/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 171**BY** DiPalma, Sosnowski, Seveney, Coyne, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- APPROPRIATE DISABILITY LANGUAGE (Ensures appropriate disability language is used in job descriptions and statutes.) {LC299/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 173**BY** Gallo, Pearson, Lawson, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires children who seek a special limited work permit to successfully complete a worker rights' training program established and funded by the department of labor and training.)

{LC718/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

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}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERAN'S AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 741

BY Lombardo, Ruggerio, Conley, Lombardi, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the intersection of Hartford and Reservoir Avenue in the town of Johnston as "The Bernard Frezza, Jr. Corner.")

{LC2250/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 749**

BY Sosnowski, Felag, Metts, Lombardi, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JOHN DANIEL FOREMAN, TROOP 1, WAKEFIELD, RHODE ISLAND, UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

{LC2251/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Lawson, Metts, Paolino, Cano, Rogers, Murray, Euer, Seveney, DiPalma

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 750

BY Miller, Felag, Metts, Lombardi, Satchell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (BHDDH) TO FULLY ADDRESS ALL PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ENSURE ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT OF 2008

{LC2364/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Miller requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Miller moves passage, seconded by Senators, Lynch Prata, Conley, Goodwin, Felag, Lombardo, Lombardi, Nesselbush, Crowley, Picard, Satchell, Archambault, Bell, McKenney, Murray, and DiPalma.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Bill No. 751

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION--ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides that notices of amendments to zoning ordinances be sent first class mail. A quorum of the zoning board of review shall be a majority of the authorized members to vote, including alternates.)

{LC2297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 752

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Provides that planning board votes for approval require a majority of the members present at the time of the vote, and that members absent at any hearing on a matter may, upon the consent of the applicant, vote on such matter.)

{LC2298/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 753

BY DiPalma, Lombardo, Conley, Gallo, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES--CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS (Adds virtual currency to the existing electronic money transmission and sale of check licenses and adds additional regulatory provisions to simplify and clarify licensing related thereto.)

{LC2230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 754**BY** Pearson, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Permits the Cumberland Town Council to establish limits on the number of students from the Cumberland school district who may enroll in any charter public school.)

{LC1163/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 755**BY** Satchell, Picard, Metts, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Exempts those students in grade twelve (12) who are enrolled full-time in a dual enrollment program where the courses are taken on a higher education institution campus from the requirement that they complete health and physical education courses.)

{LC744/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 756**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Metts, Seveney, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires the board of education to develop and implement a 5 year plan to improve student performance in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math and increase the number of postsecondary degrees awarded in STEAM fields on or before 2/1/20.)

{LC2139/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 757

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PROPER MANAGEMENT OF UNUSED PAINT (Requires that the department of environmental management to request proposals, every two (2) years, to solicit procurement of a representative organization to operate the paint stewardship program.)

{LC2356/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 758

(Dept. Environmental Management)

BY Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides funding to Rhode Island department of environmental management, office of energy resources and to coastal resource management council from any offshore land lease fees associated with offshore wind systems that access state waters.)

{LC2068/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 759

BY Miller, Sosnowski, Conley, Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY - DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Grants solar energy system retail purchasers protections requiring disclosures in the retail/lease documents the right to cancel/rescind agreement within 90 days prior to installation/notice of liens filed on their property.)

{LC2312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 760

BY McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Adds a definition for "other eligible entity" and includes the entity under the provisions of the net metering statute and amends the definition for multi-municipal collaborative to be called multi-party collaborative.)

{LC2020/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 761

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Conley, Coyne, Euer

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING CONGRESS TO REQUEST THAT THE FDA INVESTIGATES AMENDING THE QUALIFIED EXEMPTION LANGUAGE IN 21 CFR § 112.5(A)(2) TO EXCLUDE ANIMAL FEED PRODUCTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF "ALL FOOD"

{LC2332/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 762**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sale or use tax that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment collected for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise, or any other similar tax.)

{LC2368/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 763**BY** Murray, Lawson, Pearson, Sosnowski, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Pension benefits that originate from and were taxed in another state are exempted from Rhode Island state taxation.)

{LC2369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 764**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT (Removes all fees associated with hemp licensing.)

{LC2268/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 765**BY** Goldin, Miller, Lawson, Satchell, Valverde**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.)

{LC2308/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 766**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT (Eliminates the two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) hemp licensing fee and reduces the hemp licensing application fee from two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to one hundred dollars (\$100).)

{LC2269/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 767**BY** Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Grants the town council of the town of Jamestown the authority to provide for certain exemptions or tax credits for any veteran of the United States armed services.)

{LC1615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 768**BY** Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MANUFACTURING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT--TAX INCENTIVES (Establishes the "refundable investment tax credit act" to provide for a refundable investment tax credit for certain investments in the construction of facilities, acquisition of tangible property, and the training of employees in the state.)

{LC2314/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 769**BY** Valverde, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the administration of adult medications.)

{LC1652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 770**BY** Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH TERMINAL ILLNESS--THE NEIL FACHON TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRY ACT OF 2019 (Creates the "Neil Fachon Terminally Ill Patients' Right To Try Act of 2019," which establishes the conditions for the use of experimental treatments for terminally ill patients.)

{LC804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 771**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS (Provides licensing and regulation of central service technicians, i.e., persons who decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages, and sterilizes reusable medical instruments or devices.)

{LC1498/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Service

Senate Bill No. 772**BY** Gallo, Conley, Goodwin, Lawson, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES - STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS (Requires health insurers, nonprofit hospital service corporations, nonprofit medical service corporations and health maintenance organizations that issue policies that provide coverage for prescription drugs and use step therapy protocols.)

{LC2065/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 773**BY** Pearson, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - SEPSIS PROTOCOLS (Requires hospitals to adopt, implement, periodically update and submit to the director of health, evidence-based protocols for the early recognition and treatment of patients with sepsis, severe sepsis and septic shock.)

{LC2138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 774**BY** Lombardi, Ciccone, Gallo, Lombardo, Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS (Includes in the practice of physical therapy ordering diagnostic images and studies provided they are performed and interpreted by other licensed health care professionals.)

{LC2300/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 775**BY** Valverde, Miller, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES - HIV/AIDS (Permits clinical laboratories as defined in § 23-16.2-2(2) to conduct its own analysis of specimens for the detection of HIV/AIDS instead of sending the specimens to the department of health.)

{LC2311/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 776**BY** Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS--SMITHFIELD AND LINCOLN (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Limerock Road, in Smithfield and Lincoln.)
{LC2310/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 777

(Governor)

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES; RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING; CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATIONS (Amends certain campaign contribution and expenditure reporting requirements and would provide for forfeiture of campaign contributions upon a conviction or plea of nolo contendere to specified felony crimes relating to public office.)
{LC1415/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 778**BY** Sheehan, McCaffrey, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES--MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Amends the towing storage act and clarifies issues related to the towing and storage of vehicles. Non-certified towers must have "Not for hire" lettered on their vehicle and provides increased fine and penalties for violators.)
{LC2299/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 779**BY** Goodwin, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO PUBLIC SAFETY DOGS AND HORSES (Provides special protection to public safety canines and horses that are intentionally or maliciously subjected to cruelty, injuries, or death, by increasing the potential criminal and civil penalties for the offenders.)
{LC2319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 780**BY** Euer, McCaffrey, Valverde, Lawson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT (Eliminates the marital sexual assault exception when a victim is incapacitated, disabled, or helpless.)

{LC2274/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 781

(RI Turnpike and Bridge Authority)

BY DiPalma, Euer, Seveney, Coyne, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Reduces the number of infractions for a person to be considered a "toll violator" from twenty (20) to ten (10). The act also reduces the number of infractions for a person to be considered a "toll evader" from one hundred (100) to twenty (20).)

{LC2222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 782

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (Codifies the lawful procedure for a bicyclist to follow when complying with traffic control signals.)

{LC1412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 783**BY** Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Mary Ann Scholz to join Stephanie Theresa Daub and Robert Edward Struck, II, in marriage on or about September 14, 2019, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.)

{LC2348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 784**BY** Bell, Euer, Murray, Nesselbush, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Permits those other residents of a residential dwelling unit to extend the term of the rental agreement for a period not to exceed three (3) months after the death of the lessee.)

{LC2346/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 785

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS (Provides no person may use wireless handset/personal wireless device for texting while driving.)

{LC2324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 786

BY Crowley, Quezada, Metts, Cano, Goldin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL DETENTION

FACILITY CORPORATIONS (Strips tax exempt status of municipal detention facility corporation; provides corporation ceases 90 days after dissolution vote and city/town council resolution; requires annual municipal approval of lease.)

{LC2363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 787

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Valverde, Euer

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

RECYCLING, REUSE AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES (Provides that documents related to an audit of mattress stewardship fees are considered public records under the access to public records act.)

{LC2358/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 788

BY Lynch Prata

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION

AND LIQUIDATION ACT--INSURANCE RECEIVERSHIP MODEL ACT (Adopts a portion of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model act with respect to receiverships, specifically with regards to how derivative contracts are treated in cases of insurance receiverships.)

{LC2301/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 789**BY** Lynch Prata, Miller, Goldin, Euer, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAGE ACT (Repeals current state law regarding paternity and replaces it with a more comprehensive parentage act that provides procedures establishing parentage, genetic testing, surrogacy agreements and assisted reproduction.)

{LC1507/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 790**BY** Lynch Prata**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND DOMESTIC ABUSE (Expedites a victim of domestic abuse eligibility for and receipt of unemployment benefits by removing the waiting period and other impediments.)

{LC1823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 791**BY** Miller**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019, TO BE "STORM DRAIN AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC2278/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 792**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DAVID P. LEYS

{LC2379/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 793**BY** Archambault, Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Raptakis, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ADROIT SOFTWARE INC.

{LC2380/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019:

- 1. 2019-S 746**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIDDLETOWN ROTARY CLUB, INC.

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

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019:

- 1. 2019-H 5053**
BY Morin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage in concurrence.

Senator Murray moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Picard, Felag, Rogers, Bell, Valverde, and Seveney.

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, 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, and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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 Goldin announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Algieri, the Senate adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

ROBERT L. RICCI
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR LOUIS P. DIPALMA

Almighty God, help us through the stresses and strains of the day by granting us your serenity and peace. Amen.

Appendix

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

House Bill No. 5053

BY Morin, Phillips, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Exempts property located at 122 North Main Street in the city of Woonsocket from the
provision requiring it to be located a certain distance from objectors/schools/churches regarding
the issuance of retail liquor licenses.)
{LC382/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019:

1. **2019-S 791**
 BY Miller
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2019, TO BE "STORM DRAIN AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2019-S 792**
 BY Euer
 ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DAVID P. LEYS

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2019-S 793**
 BY Archambault
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ADROIT SOFTWARE INC.

 Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. **2019-H 5091**
 BY Kislak
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF TEN TREES GROUP, INC.

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

5. **2019-H 5257**
 BY Tanzi
 ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA, NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND

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

6. **2019-H 5467**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE
CHARTER OF CARS INC.

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

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019:

1. *The Reappointment of Michael DiBiase as Director of the Department of Administration.*

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

2. **2019-S 257**
BY Lynch Prata
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
INSURANCE RATES

Committee on Commerce recommends passage.

3. **2019-S 57**
BY Satchell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

4. **2019-S 58**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING
CONFERENCES

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

5. **2019-S 24**
BY Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND
PATHWAYS PROJECT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

6. **2019-S 72**
BY Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 342**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

8. **2019-S 503**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL
OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Appendix**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-S 90**
BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 2. 2019-S 171**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
APPROPRIATE DISABILITY LANGUAGE

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 3. 2019-S 173**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 4. 2019-S 330**
BY Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES -- SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 5. 2019-S 370**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 6. 2019-S 371**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

7. **2019-S 741**
BY Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY --
PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS,
BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs recommends passage.