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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the fifth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

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Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Eighth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Tuesday, February 23, 2021, and is called to order at 4:03 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C., Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Hawkins, Lombardi, O'Brien, Roberts, Slater

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Tanzi who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 11, 2021, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Casimiro
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5554
entitled: Weapons, large capacity feeding device ban of 2021
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: Julie A. Casimiro

House District: 31

Date: 2.23.21

Acknowledgement:
[Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, who will retain the original and a copy to be placed in the committee's original bill file

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative O' Brien is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Representative Slater is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5650**

BY Kislak, Kazarian, Blazejewski, Biah, Williams, Henries, Knight, Ackerman, Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOLOCAUST AND
GENOCIDE EDUCATION COMMISSION (Creates the Holocaust and genocide education

commission.) {LC1485/1}

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5651

BY Kislak, Speakman, Cassar, Donovan, Tanzi, Felix, Morales, Giraldo, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE
POLICIES -- LIFETIME LIMITS (Revokes the authority of the health insurance commissioner's ability
to enforce a ruling of the federal government or federal court that revokes the prohibition on limits on
health insurance.) {LC233/1}

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5652

BY Morales, Williams, Alzate, Henries, Ranglin-Vassell, Felix, Batista, Lombardi, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND SANCTUARY STATE ACT (Designates schools, places of worship and courts as sensitive
locations and would require that a judicial warrant be obtained before federal immigration authorities
could be granted access to those premises to enforce immigration laws.) {LC1757/1}

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5653

BY Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Williams, Knight, Morales, Kislak, Craven, Cassar, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE
COMMUNITY--POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Data collection on police traffic stops
and/or searches. Requires appointment of community review board.) {LC1903/1}

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5654

BY Tanzi, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- NAMING STATE
CONSTRUCTIONS -- E. RICHARD DURFEE ROAD {LC1905/1}

02/23/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021:**1. 2021-H 5181****BY** Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Hull, Azzinaro, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Morales, Craven, Abney, Phillips, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Cortvriend, McNamara, Tanzi, S. Lima, Casimiro, Biah, and Corvese.

ANNOUNCEMENT**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Lombardi, Slater and O'Brien.

Read and passed on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2021-H 5049**BY** Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LODIE BRIEN AGENCY, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Phillips, Abney, McNamara, Diaz, Bennett, Edwards, Azzinaro, Marszalkowski, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Hull, Fellela, Tobin, Whip Kazarian, and Biah.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Slater, Lombardi, and O'Brien.

Read and passed on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2021-H 5050

BY Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF SHERWOOD CONDOMINIUM, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Philipps, Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Abney, Bennett, Diaz, Cardillo, McLaughlin, Hull, McNamara, Fellela, S. Lima, and Whip Kazarian.

Read and passed as amended/in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENT**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 3 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Slater, Lombardi and O'Brien.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Phillips wishes his wife a happy birthday.

Chairman Craven wishes his constituent Ann Wilder of North Kingstown a 100th birthday tomorrow February 24th, 2021.

Representative Knight congratulates Talia Knight on casting her very first vote.

Representative Noret wishes his mother-in-law Yvette Landroche a happy 85th birthday.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces **our next House session will be this Thursday, February 25th here at the Vets at 4:00 p.m.** House committees are meeting every day this week, including Friday, so please check the legislative website.

Due to the pandemic and the high volume of bills that were drafted over the February recess, we have **extended the bill introduction deadline to this Thursday, February 25th.** This deadline extension is for bills that are already in the legislative pipeline. The desk will remain open and bills can be dropped in the box in front of the Rostrum here or in the Speaker's Office.

As you all know, we have been **working to improve the committee process.** There are many challenges presented by virtual testimony, so this message is meant for interested parties and members of the public who are interested in providing testimony. To ensure that all testimony is accurately received, shared with members, and posted to the legislative website in a timely manner, deadlines are required. Individuals interested in providing verbal testimony must submit their request by 11:00 a.m. on the day of a committee hearing. Written testimony must be submitted no later than two hours prior to any scheduled meeting. All written testimony received after the deadline will be sent to committee members and posted to the website--within 24 hours. More information can be found on committee agendas.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes Representatives Grace Diaz and Alex Marszalkowski on their birthdays last week.

NEW BUSINESS**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 5655**

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC1833/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5656

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2114/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5657

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2116/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5658

BY Blazejewski, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC1832/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5659

BY Filippi, Hull, Tanzi, Lima, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING NEW SHOREHAM POLICE CHIEF VINCENT CARLONE ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE {LC2117/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Minority Leader Filippi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Minority Leader Filippi seconded by Representatives Tanzi, Hull, Deputy Speaker Lima, and Speaker Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5660

BY Shekarchi, Williams, Blazejewski, Hull, Henries, Alzate, Abney, Ranglin-Vassell, Barros, Biah
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ALTON W. WILEY, THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN JUDGE TO SIT ON THE RHODE ISLAND DISTRICT AND SUPERIOR COURTS {LC2044/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, and Representative Williams requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Representative Williams Speaker Shekarchi, McEntee, and Hull discuss the resolution.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williams seconded by many others by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5661

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING SONIA GRACE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS {LC1090/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives McLaughlin and Barros, Deputy by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5662

BY Giraldo, Fenton-Fung, Blazejewski, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE OX" {LC906/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives Fenton –Fung and Majority Leader Blazejewski by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5663

BY Giraldo, Barros, McLaughlin, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING PRIVATE RYAN GRIFFIN OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT {LC1609/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives Barros, McLaughlin, and Casey by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5664

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros, Casey

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING BATTALION CHIEF KEN BROUSSEAU OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS FIRE DEPARTMENT {LC1711/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives McLaughlin Barros, Casey, and Speaker Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5665

BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros, Vella-Wilkinson, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE CHIEF MAJOR DANIEL BARZYKOWSKI ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CENTRAL FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT {LC1081/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives Barros, and McLaughlin by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5666

BY Giraldo, Vella-Wilkinson, Filippi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JORGE BOROR {LC1899/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

House Resolution No. 5667**BY** Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros, Casey, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING CENTRAL FALLS FIRE CHIEF ROBERT E. BRADLEY, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT {LC1082/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Giraldo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Giraldo seconded by Representatives McLaughlin Barros, Casey, and Speaker Shekarchi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Diaz and Speaker Shekarchi congratulate Representative Tobon on his baby that was born on December 22, 2020.

TRANSMITTAL

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

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 53

(by request)

BY Algieri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN {LC663/1}

02/24/2021 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Finance:

House Bill No. 5237**BY** McNamara, Amore, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Amends the method of calculating state aid to education for the 2021-2022 school year only.) {LC1104/1}

02/24/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5668****BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, McNamara, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT (Allows teachers, state and municipal employees to retire upon the earlier of reaching age sixty (60) with thirty (30) years of service or the employee's retirement eligibility date under present state statutes.) {LC1466/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5669**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Corvese, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY (Authorizes the Department of Administration to amend lease to Providence Marine Corps of Artillery to use hall for promotion of the arsenal and to sublease the rented space.) {LC461/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5670**BY** Baginski, Caldwell, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPRENTICE TAX CREDIT (Creates tax credit up to \$3,500 per year for employers of qualifying apprentices commencing after 12/31/21 with 3 year carry forward provision) {LC886/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5671**BY** Baginski, Potter, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Amends various sections relating to libraries to remove outdated provisions and update language to reflect current practices affecting library technology.) {LC891/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5672**BY** Diaz, Caldwell, McNamara, Ackerman, Blazejewski, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Cassar, Tobon, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES (Increases the reimbursement rates to be paid by the department of human services and the department for children, youth, and families, for licensed child care centers and family child care homes.) {LC1759/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5673**BY** Morales, Potter, McGaw, Tanzi, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS (Transfers from the electric distribution companies to the Infrastructure Bank planning and administration of the interconnection of renewable energy to the electric distribution system.) {LC1848/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5674**BY** Morales, Henries, Batista, Potter, Cassar, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE GREEN JUSTICE ZONE ACT (Establishes the first Green Justice Zone, a model that may be replicated in future years to ensure that all communities throughout the state have clean air and clean water.) {LC1156/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5675**BY** Casey, Kazarian, Craven, Hull, Corvese, Solomon, Kennedy, Lima, Fogarty, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- THE RUSSELL ACT OF 2021 (Allows participating municipalities to elect to its employees the deferred compensation plans offered by the state.) {LC442/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5676**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Changes the tax classifications for cable television assets.) {LC1717/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5677**BY** Casey, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Tobon, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a tax deduction for military retirement benefits of a veteran or the veteran's surviving spouse.) {LC445/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5678**BY** Casey, Newberry, Phillips, Lima, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from, and were taxed in another state.) {LC429/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5679**BY** McEntee, Williams, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97-THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) (Replaces the suspension year COLA for all retired teachers, state employees and municipal with a fractional COLA award of twenty-five percent (25%).) {LC1785/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5680**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – STATE BUILDING CODE

(Increases the levy on total construction costs that cities and towns may charge for building permits and directs that fifty percent (50%) each of the levy be transmitted monthly to the department of labor and training for workforce training.) {LC2134/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5681**BY** Ruggiero, Craven, Potter, Shanley, Carson, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Provides a state-funded tax credit for home owners, renters and the disabled who are housing cost-burdened subject to age and income limitations.) {LC1784/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5682**BY** Cardillo, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino, Azzinaro, Corvese, Chippendale, Potter, Fellela, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Requires 12% interest per year on improperly billed maintenance fees reimbursed to veterans.) {LC1850/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5683**BY** Handy, Kazarian, Barros, Williams, Diaz, Felix, Carson, Alzate, Giraldo, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - RHODE ISLAND WORKS

PROGRAM (Reduces the eligibility requirement for many prospective members of the Rhode Island Works' Program making it easier for some to qualify for its benefits.) {LC1769/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5684**BY** Handy, Craven, Ackerman, Bennett, Kislak, Tanzi, Carson, Felix, Ruggiero, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts bicycles from sales and use tax.) {LC1809/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5685**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that certain state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 need to consider and address.) {LC1814/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5686

(General Treasurer)

BY Barros, Morales, Handy, Messier, Alzate, Giraldo, Shanley, Fogarty, Kislak, Tobon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- SMALL LOAN LENDERS (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.") {LC1942/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5687

BY Speakman, Alzate, Williams, Potter, Kislak

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

(Provides that a portion of the real estate conveyance tax be apportioned to a newly established restricted receipt account known as the housing production fund.) {LC1866/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5688

BY Serpa, Chippendale, Noret, Nardone, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY (Prohibits the town of Coventry from assessing the costs of repaving the roadway upon the completion of any sewage works upon the land owners.) {LC1401/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5689

BY Casey, Lima, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

(Eliminates the exception the current law gives to Woonsocket regarding the composition of city or town school committees.) {LC1557/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5690

BY Casey, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Tobon, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Defines as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief.) {LC440/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5691

BY Cardillo, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL

CONTRACTS (Gives Rhode Island businesses bidders on municipal contracts a priority if their bid is within three percent (3%) of the lowest bidder as long as the contract is not funded by federal money.) {LC2052/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5692**BY** Giraldo, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION--THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE FROM THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (Transfers ownership of the sewer infrastructure in the city of Central Falls to the Narragansett Bay Commission.) {LC1879/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5693**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CENTRAL FALLS BUSINESS COOPERATIVE INCUBATOR (Appropriates \$100,000 annually to Fuerza Laboral for a business cooperative in Central Falls to increase economic development, assist with job creation and a path to business ownership.) {LC1394/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5694**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- QUADRICYCLE PASSENGER VEHICLES (Authorizes municipalities to regulate the use of quadricycle passenger vehicles within their borders.) {LC1812/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5695**BY** McEntee, Speakman, Tanzi, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Increases the per-unit fee for affordable single family homes to seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000) and allow municipalities to transfer in-lieu payments upon receipt or within ten (10) years.) {LC1849/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5696**BY** McEntee, Tanzi, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY (Authorizes the town of South Kingstown to issue not more than \$85,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC1842/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5697

BY Williams, Hull, Alzate, Barros, Henries, Biah, Abney, Morales, Giraldo, Cassar
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- AFRICAN HERITAGE HISTORY EDUCATION (Requires implementation of education courses in African American history in elementary and secondary schools in Rhode Island commencing in the 2022-2023 school year.) {LC1597/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5698

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION – SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 – THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Requires all public schools to send out written invitations to all parents, guardians or caretakers of students inviting those parents, guardians or caretakers to an orientation at the school.) {LC1941/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5699

BY Williams, Alzate, Barros, Hull, Amore, Henries, Biah, Batista, Abney, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Establishes "Increasing Opportunities for Teaches of Color Act".) {LC2113/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5700

BY Speakman, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT PRIVACY ON SCHOOL-OWNED TECHNOLOGY (Provides that no educational institution without an opt-in shall compel students to participate in a take-home technology program (e.g., computers).) {LC1586/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5701

BY Casimiro, Noret, Fenton-Fung, Ackerman, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.) {LC2061/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5702

BY Caldwell, Baginski, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.) {LC2059/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5703**BY** Place, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Establishes an education savings account program to assist and support the parents, guardians and caretakers of students with the materials, tutors, technology and other educational support for learning at-home or at any other remote-learning site.) {LC1516/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5704**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- STEP THERAPY PROTOCOLS (Requires health insurers that issue prescription drug coverage to use step therapy protocols.) {LC1746/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5705**BY** Phillips, Shekarchi, Caldwell, Fenton-Fung, Serpa, Fellela, Casey, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - INTERSTATE COMPACT TO AWARD PRIZES FOR CURING DISEASES (Adopts the Interstate Compact to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases.) {LC1292/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5706**BY** Phillips, Carson, Serpa, Fellela, Casey, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Provides that school forms pertaining to vaccination requirements include information about religious and medical exemptions.) {LC1355/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5707**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Fogarty, Baginski, Carson, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Amends the definition of the "practice of pharmacy" to include the administration of adult medications pursuant to a valid prescription of physician-approved protocol and in accordance with regulations.) {LC1460/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5708**BY** Potter, Cassar, Carson, Kislak, Giraldo, Morales, Baginski, Cortvriend, McGaw, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for a backup battery for at-home medical devices.) {LC1492/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5709**BY** Baginski, Caldwell, Potter, McNamara, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires minimum insurance coverage for a minimum of ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance use disorders.

Effective 4/1/21 or date of passage.) {LC985/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5710

BY Baginski, McGaw, Caldwell, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Adds medical directors or their designees to those individuals to whom disclosure of information contained in any prescription-drug-database is allowed.) {LC1778/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5711

BY Baginski, Ackerman, Bennett, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Allows an ordering physician to obtain the result of any life threatening clinical laboratory test, without the need for a consent to release medical information.) {LC1779/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5712

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage for at least ninety days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance use disorders for American Society of Addiction medicine levels of core 3.1 and 3.3.) {LC905/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5713

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.) {LC2060/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5714

BY Morales, Williams, Hull, Giraldo, Barros, Alzate, Tobon, Diaz, Kislak, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Expands the Rite Track Program to provide health care coverage to children up to age nineteen (19) funded by federal funds, if available, or if not available, by state funds.) {LC1720/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5715

BY Barros, Messier, Morales, Handy, Alzate, Shanley, Fogarty, Carson, Amore, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SUGARY DRINKS (Creates a tax on sugary drinks with the intent of discouraging excessive consumption of those beverages and would create a dedicated revenue source for programs designed to benefit public health.) {LC1573/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5716**BY** Caldwell, Baginski, Morales, Bennett, Ackerman, Donovan, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SALE OF TOBACCO

PRODUCTS IN PHARMACIES (Prohibits the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies and provides for a civil penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each violation.) {LC2036/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5717**BY** Williams, Hull, Barros, Alzate, Batista, Henries, Biah, Abney, Morales, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Eliminates women from qualification for MBEs. Creates 25% preference for MBE contract awards.) {LC103/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5718**BY** McEntee, Williams, Caldwell, Fogarty, Baginski, Carson, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Forbids an employer to require an employee to execute a nondisclosure agreement; or non-disparagement agreement regarding alleged violations of civil rights or criminal conduct as a condition of employment.) {LC1642/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5719**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF

WAGES AND EMPLOYEE RECORDS (Requires employer to furnish items and conditions of employment and a pay stub explaining how wages were calculated/reasons for deductions/allows the employee to file a court action against employer for violation.) {LC1930/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5720**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND

PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of parental or family leave available to an employee from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-six (26) weeks in any two (2) calendar years.) {LC907/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5721**BY** Morales, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Alzate, Hull, Potter, Henries, Amore, Kazarian, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

(Requires employers with 50 or more employees to pay "hazard pay" to employees involved in providing essential services during a declared public health emergency.) {LC1507/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5722**BY** Edwards, Baginski, Tobon, Diaz, Serpa, Cassar, Williams, Shanley, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND

PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Requires bidders on public school construction

contracts of \$5,000,000 or more to have an apprenticeships program compliant with chapter and truthful reporting of program data to DOLT effective July 1, 2021.) {LC1385/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5723**BY** Ruggiero, Craven, Handy, Carson, Kislak, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES {LC1885/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5724

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE

AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Authorizes wire tap application for Human Trafficking offense investigations.) {LC1705/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5725**BY** McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Knight, Fogarty, McNamara, Batista, Kazarian, Williams, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- SEXUAL ABUSE

OR EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD (Defines the term "perpetrator defendant" for purpose of actions based on sexual abuse of a child.) {LC1857/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5726**BY** Diaz, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines rifle and

shotgun and makes it unlawful to possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in public subject to various exemptions for law enforcement and other authorized individuals.) {LC960/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5727**BY** Casey, Filippi, Craven, Lima, Chippendale, Corvese, Kennedy, Solomon, Phillips, Hawkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT

OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Requires the office of the attorney general to issue a report containing the total cases charged with a firearm in all Rhode Island courts and a list of cases charged with a firearm which have been disposed during the calendar year.) {LC2031/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5728**BY** Speakman, Knight, Henries, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (Authorizes state police to provide retention/storage of municipal police officers body camera footage.) {LC2039/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Prime sponsorship is Representative Speakman)**House Resolution No. 5729****BY** Phillips, Potter, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela, Casey, Lima**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-OF ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing four (4) year terms for members of the general assembly, elected members from even numbered districts would begin to be elected to four (4) year terms.) {LC1351/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5730**BY** Cardillo, Noret, Baginski, Corvese, Perez, Chippendale, Solomon, Lima, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Authorizes the attorney general to enter into a reciprocal agreement with Massachusetts and/or Connecticut for handgun permits.) {LC1881/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5731**BY** Potter, Lima, Serpa, Kislak, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS (Prohibits production/sale/importation of any force-fed poultry product/ food containing force-fed poultry product imposing \$500 civil penalty per violation eff. 1/1/22.) {LC2112/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5732**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Raises the juror's fees for each day's attendance on the superior court from \$15.00 per day to \$25.00 per day commencing July 1, 2022, and increases to \$35.00 per day commencing July 1, 2023, and thereafter.) {LC908/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5733**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Allows jurors to donate their juror fees to the state. Any such donation would be deposited into a restricted receipt account in the general fund and shall be allocated to the Rhode Island Veterans Home Community Living Center.) {LC904/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5734**BY** Giraldo, Morales, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- IMMIGRATION STATUS (Prohibits a landlord from asking about the immigration status of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant, or prospective occupant of residential rental property.) {LC909/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5735**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Phillips, Messier, Costantino, Perez, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – PUBLIC UTILITIES (Requires any person recording an oral communication, whether in person, telephonically or otherwise, to inform the other party or parties that the communications are being recorded.) {LC1623/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5736**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Fenton-Fung, Messier, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides as a violation for any person leaving a dog outside and unattended in temperatures of thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit or below, or ninety degrees Fahrenheit (90°) or above, would be subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC1622/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5737**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE—VIOLATIONS (Enhances the penalties for the violation of any law, rule or regulation relating to wild animals.) {LC1230/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5738**BY** Kazarian, Fogarty, Alzate, McEntee, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Edwards, Barros, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all new school buildings and those undergoing major renovations or substantial repair or replacement to plumbing systems to install water bottle filling stations.) {LC1554/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5739**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the contracting department of the department of human services or the department of administration to pilot at least one contract for professional or technical services using automatic verification software to verify hours billed under contract.) {LC1671/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5740**BY** Diaz, Slater, Kazarian, Ackerman, Potter, Tobon, Alzate, Giraldo, Cassar, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT (Establishes conditions, policies and procedures

for the restrictive housing of inmates at correctional facilities in Rhode Island with the least restrictive conditions possible.) {LC1435/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5741

BY Edwards, Kislak, Caldwell, Casimiro, Felix, Henries, Kazarian, Handy, Baginski, Tobon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE
(Requires public building/place of public accommodation to have single-user toilet facility for use by any gender eff. 1/1/22/ new construction/ renovations over 50% value of state/municipal buildings provide for single-user toilet eff. 1/1/22.) {LC2028/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5742

BY Phillips, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela, Casey, Filippi, Lima
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO APPEAR JOINTLY ON THE BALLOT) {LC1352/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5743

(Board of Elections)

BY Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Eliminates competing reporting requirements relating to referenda and consolidate all reporting requirements concerning the independent expenditures and electioneering communications for elections.) {LC1971/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5744

(Board of Elections)

BY Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Allows voters to endorse nomination of candidacy documents by mail, email, or facsimile and deliver to the candidate or board of canvassers in-person, via mail, email or facsimile.) {LC1975/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5745

BY Giraldo, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Creates early in-person voting and online applications for mail ballots. It removes the two (2) witnesses' notarization of voter signature for mail ballots.) {LC1886/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5746**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Provides an exception to the requirements of competitive sealed bidding for local, minority and woman-owned business enterprises.) {LC2069/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5747**BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE {LC2068/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5748**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS (Requires state and national criminal background checks person volunteering or interning at any elementary or secondary educational institution. It would also waive fees for background checks employment with salary of less than forty thousand dollars.) {LC1911/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5749**BY** Giraldo, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY CORPORATIONS (Prohibits the operation of private detention facilities and private public partnerships within the state and prohibits the housing of Rhode Island prisoners in other states as well as hold out-of-state prisoners in Rhode Island facilities.) {LC1874/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5750**BY** Giraldo, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (Prohibits contracts with private, for profit, prison facilities or with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).) {LC1875/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5751**BY** Giraldo, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Provides for a safety inspection of the Wyatt Detention Facility twice a year.) {LC910/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5752**BY** Giraldo, Shanley, Alzate, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires the office of diversity, equity and opportunity (ODEO) to create and for all state and municipal employees to receive annual training in cultural competency.) {LC1912/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5753**BY** Tobon, Barros, Edwards, Diaz, Fellela, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases the role of the division of motor vehicles in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations.) {LC1777/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5754**BY** Potter, Kazarian, Morales, Cortvriend, McGaw, Tanzi, Giraldo, Henries, Ajello, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION (Exempts permanently and totally disabled applicants with income below three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty line, from the income and resource eligibility rules, regulations and limits.) {LC1828/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5755**BY** Potter, Morales, Henries**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING RHODE ISLAND'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REDUCE MILITARY SPENDING AND PRIORITIZE CLIMATE ACTION {LC1987/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5756**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone, Filippi, Newberry, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Creates a new post election audit procedure to verify the accuracy of mail ballot envelopes user's signature prior to the certification of the elections results.) {LC1817/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5757**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

(Increase the fines for the late filing of campaign finance reports to one hundred dollars (\$100) for a second offense, five hundred dollars (\$500) for a third offense, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for all subsequent offenses.) {LC1676/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5758**BY** McEntee, Cortvriend, Speakman, Caldwell, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS --

HOME FOOD MANUFACTURE ACT (Amends the current law that allows farmers to sell produce directly to consumers by directing the department of health to permit home food manufacture and sales direct to consumers.) {LC1656/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5759**BY** Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- DRY DOCK FACILITIES (Amends the lien and notice procedures for facility operators of dry dock facilities.) {LC2096/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5760**BY** Speakman, Cortvriend, Donovan, Caldwell, Carson, Handy, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (Creates a forest conservation commission, to be coordinated with the department of environmental management, to seek new funding and identify incentives for landowners to maintain their land as forest.) {LC1565/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5761**BY** Potter, Kazarian, Kislak, Morales, Cortvriend, Henries, Ajello, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FAMILY FARM PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits industrial sized factory farming.) {LC1908/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5762**BY** Ruggiero, Handy, Potter, Carson, Cortvriend, Kislak, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Sets forth new renewable energy standards.) {LC1641/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5763**BY** Kazarian, Kislak, Fogarty, Alzate, Potter, Casimiro, Henries, Handy, Felix, McGaw

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.) {LC1446/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5764**BY** Edwards, Newberry, Baginski, Tobon, Diaz, Serpa, Cassar, Williams, Shanley, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Allows the test applicant to earn the required credits towards the qualification for the journeyman "B" electrical examination by completing two hundred eighty-eight (288) hours of classroom training in a fully accredited trade school.) {LC2156/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5765**BY** Casey, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Kennedy, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES (Requires any public utility or its contractor to reimburse an excavator for lost time expense incurred, including manpower and equipment from the utility's incorrect marking of underground utilities.) {LC1579/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5766**BY** Williams, Hull, Barros, Alzate, Batista, Henries, Biah, Morales, Giraldo, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS

(Allows superior court to require person affixing architectural stamp within five (5) years, to provide evidence that services were performed by entity named in the "certificate" or "certificate of authorization.") {LC28/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5767**BY** Ruggiero, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, Shanley, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the energy efficiency and resources management council to run a triennial competitive bid process to select an entity to propose and administer system reliability and energy efficiency and conservation procurement.) {LC1729/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5768**BY** McEntee, Craven, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- ROOFING

CONTRACTORS (Amends the registration and licensure requirements of roofing contractors.) {LC1562/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5769**BY** Phillips, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Fellela, Casey, Filippi, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW – GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (A provider of a club, facility, or services to a consumer must stop automatic deductions from the consumer's account or credit card within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving a notice to stop from the consumer.) {LC2133/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5770**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD

ESTABLISHMENTS (Exempts residential kitchens providing baked goods for sale from the provisions of the general laws relating to farm home food manufacture.) {LC1718/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5771**BY** Potter, Kislak, Cortvriend, McGaw, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PROHIBITION ON LIVE

MARKETS (Prohibits the granting of any business licenses to any person, firm, partnership or corporation that operates a live market where consumers can buy freshly slaughtered meat or fowl.) {LC1826/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5772

BY Potter, Cassar, Baginski, Morales, Cortvriend, Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Giraldo, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC1740/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5773

BY Potter, Cassar, Carson, Morales, Baginski, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Henries, Batista, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires public utilities to maintain a registry of customers utilizing life-sustaining medical devices and to prioritize restoration of power to said customers during power outages.) {LC1493/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5774

BY Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Limits the amount of fees charged by a third-party food delivery service to fifteen percent (15%).) {LC1091/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5775

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires motor vehicle parking spaces specifically designed for persons transporting young children under the age of three (3) and baby strollers.) {LC1901/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5776

BY Giraldo, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS (Prohibits financial institutions from investing in private detention centers or continuing to invest with any institution, company or subsidiary of a company that owns or contracts with a government entity to manage or run a prison.) {LC1884/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5777

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BUSINESS NOTIFICATION ACT (Requires businesses to be notified of any regulatory changes which materially impact the business.) {LC1939/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5778

BY Solomon, Kennedy, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BANKING - FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CREATION AND EXPANSION (Amends provisions relating to receiverships/licensing. Security bonds, reporting

requirements, resident agent to eliminate same requirement/clarify language to reduce burden on financial businesses.) {LC2062/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5779

BY Solomon, Kennedy, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE (Clarifies surplus lines licensing and eliminate an unnecessary bond requirement, eliminate the need for an "in person" hearing in an appeal of a classification and add additional lines of insurance to the Commercial Special Risks statute.) {LC2063/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5780

BY Solomon, Kennedy, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- FINANCIAL SERVICES (Updates the Credit for Reinsurance, Risk Based Capital and Insurance Holding Company statutes to the current National Association of Insurance Commissioners standard.) {LC2093/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5781

BY Williams, Hull, Alzate, Barros, Morales, Batista, Henries, Giraldo, Felix, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN ELECTED AND APPOINTED MINORITY OFFICIALS COMMISSION (Creates Elected/Appointed Minority Officials Commission to create record of minority officials from 1636 to present.) {LC52/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5782

BY Caldwell, Phillips, Baginski, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the issuance of veteran plates with decals affixed to the top left corner for veterans who are recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star and Bronze medal.) {LC1910/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5783

BY Phillips, Potter, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Filippi, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES -- SPECIAL PLATE FOR MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes a special license plate for MASONIC GRAND LODGE CHARITIES OF RHODE ISLAND, specify the minimum order, and govern the amount and distribution of the fee surcharge.) {LC621/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Resolution No. 5784

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO

STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A BEIRUT MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE (Reinstates the life, extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study and recommend a plan and design for a Beirut Memorial located at the RI State House, from April 30, 2020, to January 5, 2022, and expire on March 5, 2022.) {LC1837/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5785

BY Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Noret, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS (Extends the veterans exemption from property tax to any member who served in uniform during the Cold War between 1947 through 1991, even if they did not serve in a declared war or conflict.) {LC1955/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative McEntee)

House Bill No. 5786

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Perez, Chippendale, Casey, Solomon, McNamara, Casimiro, Filippi, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- GUN SAFE TAX CREDIT (Creates a tax credit for the purchase of a qualified gun safe, not to exceed \$1,000. It would also exempt gun safes from the sales tax.) {LC1795/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5787

BY Cassar, Ajello, Craven, Donovan, Cortvriend, McEntee, Kislak, Knight, Carson, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EQUALITY IN ABORTION COVERAGE (Provides for abortion coverage in the Medicaid program and repeal the abortion coverage exclusion for state employee insurance plans.) {LC499/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5788

BY Cassar, Costantino, Bennett, Casey, Kislak, McGaw, Ajello, Donovan, Baginski, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND PAY FOR SUCCESS ACT (Establishes a pay for success program to raise funds from non-state government investors to pay for addressing social challenges. If there are positive results, the state would repay the investors with interest.) {LC507/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5789

BY Cassar, Ajello, Costantino, Casey, Donovan, Kislak, Cortvriend, Baginski, Blazejewski, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Increases taxable wage base for employee contributions to TDI/TCI fund/individual benefit rates for eligible individuals/maximum caregiver weeks/creates new credit for low wage tax payers not income eligible to receive benefits. Effective 1/1/22.) {LC1662/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5790

BY Tanzi, Cassar, Alzate, Slater, Morales, McGaw, Potter, Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED (Increases the income eligibility limit for medical assistance coverage for seniors and disabled individuals from one hundred percent (100%) to one hundred thirty-three percent (133%) of federal poverty level.) {LC814/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5791

BY Costantino, Casey, Williams, Azzinaro, Cassar
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to issue a one year renewal registration for vehicles leased for a period of thirty-six (36) months for the last year of the lease and would modify the fee for said renewal.) {LC1468/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5792

BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the executive office of health and human services to adjust the per diem reimbursement rate to nursing facilities every 3 years; and provides that any time state minimum wage is increased, the reimbursement rate increases by the same percentage.) {LC1835/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5793

BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Provides medical home care base rate adjustments and keeps high acuity or high medical necessity patients out of skilled nursing facilities and hospitals and remain safe at home with well trained and stable long-term care support.) {LC1360/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5794

BY Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Directs EOHHS to implement process for determining fees/reimbursement rates for non-emergency medical transportation service/sets \$147 fee per trip/\$1.50 per mile/certificate of need required after 7/1/21.) {LC1800/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5795

BY Nardone, Chippendale, Place, Quattrocchi, Price
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC1511/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5796**BY** McNamara, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES--LIVABLE HOME MODIFICATION GRANT FUND

(Establishes the livable home modification grant fund to provide individuals with severe disabilities financial assistance to modify their homes.) {LC1841/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5797**BY** Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Reduces small business employing less than 50 full time employees tax liability by 50% if employs 80% of full time employee staff level for last 3 months of 2021 based on staff level on 12/31/19 with maximum or non-operational small business in 2019.) {LC1846/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5798**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax meals sold to its employees by public, private, or parochial schools, school districts, colleges, universities, student organizations, and parent-teacher associations.)

{LC1675/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5799**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Imposes a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the registration of a camping recreational vehicle.)

{LC1723/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5800**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY

{LC1724/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5801**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SENIOR CENTER BUILDING CAPITAL FUND (Creates senior center building capital fund to provide cities and towns with financial assistance up to thirty percent of the construction cost of the project.) {LC1716/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5802**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAYDAY LOANS (Caps the APR for payday loans at 28%. Requires 90 day maturity date. Prohibits fees/interest payments in excess

of 60% of principal. Requires monthly payments of no more than 25% of original principal amount.) {LC1693/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5803

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Changes the dates of the Revenue Estimating Conferences meeting to the last ten (10) days of April and the first ten (10) days of November of each year.) {LC1700/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5804

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES -- HOMELESS SHELTERS (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.) {LC1694/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5805

(Attorney General)

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Requires general treasurer to allocate thirty percent (30%) of all settlement proceeds from a multi-state initiative to the attorney general restricted account.) {LC1707/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5806

BY Shanley, McNamara, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Barros, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Reduces the required minimum number of special plates ordered from the DMV to 150 sets upon payment of \$3,000 conditionally refundable fee.) {LC2080/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5807

BY Morales, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi, Potter, Lombardi, Henries, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Directs department of administration to promulgate regulations giving preferences in the awarding of state contracts to certain business enterprises.) {LC1798/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5808

BY Morales, Williams, Ranglin-Vassell, Lombardi, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Authorizes municipalities to tax school tuition and school meals. Contains exemptions from taxation.) {LC1758/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5809**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE PERCENTAGE OF INCOME HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY ACT (Creates the Percentage of Income Home Energy Affordability Program, an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.) {LC1525/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5810**BY** Place, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly. The zero-based budget shall be phased in over a five (5) year period.) {LC2087/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5811**BY** Tanzi, Kislak, Cassar, Speakman, Alzate, Felix, Henriess, Morales, Slater, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES (Requires the participation and input of the EOHHS, DHS, DCYF and BHDDH in medical assistance and public assistance caseload estimating conferences and the generation of monthly data to the members of the case load estimating conference.) {LC1578/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5812**BY** Casey, Phillips, Lima, Hull, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and 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.) {LC430/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5813**BY** Costantino, Cardillo, Phillips, Cassar, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Decreases the amount of the reinstatement fees for a motor vehicle registration or certificate of title which was revoked, denied or suspended and reduced reinstatement fees for suspension or revocation of registration or certificate of title.) {LC1469/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5814**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Nardone, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Reorganizes the Rhode Island Veterans' Home into a quasi-public corporation of the state operated by a board of directors consisting of eleven (11) members.) {LC1290/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5815

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Hull, McLaughlin, Barros, Perez, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- EMERGENCY POLICE POWER

(Authorizes higher education institution department to enter into an agreement with any city/town to provide police assistance in non emergency situations.) {LC1888/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5816

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Provides that in the town of Warwick, no separate class or zoning district be assigned or designated based solely upon a scenic view. No property in particular class/zoning district be assessed increased rate from other properties because of scenic view.) {LC2213/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5817

(by request)

BY Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Provides a procedure for homeowners to submit to a municipal zoning board of review or municipal official or agency for a review to determine whether or not a proposed use under this chapter requires a special use permit.) {LC1211/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5818

BY Nardone, Chippendale, Place, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL

CONTRACTS (Increases the aggregate amount of procurements for cities and towns from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other purchases.) {LC1643/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5819

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Price, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

((Requires nonprofit entity exempt from real property tax to provide assessor with information every 5 years relating to the usage of the land/building/structures starting December 31, 2021.) {LC1634/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5820

BY Hawkins, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Holders of Class B licenses shall offer the public food during times alcoholic beverages are sold to the public.)

{LC927/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5821**BY** Hawkins, Costantino, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING THE 2020 AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD {LC1161/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5822**BY** Nardone, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF STATE -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (Provides that the secretary of state establish a registry for publication of municipal invitations for bids and that municipalities publish notice of invitations for bids with the registry.) {LC1645/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5823**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Azzinaro, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Military personnel ordered to Rhode Island may register their children for school remotely.) {LC2008/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5824**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- PURPLE-STAR RHODE ISLAND DEPENDENT EDUCATION ACT (Establishes the "Purple-star Rhode Island Education Act" or "PRIDE" Act.) {LC1951/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5825**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Azzinaro, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE STATEWIDE VIRTUAL EDUCATION ACT [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT] (Children/ Students of military service members transferring to or from Rhode Island may attend by virtual learning.) {LC2007/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5826**BY** Biah, Baginski, Alzate, Hull, Diaz, Williams, Amore, Henries, McNamara, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Allows students who are legally unable to complete the FAFSA to complete a comparable form created by the college.) {LC1463/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5827**BY** McNamara, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires the RIDE in coordination with the department of the attorney general to collect all public data concerning the use of force, arrest, and referrals to law enforcement or courts in

different categories with a reasonable explanation.) {LC1836/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 5828

BY Alzate, McNamara, Giraldo, Biah, Amore

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENCOURAGING MORE PERSONS OF COLOR TO ENTER THE FIELD OF EDUCATION (Reinstates the life and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study/make recommendations to encourage more persons of color to enter field of education from April 17, 2020, to April 17, 2022, and expires on June 17, 2022.)

{LC1830/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5829

BY Biah, Diaz, Baginski, Alzate, Williams, Hull, Amore, Henries, McNamara, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Mandates RIDE to provide regulations to streamline the English Second Language (ESL) and/or English Language Learner (ELL) teaching certificate.) {LC1657/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5830

BY Serpa

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.) {LC1403/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5831

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY - SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE (Allows teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.) {LC1402/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5832

BY Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, for the next three (3) years trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Heimlich maneuver, and bleeding control.) {LC1799/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5833

BY Carson, Cortvriend, Amore, Speakman, Caldwell, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Kislak, Craven, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Establishes the Rhode Island ombudsperson for special education to ensure school districts meet the minimum standards required to comply with an individualized education program for students with disabilities.) {LC1455/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5834

BY McNamara, Bennett, Lima, Alzate, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COVID RECOVERY PLANS (Directs all school districts to prepare district recovery plans, which would include strategies and targets for students, to address losses in both academic and social-emotional learning.) {LC1829/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 5835

BY Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Place
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RI OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER (RIOPC) TO DEVELOP A POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE {LC1449/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5836

BY Shanley, McNamara, Shekarchi, Solomon, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Barros, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT) (Amends the career and technical education program laws to provide the process by which students could access career and technical education programs outside of their home school district.) {LC1824/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5837

BY Morales, Amore, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell, Giraldo, Caldwell, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILITERACY SEAL (Allows high school students receiving state Silver/Gold Seal of Biliteracy to earn 2 to 4 semesters of college credit toward minor/major in language at public university/community college if requested within 3 yrs. after high school graduation.) {LC1521/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5838

BY Morales, Amore, Ranglin-Vassell, Alzate, Giraldo, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION {LC1802/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5839

BY Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Nardone, Price
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION DYSLEXIA - THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR DYSLEXIA ACT (Establishes a charter school for students with dyslexia.) {LC1736/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5840**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Filippi, Nardone, Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA AND RELATED DISORDERS (Provides that if a school district established an Orton-Gillingham certified school, the program would be available to all students statewide who qualify.) {LC1085/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5841**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHARTER SCHOOLS (Allows charter schools to engage in nontraditional approaches to learning which must be approved by the department of education.) {LC1772/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5842**BY** Tanzi, Potter, Morales, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Kislak, Cortvriend, Batista, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, ERISA or any health plans to purchase referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.) {LC1576/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5843**BY** Cassar, Kislak, Ajello, Cortvriend, Donovan, Speakman, Tanzi, Messier, Casimiro, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (Requires individual health insurers, large group health insurers and small employer health insurers to provide coverage for ten (10) categories of essential health benefits listed in the act.) {LC1893/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5844**BY** Baginski, Casimiro, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY {LC2146/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5845**BY** Bennett, Craven, Costantino, Hull, Casey, McNamara, Williams, Cassar**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY -- CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW (Requires patient contact employees, personal care attendants and high-risk providers to undergo a national criminal records check and would disqualify those people if they have a criminal record for crimes of violence or other offenses listed.) {LC1968/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5846**BY** Bennett, Craven, Handy, Hull, Casey, McNamara, Williams, Cassar, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OMBUDSPERSON ACT OF 2021 (Creates a developmental disabilities ombudsperson program to be administratively attached to

the department of administration.) {LC2081/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5847**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.) {LC1697/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5848**BY** Place, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides medical assistance coverage for medical services provided qualifying eligible recipients for community based care.) {LC1775/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5849**BY** Casey, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for health care services provided by a naturopathic doctor licensed in this state.) {LC441/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5850**BY** Casey, Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE OF NATUROPATHY ACT (Changes the name of doctor of naturopathy to naturopathic doctor and permit them to administer IVs, perform phlebotomy, and consult, but not change, patient's prescription medication.) {LC435/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5851**BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Repeals § 28-12-9 of the general laws which provides that the director of labor and training may approve of wages below the minimum wage for those persons whose earning capacity is impaired due to physical or mental disability.) {LC1840/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5852**BY** Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Morales, Handy, Fenton-Fung, McEntee, Knight, Kislak, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or employee from directly or indirectly committing any act declared to be an unlawful employment practice or the employee or employer may be held personally liable.) {LC1531/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5853

BY Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Shanley, Potter, Knight, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES {LC1787/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5854

BY Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Shanley, Potter, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Kislak, Fogarty, Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR
EMPLOYMENTS PRACTICES (Amends the definition of employees to include gig workers for
purposes of the fair employment practices chapter.) {LC1663/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5855

BY Morales, Alzate, Kazarian, Ranglin-Vassell, Felix, Batista, Lombardi, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE
ISLAND WHISTLE BLOWERS' PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits an employer from reporting an
employee's immigration status for whistle blowing.) {LC1520/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5856

BY Hawkins, Costantino, Biah
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS-LABOR AND
PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Relieves regulatory burden by authorizing submission
of certified payroll using federal forms for all public works.) {LC1593/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5857

(by request)
BY Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS (Requires
the courts of Rhode Island to establish an Internet link and live-stream all proceedings, except those
recognized as confidential.) {LC1381/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5858

(Attorney General)
BY Shanley, Craven, Barros, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - COUNTY GRAND JURIES
(Permits county and statewide grand juries to issue reports with review/acceptance by superior court
with sunset date of July 1, 2026.) {LC1703/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5859

BY Ajello, Williams, Cassar, Knight, Kislak, Potter, Henriess, Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS
(Provides that any reports of investigations conducted by internal affair units or their equivalent are
public records.) {LC1907/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5860**BY** Craven, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Expands and creates civil causes of action for certain protected groups who experience threats or intimidation.) {LC1702/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5861**BY** Place, Nardone**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This joint resolution would provide for the publishing and submission to the electors a proposition of amendment to the constitution of the state for a line item veto.) {LC2086/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5862**BY** Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - FOUR YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS FOR REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS {LC1447/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5863**BY** McLaughlin, Hull, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Requires the general assembly to convene in person or remotely after the extension of an emergency declaration by the governor.) {LC1146/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5864**BY** Shanley, Craven, Barros, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Amends the definition of "authorized representative" in the confidentiality of health care communications and information act.) {LC1300/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5865**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibiting the performance or induction of an abortion of an unborn child capable of feeling pain, unless necessary to prevent serious health risk to the unborn child's mother. Eff 1/1/21) {LC1508/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5866**BY** Filippi, Chippendale, Nardone, Knight, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES (Prohibits the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of an order by the presiding justice of the superior court.) {LC1633/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5867**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Products liability defense of subsequent alteration eliminated.) {LC1294/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5868**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Kislak, Carson, Potter, Ajello, Tanzi, Fogarty, Newberry, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - SPECIAL COMMISSION ON REAPPORTIONMENT (Creates an eighteen (18) member special commission to reapportion all general assembly districts and congressional districts based on 2020 federal Census data by January 15, 2022.) {LC1834/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**House Bill No. 5869****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Craven, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Includes sworn law enforcement officers and Rhode Island state troopers in the group of persons who may obtain the name, address and telephone numbers of persons to whom nonpublished service is furnished.) {LC739/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5870

(Attorney General)

BY Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Includes misclassification of employees as a violation of this section and would provide for increase penalties including a felony where the wages due to the employee because of the misclassification is greater than \$1,500.) {LC1710/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5871

(Attorney General)

BY Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE (Extends the "look back" period for a third and subsequent driving under the influence (DUI) and a refusal to submit to a chemical test to ten (10) years from the current five (5) years.) {LC1708/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5872**BY** Baginski, Kislak, Cassar, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION OF BICYCLES (Creates 3 classes of electric bicycles with provisions for requirements governing their regulation/use with exceptions from sections dealing with other vehicles regulated by DMV.) {LC1440/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5873**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Alzate, Solomon, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES {LC740/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5874**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- UNIFORM FOREIGN-COUNTRY MONEY JUDGMENTS RECOGNITION ACT (Establishes the policies and procedures required for the recognition and enforcement of Foreign-Country Money Judgments and Registration of Canadian Judgments by the superior court.) {LC1654/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5875**BY** Shanley, Craven, Barros, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (Repeals the provision of the general laws declaring prisoners serving a life sentence civilly dead.) {LC713/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5876**BY** Baginski, Serpa, Caldwell, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- SEIZURE OF ANIMALS BEING CRUELLY TREATED (Allows defendant to be served petition at arraignment for animal cruelty.) {LC1750/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5877**BY** Abney, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Exempts independent third-party contractors from liability for the unauthorized use of the name, portrait or picture of the right of privacy of an individual from appropriation of one's name or likeness pursuant to a contract with a third party.) {LC1607/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5878**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 20 years after sentence completed.) {LC1698/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5879**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- LOBBYING (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.) {LC1699/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5880**BY** Kislak, McEntee, Ranglin-Vassell, Knight, Newberry, Felix, Batista, Place**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.) {LC631/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**House Bill No. 5881****BY** Marszalkowski, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULTS (Provides that a school teacher or employee that engages in sexual penetration of a student over fourteen (14) and less than eighteen (18) shall be guilty of third degree sexual assault.) {LC1725/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5882**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the definition of firearms to include tasers, as well as define taser and stun gun.) {LC1770/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5883**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Solomon, Craven, Amore, Casey, Lima, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires each police officer during qualification and training sessions to fire a minimum of three hundred rounds effective July 1, 2021.) {LC1142/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5884**BY** Noret, Casey, Fellela, Casimiro, Knight, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms two (2) times per year instead of one time annually.) {LC1630/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5885**BY** Noret, Casey, Fellela, Casimiro, Knight, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms in both daylight and nighttime conditions two (2) times per year and that correctional officers qualify every year instead of once every two (2) years.) {LC1628/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5886

BY Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the certified operator of a home based business, as long as it meets the criteria for a home office income tax deduction and uses at least ten percent (10%) of the premises for parking.) {LC1773/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5887

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima, Kennedy, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Permits URI Board of Trustees to attend open public board meetings remotely.) {LC1889/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-9-21, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5888

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Allows URI board of trustees to make small procurements up to \$50,000 for construction/\$10,000 for all other purchases with annual increases in the federal CPI.) {LC1887/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-9-2021, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5889

(University of Rhode Island)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Tanzi, Carson, Amore, McGaw, Lima, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

(University of Rhode Island board of trustees to be composed of seventeen (17) members appointment by the governor.) {LC1890/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-9-2021, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5890

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley, Ruggiero, Craven, Barros, Amore

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows the board of

elections to begin the certification of mail ballots 20 days prior to election day and require notice of such certification sessions and establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.) {LC1973/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5891

(Dept. of Business and Regulation)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC2033/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5892**BY** Baginski, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee and also repeals the requirement that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee is subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee) {LC893/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5893**BY** Shanley, Craven, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION -- PAYMENT OF STATUTORY FEES (Allows state departments and agencies to implement electronic filing of applications for licenses, permits, registrations, certificates and functions by allowing a vendor to withhold a commission for implementing the system for electronic filing.) {LC1821/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5894**BY** Filippi, Newberry, Fenton-Fung, Speakman, Phillips, Fogarty, Kislak, Knight, Ackerman, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS (Requires live streaming, over the Internet, of any open meeting of every municipal and state public body, including the executive departments. Video copies of the meeting are required to be published within twenty-four (24) hours.) {LC1754/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5895**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Enables the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.) {LC1701/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5896**BY** Newberry, Filippi, Place, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION CANCELLATION (Requires the secretary of state to promulgate regulations which identify and cancel the voter registration, of any registrant that changes their residence to outside their city or town, without notifying the proper authorities.) {LC1517/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5897**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Williams, Ruggiero, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - LYME DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT (Requires insurers insures to provide coverage for any prescription drug treatment for lyme disease.) {LC1604/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5898**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Williams, Ruggiero, McNamara, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides health care coverage for laparoscopic removal of uterine fibroids, including intraoperative ultrasound guidance and monitoring and radiofrequency ablation, commencing January 1, 2022.) {LC1530/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5899**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES (Establishes rules and regulations concerning the use and registration of personal delivery devices and mobile carrying devices.) {LC1434/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5900**BY** Shanley, Tanzi, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Barros, Casimiro, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE OF NATUROPATHY ACT OF 2017 (Amends the statute that provides for the licensing of naturopaths to reflect current practice and terminology and eliminates collaboration and consultation agreements.) {LC1742/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5901**BY** Shanley, Casimiro, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Barros, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for naturopathy.) {LC1108/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5902**BY** Serpa, Fellela, Ackerman, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires prompt processing and payment of Medicaid claims within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt with interest for failure to notify providers or policyholders of denied or pending claims. Effective 1/1/2022.) {LC1439/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5903**BY** Carson, Serpa, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE (Provides that pet insurance policies provide notice in bold print of coverage exclusions and provide coverage for routine and preventative care and be allowed to provide coverage for wellness visits.) {LC1766/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5904**BY** Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for up to ten (10) hours of neuropsychological evaluation for dyslexia if referred for such treatment by a licensed physician.) {LC1448/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5905**BY** Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Fellela, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS - ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Requires publicly held corporations to be represented by women on their board of directors. Fines would be imposed for non-compliance.) {LC1442/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5906**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WARWICK NECK AVENUE, INC. {LC1497/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5907**BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND REAL ESTATE MARKETING SERVICES, INC. {LC1165/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5908**BY** McLaughlin, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires the formulation of a plan to reduce or waive fees and taxes for businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19.) {LC1349/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5909**BY** Kennedy, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Regulates the distribution of food products containing the drug kratom, a drug of concern for its stimulant and sedative effects, to consumers by the department of health.) {LC1658/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5910**BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS (Authorizes the insurance commissioner to review dental fees paid to participating dentists by a nonprofit dental service corporation to ensure that they are fair and reasonable.) {LC1743/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5911**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and provides penalties and enforcement.) {LC1686/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5912**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVID-19 PANDEMIC INSURANCE RECOVERY ACT (Allows businesses that had an insurance policy in place for business interruption as of March 9, 2019 to recover from their insurance companies for a COVID-19 business impact.) {LC1713/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5913**BY** Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provide the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.) {LC1696/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5914**BY** Shanley, Craven, Barros, Solomon, Filippi, Marszalkowski, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Prevents a motor vehicle dealer from leasing a new or used motor vehicle to a member of the public requiring the payment of the exact amount of any excise tax assessed on the new or used motor vehicle as reimbursement to the motor vehicle dealer.) {LC436/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5915**BY** Hull, Azzinaro, Fellela, Williams, Bennett, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS (Requires cable television companies to give their customers the option to purchase, at its fair market value, a device which decodes digital cable signals for their cable signal reception.) {LC1767/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5916**BY** Hull, Azzinaro, Fellela, Williams, Bennett, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.) {LC1768/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5917**BY** Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS (Enables some Massachusetts and Connecticut based students transportation providers without Rhode Island licensed and registered vehicles to operate in Rhode Island, under limited conditions.) {LC1794/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 5918**BY** Place, Nardone, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE MANNER IN WHICH HEALTH INSURANCE, DISABILITY INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, RETIREMENT PLANS AND OTHER TRADITIONAL EMPLOYER PROVIDED BENEFITS ARE ACCORDED TO UBER AND LYFT DRIVERS, SELF EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC (Creates a 5 member commission to study how various insurance and retirement benefits and other traditional employer provided benefits are accorded to various individuals, and who would report back by 1/ 5/2022, and expire on March 5, 2022.) {LC1771/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5919**BY** Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Carson, Handy, Potter, McGaw, Kislak, Tanzi, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Repeals the expiration provisions that major facility projects or other public improvements comply with green building standards, thereby requiring major facility projects of state agencies to be construed to LEED standards.) {LC1456/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5920**BY** Cortvriend, Knight, Potter, Carson, Cassar, Speakman, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COASTAL HAZARDS (Authorizes the state's twenty-one coastal communities to adopt the coastal resources management council's (CRMC) coastal hazard application process applicable to a local overlay district.) {LC2005/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5921**BY** Price, Filippi, Quattrocchi, Place, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Permits the dockside sale of allowable finfish, live lobsters, crabs and live whelk upon issuance of a temporary direct sale dealer license by the department of environmental management to a commercial fishing license holder.) {LC1790/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5922**BY** McNamara, Bennett, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS - PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT COMPLIANCE {LC1356/1}

02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5923

BY Caldwell, Serpa, Carson, Handy, Morales, Craven, Bennett, Potter, Donovan, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- HIGH-HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT OF 2021 (Prohibits new high-heat waste processing facilities.) {LC1563/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5924

BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOCUS AREAS (Establishes environmental justice focus areas/coastal zones/ establishes procedures for investigation/ remediation of contaminated sites within coastal zones by DEM with increased community participation.) {LC1854/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Resolution No. 5925

BY Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE RHODE ISLAND CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OBTAIN HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FUNDING TO PROVIDE FREE HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS IN OUR PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES BY 2024 {LC1450/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5926

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Noret, Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Designates June 12 annually as Women Veterans' Day as a day of special observance in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC2159/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5927

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Vet home residents overcharged reimbursed or overcharge to Chaplain Fund.) {LC1965/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5928

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- TUITION FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS UNDER POST-911 BILL AND MONTGOMERY GI BILL (In state tuition continues for military service members children and/or spouse, if service member transferred.) {LC2006/1}
02/24/2021 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 5929

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar, Kislak, Donovan, Diaz, Ajello, Cortvriend, Carson, Speakman, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PERINATAL DOULA SERVICES (Provides for medical assistance health care for expectant mothers and would establish medical assistance coverage and reimbursement rates for perinatal doula services. Effective 7/1/22.) {LC2088/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5930

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Carson, Kislak, Hull, Ajello, Fogarty, Potter, Alzate, Barros, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS-THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS EQUITY ACT (Establishes a board and appropriates funds from the legislature to create a local cannabis equity program to allow those people who want to enter the business of selling marijuana with state funding and technical assistance to do so.) {LC409/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5931

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Carson, Donovan, Ajello, Hull, Potter, Alzate, Barros, Biah, Henries
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.) {LC386/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5932

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Barros, Fogarty, Hull, Alzate, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY (Authorizes both parents to seek financial child care benefits for their children rather than restricting it to the custodial parent.) {LC23/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5933

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Hull, Ajello, Fogarty, Potter, Alzate, Barros, Biah, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Requires school districts to provide for alternative programs within the school to reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions.) {LC413/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5934

BY Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello, Fogarty, Alzate, Barros, Biah, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all school districts to provide students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through twelve (K-12) access to high-speed Internet.) {LC412/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5935**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Kislak, Ajello, Potter, Alzate, Barros, Biah, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Directs the department of health to establish an inspection and evaluation program and establish rules and regulations regarding air quality in elementary and secondary schools.) {LC402/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5936**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Kislak, Barros, Biah, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS --

TRAUMA INFORMED SCHOOLS ACT (Establishes the implementation of trauma-informed practices in schools throughout the state.) {LC407/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 5937**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Fogarty, Kislak, Hull, Ajello, Alzate, Barros, Henries**ENTITLED**, HOUSE 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 8, 2022, and expire on May 8, 2022.) {LC410/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5938**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Ajello, Barros, Kislak, Fogarty, Cassar, Alzate, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --MINIMUM WAGES {LC1363/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5939**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Henries, Shekarchi, Bennett, Ajello, Fogarty, Cassar, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WAGES (Increases the minimum wage by using an annual fixed amount until 1/1/25, where it reaches to \$15 per hour, then raised annually thereafter by using the CPI-W. Also raises hourly minimum wage for employees

receiving gratuities by using similar scale.) {LC405/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5940**BY** Nardone, McLaughlin, Roberts, Price, Quattrocchi, Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON

DISASTER OVERSIGHT (Creates the Joint Committee on Disaster Oversight which would consist of twelve (12) members to study the impact of the governor's declaration of a disaster emergency pursuant to § 30-15-9.) {LC1635/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5941**BY** Nardone, McLaughlin, Price, Place, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Allows the governor to renew an initial 30 day executive order or proclamation of a state of disaster emergency by the governor for 2 additional 30 day extensions.) {LC1637/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5942**BY** Ranglin-Vassell, Kislak, Ajello, Fogarty, Alzate, Barros, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC403/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5943

(Board of Elections)

BY Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Repeal is to follow the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and to account for permitting voters to cast provisional ballots at the polling place.) {LC1970/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5944**BY** Ackerman, Kennedy, Amore, Serpa, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE ARCHIVES (Clearly defines permanent state records to be retained/ requires preparation of disaster preparedness plan/ allows access to superior court for injunctions/ restraining orders for violations of public records laws.) {LC2127/1}

02/25/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:46 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Casimiro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gregory Olsen; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Keith Cordell Humphreys; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Carol Piezzo; on motion of Representative McLaughlin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Christopher Young; on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Shaylin Schoomaker; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gloria Mollis; on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Representative Williams, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Alton Wiley; on motion of Representative Giraldo, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jorge E. Boror Sr.; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE TERESA ANN TANZI**

Dear Lord: The contributions of African Americans, often unrecognized, helped form the very foundation of our Country. As the events of this last year demonstrate, there is a great need to better educate our children to fully understand, and honor, the great contributions African Americans have made in service to our country. We pray that their sacrifices finally get recognized for all future generations. Amen

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5253**
BY Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
2. **2021-H 5413**
BY Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
3. **2021-H 5414**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
4. **2021-H 5481**
BY Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
5. **2021-H 5482**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.
6. **2021-H 5483**
BY Shekarchi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, February 22, 2021

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021:

- 1. 2021-H 5077**
BY McNamara
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 2021

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.
- 2. 2021-H 5039**
BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 3. 2021-S 70**
BY DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIGRANT, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 19, 2021