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Ninth Day

The House of Representatives meets at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, Thursday, February 25, 2021, and is called to order at 4:09 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S., Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson and Williams.

ABSENT – 6: Representatives Bennett, Lima C., Lombardi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Slater

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Henries 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 Tuesday, February 23, 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-5553
entitled: Weapons, firearms unlocked
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: Julie Casimiro

House District: 31

Date: 2/25/21

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 Ranglin-Vassell is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 25, 2021.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 14 SUB A

BY McCaffrey, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the governor to designate any person to solemnize a marriage within the state of Rhode Island on a particular day and within a particular city or town.) {LC596/A/1}

02/25/2021 Referred to House Judiciary

Senate Bill No. 16 SUB A

BY Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Archambault, Lombardi, Ciccone, Quezada, Lombardo, Sosnowski, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Creates pilot program to establish harm reduction centers where use of pre-obtained controlled substances may occur under supervision of health care professionals) {LC618/A/1}

02/25/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 47

BY Miller, Bell, Murray, Quezada, Cano, DiMario, Acosta, Anderson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (Changes title of chapter 37.2 of title 5 and throughout, replacing the words "Oriental medicine" with "Chinese medicine". Allows individuals who are otherwise certified, to practice acupuncture & Chinese medicine using Chinese medical diagnostic methods.) {LC354/1}

02/25/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 108

BY Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS {LC760/1}

02/25/2021 Referred to House Health & Human Services

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Shanley, Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien, Noret, Ruggiero, Craven, Caldwell, Morales, McEntee, Philipps, Hawkins, Amore, Biah, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Carson, Speakman, Donavon, Abney, Azzinaro, Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy, Constantino, Serpa, Cortvriend, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, McLaughlin, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McNamara, Cortvriend, Giraldo, Solomon, Cassar, Whip Kazarian, Lima S., Barros, Newberry, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, Cardillo, and Messier.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Lombardi, Slater, Ranglin-Vassell, Deputy Speaker Lima C., and Bennett.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: 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, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillipps, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2021-H 5039**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND PYROTECHNICS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Shanley O'Brien, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Hawkins, Phillips, Amore, Cardillo, Carson, Speakman, Donavan, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Abney, Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Costantino, Serpa, Cortvriend, Knight, Handy, Ajello, Fogarty, Diaz, Corvese, Whip Kazarian, Deputy Whip Ackerman, McLaughlin, Hull, McNamara, Casey, Giraldo, Casimiro, Lima S., Felix, Potter, Barros, Felix, McGaw, and Williams

ANNOUNCEMENT**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 4 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Lombardi, Slater, Deputy Speaker Lima C., and Bennett.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative Representative Roberts.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 5: Representatives Filippi, Nardone, Place, Price, Quattrocchi.

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives O'Brien, Ruggiero, Azzinaro, Abney, Casey, Barros, McLaughlin, and Cortvriend.

ANNOUNCEMENT**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 5 to be recorded in the affirmative Representatives Lombardi, Slater, Ranglin-Vassell Deputy Speaker Lima C., and Bennett.

Minority Leader Filippi announces pursuant to rule 47B authorizing Proxy Votes he has 1 to be recorded in the affirmative Representative Roberts.

Read and passed in concurrence, on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: 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, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima C, Lima S, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

CONSENT CALENDAR

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

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.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Filippi.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Baginski, Barros, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hawkins, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima S, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McLaughlin, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ruggiero, Serpa, ShallcrossSmith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Tobon, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Vella Wilkinson and Speaker Shekarchi congratulate Representative Handy for receiving the Clean Water Legislator of the Year Award.

Chairman Hull announces that the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces due to the high volume of bills, the **bill introduction deadline was extended until today. The desk will remain open today** and bills that have been in the legislative pipeline can be dropped in the box in front of the Rostrum here or in the Speaker's Office until the start of Tuesday's session.

However, when we gavel in at our next session on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 4 p.m. here at the Vets, all members must stand and file bills under Rule 7(d) by giving one-day notice to the body of their intention to introduce the bill on the next legislative day. There is a limit of three bills per member using this rule. This provision does not apply to city or town bills, to the reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations, and budget bills, or to bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions.

Should you need to vote by proxy Speaker Shekarchi has asked that you email all requests to myself for approval and coordination and please copy Danica Iacoi as well.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes tomorrow Representative Carson and on Saturday Henries a happy birthday.

Representative Shallcross Smith wishes her youngest grandson Oliver Patrick Shallcross a happy 16th birthday tomorrow February 26, 2021.

Representative Alzate wishes her sister Wendy a happy 35th birthday.

NEW BUSINESS

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5945

BY Felix, Batista, Kazarian, Casimiro, Edwards, Potter, Alzate, Lima, Morales, Giraldo

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMS MARCH 2, 2021 AS A "DAY OF EMPATHY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2210/1}

02/25/2021 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Felix seconded by Representatives Batista, Whip Kazarian, Casimiro, Edwards, Potter, Alzate, Morales, Giraldo, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Tanzi, Fogarty, Minority Leader Filippi, Knight, and McGaw by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5946

BY Cardillo, Corvese, Noret, Tanzi, Perez, McEntee, Caldwell, Williams, Kazarian, Morales
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "HEALTH CARE WORKERS APPRECIATION DAY" ON MARCH 1, 2021, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2125/1}
02/25/2021 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Cardillo seconded by Representatives Corvese, Noret, Perez, McEntee, Caldwell, Williams, Whip Kazarian, Morales, Fellela, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, and Majority Leader Blazejewski by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 5947

BY Diaz, Slater, Perez, Felix, Biah, Batista, Alzate, Tobon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 177TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2021 {LC951/1}
02/25/2021 House read and passed

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

Representative Diaz discusses the resolution and recognizes Representatives Felix, Perez, and Batista.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Diaz seconded by Representatives Slater, Perez, Biah, Batista, Alzate, Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and Hull by unanimous consent, on a voice vote

House Resolution No. 5948

BY Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Serpa, Phillips, Place, Newberry, Knight, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS FOR ADMINISTERING VACCINES TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN UNDERGOING CHEMOTHERAPY, AND ONE CAREGIVER OF AN ADULT UNDERGOING CHEMOTHERAPY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PATIENT {LC1852/1}
02/25/2021 House read and passed

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fenton-Fung seconded by Representatives Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Serpa, Phillips Place, Newberry, Knight, and Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote

House Resolution No. 5949

BY Edwards, McGaw, Filippi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHARLES MORAN, JR. {LC2126/1}

02/25/2021 House read and passed

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

Representative Edwards discusses the resolution.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Edwards seconded by Representatives McGaw, Minority Leader Filippi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and McNamara, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote

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. 4 SUB A as amended

BY Miller, Goldin, Valverde, Goodwin, Felag, Coyne, Burke, Cano, Seveney, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT (Amends the provisions of the telemedicine coverage act and provide coverage for telemedicine under Rhode Island Medicaid.) {LC597/A/2}

02/26/2021 Referred to House Finance

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Small Business:

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}

02/26/2021 Committee transferred to House Small Business

COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5105 SUB A**BY** Baginski, Noret, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES (Authorizes Class B license holder to sell specified limits of wine, beer and mixed alcoholic beverages with take out orders, however, all other alcoholic beverages prohibited with sunset on 12/31/21.) {LC897/A/2}

02/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (03/04/2021)

Senate Bill No. 81**BY** Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PET CONNECTION, LLC {LC502/1}

02/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (03/02/2021)

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer.**House Bill No. 5441****BY** Speakman, Casey, Ruggiero, Donovan, Kislak, Morales**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.) {LC1140/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5509

BY Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Lima, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Prohibits the sale for profit of consumer generated Internet data by a social media platform without the consent of and compensation paid to the consumer.) {LC1354/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5513

BY Morales, Tanzi, Amore, Kazarian, Shanley, Cortvriend, Tobon, Lima, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Requires all persons or entities collecting social security and other personal identification numbers to create and publicly display a privacy protection policy. Violations of this requirement would incur a civil penalty of five-hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC1568/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5602

BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Established player self-exclusion program with winnings collected from self-excluded players going to RICPG for research/education/prevention of teenage gambling addiction.) {LC1804/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5506

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESPONSIBLE RECYCLING, REUSE AND DISPOSAL OF MATTRESSES (Requires copies of auditor's documents relative to evaluation and opinion about fees to be filed with the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation and be considered public records pursuant to chapter 2 of title 38, access to public records.) {LC803/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5075

BY McNamara, Noret, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Requires at least one oral and maxillofacial surgeon on the Rhode Island board of examiners in dentistry.) {LC162/1}

02/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (03/04/2021)

House Resolution No. 5248**BY** Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR STEP THERAPY PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROTOCOLS (Reinstates the life, and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the Commission to Examine and Recommend Guidelines for Step Therapy Prescription Drug Protocols from April 28, 2020 to April 6, 2021, and expires on June 6, 2021.) {LC1155/1}
02/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (03/02/2021)

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on House Health & Human Services., reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer.

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}
02/26/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

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}
02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

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}
02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING

Chairman Hull, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5217

BY Nardone, Chippendale, Roberts, Noret, Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (This act would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of Coventry on November 3, 2020.) {LC338/1}
02/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (03/04/2021)

House Bill No. 5257

BY Williams, Knight, Morales, Biah, Giraldo, Speakman, Henries, Potter, Barros, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income.) {LC77/1}
02/26/2021 Placed on House Calendar (03/02/2021)

Chairman Hull for the Committee Municipal, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer.

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}
02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

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}
02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

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}
02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5591

BY Lombardi, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.) {LC1691/1}
02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE FINANCE

Chairman Abney for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer.

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Veterans Affairs

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5785

BY Vella-Wilkinson, 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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Craven for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer.

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5565**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Authorizes nonprofit organizations to conduct gambling event fundraisers approved by the city or town in which the event is to be conducted and as authorized by the state police.) {LC805/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5578**BY** Tobon, Caldwell, Baginski, Alzate, Edwards, Barros, Corvese, Amore, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC VEHICLE RECOVERY SERVICES (Requires vehicle owners with electronic vehicle recovery systems to submit affidavit attesting to theft prior to law enforcement contact with provider for aid in locating vehicle.) {LC1249/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5564**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, McNamara, Williams, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits certain social media companies from censoring users speech by either removal of the user's speech or using algorithms to prevent the user's speech.) {LC1380/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5562**BY** Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Cardillo, Shanley, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the department of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year) {LC1118/1}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on House Health & Human Services., reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance.

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on House Health & Human Services., reports back the following measures, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on House Finance.

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}

02/28/2021 Committee transferred to House Finance

NEW BUSINESS**House Resolution No. 5950**

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION (Creates a legislative commission to study the entire areas of land use, preservation, production, development, housing, environment and regulation, and would report back to the House of Representatives on or before 4/30/22 and would expire on 6/30/22.) {LC1761/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5951

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMERCE (Creates a deputy secretary of commerce and housing within the executive office of commerce to oversee housing initiatives and develop a housing plan.) {LC2089/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5952

BY Shekarchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the honorable John G. Edwards to join Kelsey Kristine Edwards and David M. Coletta in marriage on or about October 23, 2021, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC2236/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Resolution No. 5953

BY Speakman, Shekarchi, Kislak, Morales, Potter, Alzate, Williams, Knight, Donovan, Henries

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT (Creates a 16 member commission to study implementation of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act, and who would report back to the House of Representatives by December 16, 2021, and expire on April 17, 2022.) {LC2108/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5954**BY** Edwards, Kennedy, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Newberry, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Makes permanent the exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold and occupied.) {LC2115/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing**House Bill No. 5955****BY** Felix, Henries, Potter, Alzate, McGaw, Batista, Kazarian, Barros, Ranglin-Vassell, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE JOBS (Protects food security and creates agricultural jobs and opportunities with the goal of creating food security. Employs several mechanisms to do so, including the creation of the agriculture jobs bureau, to be located within the division of agriculture.) {LC1362/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5956****BY** Kazarian, Solomon, Fogarty, Alzate, Chippendale, Henries, Edwards, Kislak, McGaw, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES -- POWERS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY (Grants chairman of PUC and DPUC emergency powers during governor declared emergencies for restoration of all utility services.) {LC867/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5957****BY** Lima, Casey, Tobon, Lima, Handy, Felix, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSURANCE RATES (Prevents the consideration of an applicant's credit history in determining automobile liability insurance rates.) {LC1298/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5958****BY** Hawkins, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NON PROFIT DENTAL SERVICE (Provides that non profit dental service corporations shall have the power to provide for the administering and/or insuring of vision and optometric programs.) {LC2095/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5959****BY** Shanley, Marszalkowski, Craven, Ruggiero, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Creates the "Rhode Island data Transparency and Privacy Protection Act" to identify information collected by online service providers and commercial websites.) {LC2173/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5960****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FREEDOM TO TRAVEL AND WORK ACT (Establishes an occupational regulatory framework by authorizing the

issuance of occupational licenses and government certifications by recognition for qualified worker applicants from other states.) {LC2230/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5961**BY** O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Establishes player self-exclusion program with winnings collected from self-excluded players going to RICPG for research/education/prevention of teenage gambling addiction.) {LC579/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5962**BY** Costantino, Corvese, Cardillo, McEntee, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TRANSFER OF VEHICLES (Provides that a lessee of a motor vehicle who purchases the vehicle within one year of the lease inception or any renewal thereof shall be exempt from certain registration transfer provisions.) {LC2224/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5963**BY** Edwards, Kennedy, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate, Newberry, Baginski, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES {LC2220/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5964**BY** Lima, Casey, Felix, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - RHODE ISLAND SALVAGE LAW (Eliminates the notarization requirement for various certificates filed by insurance companies.) {LC1625/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5965**BY** Price

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Authorizes the Exeter town sergeant or designees to conduct division of motor vehicles vehicle identifying number and odometer inspections.) {LC2229/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5966**BY** Handy, Bennett, Cortvriend, Carson, Felix, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS- MINIMUM ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS (Establishes efficiency standards for selected residential and commercial products.) {LC1806/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5967

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Ruggiero, Noret, Solomon, Donovan, Fogarty, Blazejewski, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE OCEAN STATE CLIMATE ADAPTATION FUND (Establishes the Ocean State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fund.) {LC2216/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5968

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - BIRDS {LC1933/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5969

(Attorney General)

BY Felix, Knight, Tanzi, Cassar, Shanley, Caldwell, Batista, Craven, McEntee, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Defines rifle and shotguns as weapons and makes unlawful possession of a loaded rifle/shotgun in public with exceptions punishable up to five (5) years in prison or a \$5,000 fine.) {LC1018/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5970

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Ranglin-Vassell, Knight, Fogarty, Kislak, Amore, Henries, Batista, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Increases the age from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years for lawful sale of firearms or ammunition. Full-time law enforcement, state marshals and members of the U.S. military be exempt from these prohibitions.) {LC1786/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5971

BY Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Alzate, Solomon, Craven, Casey, Place, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Creates an appeal for applicants denied a concealed firearms permit/firearms transfer with the right to superior court hearing with all records deemed as non-public records.) {LC1191/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5972

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Permits Rhode Island residents, twenty-one (21) years of age or older, to carry a concealed handgun, without a permit.) {LC1932/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5973

BY Filippi, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Corvese, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Permits the open and concealed carry of weapons by any person in the act of evacuating the area pursuant to an order of the governor or local authority under chapter 15 of title 30.) {LC995/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)

House Bill No. 5974

(Judiciary)

BY Knight, Newberry, Batista, Corvese, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Invests the chief justice of the supreme court with the explicit authority to address issues affecting the conduct of judicial business and order whatever response(s) he or she deems necessary.) {LC2186/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5975

(Judiciary)

BY Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW PRACTICE {LC2191/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5976

(Judiciary)

BY Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Provides that the permissive use of a wireless communication device for the purpose of navigation of a motor vehicle shall only be applicable in cases where the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to the vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.) {LC2184/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5977

(Judiciary)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- FREEWAYS (Eliminates the provision a person who solicits a ride in a motor vehicle or backs up a motor vehicle on a freeway is guilty of a misdemeanor. Adds \$100 fine for advertising a motor vehicle for sale on a state highway to the schedule of violations.) {LC2193/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5978

(Judiciary)

BY Edwards, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate, Newberry, Baginski, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Removes the \$25.00 limit on tuition for a motorist to attend a driver education course, and would allow a judge or magistrate to delay the imposition of a suspension or revocation of a driver's license or registration for a period up to 30 days.) {LC2196/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5979

(Judiciary)

BY Edwards, Kennedy, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Provides that financial security is required for any motor vehicle registered or required to be registered in the state of Rhode Island.) {LC2195/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5980

(Judiciary)

BY Shanley, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Sunsets the provision which allows first-time violators to avoid the fine by presenting proof of acquisition of a hands-free device prior to the imposition of the fine effective September 1, 2021.)

{LC2197/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5981**BY** Cortvriend, Craven, McGaw, Fogarty, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (Authorizes the use of automated traffic-speed camera-enforcement systems on all state and local roads within the state, not just in school zones) {LC678/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5982**BY** Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Henries, Giraldo, Batista, Lombardi, Caldwell, Barros, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Repeals requirement of one hundred dollar fee for expungements and requires court administrator advise general treasurer and/or the registry of the court that any bail money on deposit be returned to the defendant or surety.) {LC874/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5983**BY** Kazarian, Morales, Potter, Henries, Edwards, Felix, McGaw**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE - OF SUFFRAGE (This joint resolution would propose an amendment to the state constitution eliminating the thirty-day residency and registration requirement before voting in an election.) {LC1843/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5984

(Secretary of State)

BY Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Requires that annual reports of domestic and foreign business corporations, nonprofit corporations, and limited liability companies be filed with the secretary of state between February 1 and May 1 of each year.) {LC2128/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5985**BY** Solomon, Knight, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND TITLE INSURERS ACT (Provides that only RI attorneys can act as title insurance agents and determine insurability and marketability. Limits discount title insurance premiums and restricts sharing premiums.) {LC2082/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-30-21, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5986

BY Fogarty, Carson, Donovan, McGaw, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Ajello, Amore
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES (Increases penalties for damages to electric/cellular communication lines from \$3,000 to \$50,000/imprisonment from 2 to 10 years, or both/requires restitution for economic harm/increases water supply systems imprisonment to 10 years plus restitution.) {LC2153/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5987

BY Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Messier, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Limits damages to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in any tort action against the Rhode Island public transit authority, except in cases where the general assembly, by a special act, authorizes a tort action in excess of that amount.) {LC201/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5988

BY Felix, Cassar, Ranglin-Vassell, Alzate, Kazarian, Giraldo, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LIENS AGAINST CAUSES OF ACTION (Prohibits a hospital from claiming a lien on any damages recovered by a Medicaid patient as a result of an accident not covered by workers' compensation.) {LC1744/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5989

BY Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Craven, Casey, Lombardi, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - MANDATORY VACCINATION AGREEMENT PROHIBITED (Prohibits discrimination against individuals who refuse to be vaccinated.) {LC1149/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)

House Bill No. 5990

BY Price, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP PROTECTION ACT {LC2228/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5991

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Lima, Corvese, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES – BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self defense.) {LC1934/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)

House Bill No. 5992**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Cardillo, Lima, Corvese, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Provides a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing any violent criminal offense that individual is lawfully in a place they have a right to be, and acted in self-defense and reasonable belief of harm.) {LC1935/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**House Bill No. 5993****BY** Batista, Williams, Morales, Felix, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RISHOD K. GORE JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2021 (Provides police reform by requiring body cameras and makes certain methods of restraint a felony such as chokeholds and using the foot as a weapon.) {LC2010/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5994**BY** Batista, Williams, Felix, Morales, Alzate, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Reduces drug dealer sentence from life to 20 yrs./ makes simple possession of controlled substance a civil violation including drug counseling/community service and not cause to support motor vehicle/premises search.) {LC2012/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(Added to Co-Sponsorship is Representative Place)**House Bill No. 5995****BY** Felix, Knight, Potter, Henries, Batista, Kazarian, Barros, Lima, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT RELATING CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Codifies the factors that a court must consider in imposing a sentence on a criminal defendant.) {LC1512/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Resolution No. 5996**BY** McLaughlin, Fellela, Diaz**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FETUS AS A HUMAN LIFE UPON THE EXISTENCE OF A HEARTBEAT {LC2223/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5997**BY** McLaughlin, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES OFFENSES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Prohibits the operation of a tractor trailer in reverse in a residential district.) {LC2225/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5998

(Secretary of State)

BY Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS

ADMINISTRATION (Updates public records administration act, modifies records control schedule, designates records officer, establishes procedures for retention of records. Provides administrator submit yearly reports, establishes public reporting compliance.) {LC2132/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5999

(Board of Elections)

BY Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- WRITE-IN VOTES (Requires all write in candidates to file prior to election a declaration of intent to run for office with the secretary of state. Finally it would require the board of elections to report all votes received by declared write in candidates.) {LC1974/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6000

(Board of Elections)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Cassar, Cortvriend, Henries, Batista, Donovan, Speakman, Felix, Ranglin-Vassell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Removes the two (2)

witness and notary requirement for mail ballot applications and mail ballot certificate envelope. It would also delete the requirement that person may vote by mail, only if they are unable to vote in person.)

{LC1972/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6001

(Judiciary)

BY McLaughlin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2188/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 6002

(Secretary of State)

BY Kennedy, Abney, McNamara, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS

"THE RHODE ISLAND SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (RI 250TH) COMMISSION" (Creates a 30

member Rhode Island Semiquincentennial Commission to assist in the observance of the

Semiquincentennial and report back findings by July 1, 2023, produce a final accounting of funds by

October 1, 2026, and expire on January 1, 2027.) {LC2131/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6003

BY Kazarian, Amore, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS (Makes very comprehensive changes to the

election laws concerning voter registration, voter rights, mail ballots and early day voting.) {LC1937/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6004**BY** O'Brien, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.) {LC1807/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6005**BY** Batista, Morales, Williams, Knight, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Provides that the reference to the definition of public records include the section designation only and provides for redacted law enforcement disciplinary records.) {LC2015/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6006**BY** Fogarty, Barros, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Hull, McEntee, Messier, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Creates pilot program for 33 hr driver ed program offered in an online/virtual format, effective 10/1/21 and sunsets 10/1/23. Creates the Online Driver Education Program Study Commission to determine by 12/31/22 if the pilot program should be permanent.) {LC1868/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6007**BY** Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION S-- MAIL BALLOTS (Prohibits the secretary of state from mass mailing mail ballots and requires that the elector request a mail ballot.) {LC1515/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6008**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell, Hull, McEntee, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires the department of transportation to establish a schedule of all landscaping and mowing of lawns on state roads, and provide a copy of said schedule to the department of public works in any city or town where the state road is located.) {LC198/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6009**BY** Newberry, Place, Filippi, Knight, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING ACT (Creates a redistricting commission to act every 10 years to adopt a redistricts plan for all general assembly and congressional districts. It also provides for a possible appeal of the plan to the state supreme court.) {LC1753/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6010**BY** Casey, Craven, Batista, Noret, Corvese, Solomon, Lima, Edwards, Casimiro, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Extends IOD benefits to police

officers/firefighters suffering from post-traumatic stress injuries/provides municipal police/firefighters retiring due to PTSI accidental disability retirement allowance.) {LC2152/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6011**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Amends the definition of paid sick leave time and paid sick and safe leave time and allow 40 hours of accrual for construction industry employees.)

{LC1374/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6012**BY** Felix, Henries, Potter, Batista, Barros, Cassar, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TIPPED MINIMUM WAGE {LC2067/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6013**BY** Diaz, Kazarian, Williams, Kislak, McLaughlin, Cortvriend, Messier, Lima, Alzate, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- BUILDING

SERVICE WORK (Requires that janitors and security guards employed, pursuant to state contracts worth more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of janitorial or security services, be paid a standard compensation rate.) {LC2237/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6014

(Department of Health)

BY Potter, Caldwell, Baginski, Edwards, Kislak, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Removes the sunset provision on the requirement that the office of state medical examiners be responsible for a multidisciplinary team review of drug related overdose deaths.)

{LC2211/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6015**BY** Price, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Requires the mandatory immunization informed consent form contain certain relevant information.)

{LC1376/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 6016**BY** Fenton-Fung, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOL FOR ADMINISTERING VACCINES IN THE SAFEST POSSIBLE METHOD TO PERSONS UNDERGOING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPIES {LC1851/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6017

BY Tanzi, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Ackerman, Henries, Batista, Diaz, Donovan, Speakman, Felix
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals smoke free workplace exemption granted to pari mutual
facilities and casinos.) {LC1796/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6018

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HOSPITAL WORKPLACE
VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT {LC2180/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6019

BY Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell, Hull, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE
POLICIES (Requires insurance carriers, nonprofit hospital service plans, nonprofit medical service
corporations and HMOs to cover costs of breast ultrasounds and/or MRI breast exams for person
receiving notice of dense breast tissue.) {LC203/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6020

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Ruggiero, Williams, Solomon, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Donovan,
Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY
RHODE ISLAND'S PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED
CONDITIONS (HAC) AND HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI) AND PROVIDE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO ESTABLISH/CLARIFY THE STATE'S POLICY AND PROCEDURES
(Creates a 9 member commission to study Rhode Island's payment and reimbursement for (HAC) and
(HAI) and provide recommendations for the state's policy and procedures, and would report back by
January 5, 2022 and expire on March 5, 2022.) {LC1529/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6021

BY Ajello, McNamara, Kislak, Felix, Williams, Barros, Amore, Lima, O'Brien, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires district and independent charter
schools to use a random selection process to select eligible public school students who would be invited
to attend the charter school and allows a parent to decline the invitation.) {LC1870/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6022

BY Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell, McEntee, Messier, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to adopt
standards which take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students across municipal
boundaries and promotes maximum efficiency in other programs.) {LC202/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6023**BY** Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

(Creates Rhode Island School Security Committee for school security.) {LC1904/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6024

(Judiciary)

BY Shanley, Craven, Barros**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE FUNDS (Adds the Judiciary's

Indirect Cost Recovery/Supreme Court, Victims' Rights Information, RI Supreme Court Disciplinary

Counsel and Small Claims Mediation accounts to the list of restricted receipt accounts which are not subject to indirect cost recovery.) {LC2185/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6025

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Knight, Craven, Caldwell, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT {LC2190/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6026**BY** Morales, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - DIVESTMENT OF STATE PENSION

FUNDS FROM MILITARY CONTRACTORS (Requires the state investment commission to identify and divest pension fund investments in military weapon manufacturers whether held directly and indirectly.) {LC1567/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6027**BY** Morales, Batista, Williams, Kislak, Biah, Perez**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FOR FUNDING OF THE NONPROFIT AGENCY, INSPIRING MINDS, INC., TO BENEFIT PROVIDENCE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 to Inspiring Minds, Inc. to train volunteers to provide personalized attention to Providence elementary school students.) {LC2207/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6028**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL

EDUCATION (Allows the executive office of health and human services to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research. At the same time implementing the appropriate payment mechanism in order to make the payments annually.) {LC1580/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6029**BY** Kazarian, O'Brien, Fogarty, Alzate, McEntee, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS, STATE FUNDED EXPENSES (Appropriates two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for FY-2022 for school social workers.) {LC1719/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6030**BY** Tanzi, McEntee, Fogarty, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides that the state would reimburse the school committees for the costs of providing student transportation services to public and private school pupils.) {LC1788/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6031**BY** Fogarty, Amore, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Hull, McEntee, Messier, McGaw, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Requires the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated.) {LC199/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6032**BY** Casey, Kazarian, Filippi, Edwards, Kennedy, Kislak, Cassar, Lima, Solomon, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT (Amends the provisions of the telemedicine coverage act and provide coverage for telemedicine under Rhode Island Medicaid.) {LC1825/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6033**BY** Felix, Knight, Henries, Potter, Batista, Barros, Handy, Lima, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- FISCAL NOTES (Clarifies existing statutory scheme as it relates to fiscal notes regarding criminal justice and related legislation. Requires the fiscal notes speak to issues of whether the legislation enhances public safety and contains sensible fiscal policy.) {LC2064/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6034**BY** Chippendale, Hull, Place, Quattrocchi, McLaughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Increases the aggregate amount of tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations to \$5,000,000 for 2022.) {LC1505/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6035**BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1,

2022, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.) {LC2179/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6036**BY** Fenton-Fung, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Prohibits imposition of any tax on wedding/special events business with 50 or less full time employees if return to/maintain 80% level for last 3 months of 2021 of 12/31/19 level and earns over 50% of 2019 amount during 2021 only.) {LC2150/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6037**BY** Kazarian, Amore,

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO A TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE AND EXXONMOBIL OIL CORPORATION (Provides for a tax treaty between the city of East Providence and ExxonMobil Oil Corporation subject to the ratification of the East Providence city council.) {LC700/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-16-2021, page 2.)

House Bill No. 6038**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Ranglin-Vassell, Hull, McEntee, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Allows minor subdivision to remain minor and subject to the lesser time period for certification and also add more time for certification at the master and preliminary plan phases on major subdivisions and land developments.) {LC205/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6039**BY** Cardillo, Hull, Solomon, Hawkins, Noret, Kazarian, Potter, Costantino, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION—PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION EXEMPTION (Extends the manufacturing machinery and equipment exemption.) {LC1430/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6040**BY** O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Directs the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to alter bus route 58.) {LC577/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6041**BY** Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES {LC1556/1}

02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6042

(Secretary of State)

BY Ruggiero, Donovan, Abney, Hull, Morales, Shallcross Smith, Fenton-Fung, McGaw, Shanley, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE (Authorizes the secretary of state and board of elections to conduct an extensive cybersecurity assessment of our election systems and facilities and to establish a cybersecurity review board.) {LC2130/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Resolution No. 6043

BY Shanley, Marszalkowski, Barros

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION KNOWN AS THE "RHODE ISLAND ONLINE DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION COMMISSION" (Reinstates the life and extends the reporting and expiration dates of the "Rhode Island Online Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Commission" from February 5, 2019, to May 5, 2021, and would expire on July 5, 2021.) {LC2165/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6044

BY Fogarty, Alzate, Hawkins, Kazarian, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Hull, McEntee, Messier, Ajello
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE (Creates a special license plate for the not for profit Atlantic Shark Institute.) {LC2090/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 6045

BY Williams, Henries, Hull, Biah, Abney, Kislak, Ajello, Diaz, Barros, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Eliminates the state holiday of Victory Day and inserts in place thereof the state holiday of Emancipation Day to be held on August 1.) {LC1745/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Resolution No. 6046

BY Henries, Cassar, Lombardi, Morales, Kazarian, Potter, Amore, Alzate, Fogarty, Tanzi
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND STATE AUDITOR GENERAL TO CONDUCT OR OVERSEE A STUDY OR AUDIT ON THE PRIVATIZATION OF RHODE ISLAND'S MEDICAID PROGRAMS {LC1152/1}
02/26/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6047

BY Tanzi, Felix, Cortvriend, Cassar, Kislak, Morales, Ajello, McGaw, Fogarty, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1906/1}
03/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6048

(Judiciary)

BY Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL (Vests the traffic tribunal with jurisdiction over the adjudication of alleged violations of the harassment of hunters, trappers and fishers law.) {LC2194/1}

03/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6049

BY Henries, Felix, Hull, Lombardi, Kazarian, Cassar, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - SEXUAL ASSAULT (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer/provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.) {LC1158/1}

03/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6050

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires that audited financial statements be submitted by nursing homes to ensure better financial reporting.) {LC2160/1}

03/01/2021 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:43 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Charles M. Moran; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Charles Carroll; on motion of Representative McLaughlin, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Jonathan E. Raposo seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE BRIANNA E. HENRIES

Dear Lord: Black History Month is recognized in many countries around the world. This month is the time to more fully embrace, and honor the many positive impacts African Americans have had in our history. We humbly pray for your guidance and support as we work to truly educate society about the unheralded contributions African Americans have made in the betterment of all our lives. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5257**
BY Williams
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

2. **2021-H 5248**
BY Serpa
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND RECOMMEND GUIDELINES FOR STEP THERAPY PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROTOCOLS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2021-S 81**
BY Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF PET CONNECTION, LLC

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021:

1. **2021-H 5105 SUB A**
BY Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2021-H 5075**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2021-H 5217**
BY Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME
RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 26, 2021

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Senate Bill No. 70

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIGRANT, LLC {LC434/1}

02/26/2021 Transmitted to Governor