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Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Seventh Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero, President of the Senate, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

ABSENT – 0:

INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr., to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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


APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fifth Legislative Day of the 2021 proceedings is read in part.

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

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication:

<p>SENATOR JOHN P. BURKE District 9</p> <hr/> <p>7 Bradley Court West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893</p> <hr/> <p>Room 308 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE 401-276-5507 CELL 401-374-4721 sen-burke@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>Committee on Judiciary</p> <hr/> <p>SECRETARY Committee on Labor</p>
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February 22, 2021

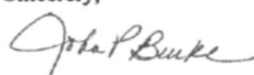
Mr. John E. Fleming, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate
State House, Room 145
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that my name be removed from 2021 Senate Bill S-0254.

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

Sincerely,



John P. Burke
Senator - District 9

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Read and ordered to be placed on file.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate presents Senator Tiara Mack to address the members of the Senate, and upon suggestion of Senator Mack and by unanimous consent, Senator Mack presents Sidy Maiga, Master Percussionist from the City of Providence to perform two musical selections.

Upon suggestion of Senator Mack and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes Jaychele Schenk, Executive Director of Gen Z to address the members of the Senate.

Upon suggestion of Senator Mack and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate, welcomes to the Senate, the Families of Sidy Maiga and Jaychele Schenk.

**NEW BUSINESS
IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****Senate Resolution No. 332**

BY Mack, Quezada, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne, Cano, Pearson, Miller, Gallo, Algieri
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2021, AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC2149/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Mack requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Mack moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

Senate Resolution No. 328

BY DiMario, Mendes, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Acosta, Goldin, Goodwin, Cano
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2021 TO BE CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH
{LC1346/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator DiMario requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator DiMario moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

Senate Resolution No. 329

BY Lawson, Gallo, Picard, Lombardo, Cano, Seveney, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Euer, DiMario **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2021, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IN RHODE ISLAND"
{LC1528/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Lawson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Lawson moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

Senate Resolution No. 330

BY Quezada **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 177TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2021
{LC2138/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

Senate Resolution No. 331**BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BIENVENIDO R. GARCIA
{LC2048/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

TRANSFER OF BILL

Senator Valverde requests to transfer Senate Bill No. 267 from the Committee on Judiciary to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator DiPalma objects to the motion of the transfer.

The request to transfer Senate Bill No. 267, upon a roll call vote, fails passage with 15 members voting in the affirmative, 22 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 15: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Cano, DiMario, Goldin, Kallman, Mack, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.**NAYS – 22:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Morgan, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. ***The Appointment of William Stone to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

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

2. ***The Reappointment of Jason Kelly to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

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

3. ***The Reappointment of Mary Jo Kaplan to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

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

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algieri, the following measures on today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

1. ***The Appointment of David Chenevert VICE Ronald P. O'Hanley to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.***

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

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment,

seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardi, Lombardo, Burke, Rogers, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, Lawson Quezada, Seveney.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative, and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algieri, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 6: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Mack and Mendes.

2. *The Reappointment of Karl Wadensten to the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.*

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

Senator Sosnowski moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardi, Lombardo, Picard, Burke, Rogers, Felag, Coyne, DiPalma, Lawson Quezada and Seveney.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

3. *The Reappointment of Gregory Pizzuti to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2025.*

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

Senator Coyne moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Lombardo, Picard, Morgan Raptakis, Euer and Goodwin.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 30 members voting in the affirmative, and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 30: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Senators Anderson, Bell, Calkin, Kallman and Mack.

4. *The Reappointment of Michael Traficante to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2025.*

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

Senator Coyne moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardi, Lombardo, de la Cruz, Picard, Felag, DiPalma, Lawson, Raptakis, Miller, Morgan, Quezada and Seveney.

Senator Bell discusses the appointment.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 24 members voting in the affirmative, and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 24: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, McCaffrey, Miller, Murray, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sosnowski,

NAYS – 12: Senators Acosta, Anderson, Bell, Calkin, de la Cruz, Goldin, Kallman, Mack, Mendes, Morgan, Paolino and Valverde.

5. **2021-S 4 SUB A**

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE
COVERAGE ACT

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

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, DiMario, Acosta, Lawson, Mack, Felag, Anderson, Bell, Murray, Kallman, Mendes, Paolino, Valverde and Goodwin.

Senator Miller, seconded by Senator McCaffrey, Acosta, Burke, Cano, Bell, Seveney, Lombardi, Mack, Kallman and Goldin, offers the following written motion to amend:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2021 -- S 0004 SUBSTITUTE A/2

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT

Mr. President:

I hereby move to amend 2021 -- S 0004 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT", as follows:

1. On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, by inserting the following language:
"(8) "Medically necessary" shall mean medical, surgical, or other services required for the prevention, diagnosis, cure, or treatment of a health related condition, including such services necessary to prevent a decremental change in either medical or mental health status. Medically necessary services must be provided in the most cost effective and appropriate setting and shall not be provided solely for the convenience of the beneficiary, caretaker or service provider. Providing a service through telemedicine, shall in no circumstance be considered "solely for the convenience of the beneficiary, caretaker or service provider" for purposes of determining health insurance coverage."
2. On page 2, line 4, by deleting the number "(8)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(9)".
3. On page 2, line 7, by deleting the number "(9)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(10)".
4. On page 2, line 9, by deleting the language "or clinically appropriate" and inserting in place thereof the language "necessary".
5. On page 2 line 12, by deleting the number "(10)" and inserting in its place thereof the number "(11)".
6. On page 2, line 14, by deleting the number "(11)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(12)".
7. On page 2, line 17, by deleting the number "(12)" and inserting in place thereof the number "(13)".
8. On page 2, line 33, by deleting the language "or clinically appropriate" and inserting in place thereof the language "necessary".
9. On page 3, line 3, by deleting the language "medically or clinically appropriate" after the language "such".
10. On page 3, line 11, by deleting the language "or clinically appropriate" and inserting in its place thereof the language "necessary".
11. On page 3, line 20, by deleting the language "or clinically appropriate" and inserting in its place thereof the language "necessary".

12. On page 3, line 27, by deleting the language "or clinically appropriate" and inserting in its place thereof the language "necessary".

13. On page 4, line 20, by deleting the language "or clinically appropriate" and inserting in its place thereof the language "necessary".

14. On page 4, lines 27-28, by deleting the language ", medically or clinically appropriate".

15. On page 5, line 13, by deleting the language ", and medically or clinically appropriate".

16. On page 5, lines 18-19, by deleting the language "and medically or clinically appropriate".

17. On page 5, line 23, by deleting the language "medically or clinically appropriate".

18. On page 5, lines 31-32, by deleting the language "and medically or clinically appropriate".

19. On page 6, lines 4-5, by deleting the language "and medically or clinically appropriate".

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Miller

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LC000597/7
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Senator Bell discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, as amended, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi, Mendes, Acosta, Bell, Valverde, Paolino, Lawson, Felag, Coyne, Morgan, Mendes and Sosnowski.

Senator Bell discusses the bill.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, and 0 members not voting as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski and Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

6. 2021-S 16 SUB A

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

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

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey, Felag, DiMario, Lombardi, Lombardo, DiPalma, Valverde, Cano, Archambault, Bell, Murray and Goldin.

Senators Calkin discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute “A” is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote, with 34 members voting in the affirmative, 3 members voting in the negative, as follows:

YEAS – 34: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 3: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, Rogers.

7. 2021-S 47

BY Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Miller moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Goodwin, McCaffrey,

Felag, Gallo, Burke, Bell, Valverde, DiPalma, Acosta, Goldin and Archambault.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

8. 2021-S 108

BY Valverde

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Senator Valverde moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Lombardo, Archambault, Cano, Murray, Euer, DiPalma, Kallman, Quezada, Gallo, Felag and Goodwin. Miller.

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

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

9. 2021-S 14 SUB A

BY McCaffrey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

Senator McCaffrey moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Goodwin, Felag, Gallo, Lombardo, Acosta, Lombardi, Lawson, Morgan, Algieri, de la Cruz, Seveney, Quezada, Anderson and Valverde.

Senator Bell discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, upon a roll call vote, with 35 members voting in the affirmative, 0 members voting in the negative, as follows:

YEAS – 35: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggiero, and Senators, Acosta, Algieri, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 0:

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Committee on Finance will meet on Thursday, February 25th at 4:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator DiMario announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Burke announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at 4:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Raptakis and Senator Archambault announce that the Committee on Judiciary will meet on Thursday, February 25th at 4:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, and upon suggestion of Senator Quezada the Senate moves to recess at 5:45 o'clock P.M., in memory of *Bienvenido R. Garcia*.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 333**

BY Quezada, Cano, Murray, Valverde, Seveney, Lombardi, Lawson, Euer, Pearson, Mendes
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS--CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS --
PAROLE (Grants juveniles sentenced as adults parole eligibility after completing fifteen (15)
years of sentence with prospective/retroactive. Effective January 1, 1991.)
{LC1314/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 334

BY Quezada, Calkin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN
GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires that the state use the actual residences of persons
in government custody for census and redistricting purposes. Such information would be
determined by the DOC and the secretary of state, and forwarded to the United States census
bureau.)
{LC1503/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 335

BY Algieri
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING
OF REVEREND FATHER FRANCIS GIUDICE, PASTOR EMERITUS OF SS. PETER AND
PAUL CATHEDRAL, PROVIDENCE
{LC2034/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 336

BY DiPalma, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR
YEARS 2021-2022
{LC2239/1}

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

Senate Bill No. 337**BY** Raptakis, Anderson, Paolino, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Suspends minimum tax imposition upon corporations/limited-liability companies in tax years where corporate charter/certificate of organization is revoked by secretary of state until tax year of reinstatement in good standing.)

{LC717/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 338**BY** Goldin, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Provides that any person who has a retail sales permit would not be required to pay a separate registration fee to make sales at flea markets; provided, however, the person would remain responsible to pay all taxes due as a result of sales at a flea mkt.)

{LC2167/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 339**BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- APPLIANCE AND EQUIPMENT ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ACT OF 2021 (Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for appliances and specified equipment purchased or installed after January 1, 2023.)

{LC1650/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 340**BY** DiPalma, Murray, Sosnowski, Kallman, Seveney, Morgan, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - INTERNET PRIVACY AND SECURITY (Establishes that manufacturers of devices capable of connecting to the Internet equip the devices with reasonable security features.)

{LC304/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 341**BY** Raptakis, Anderson, Bell, Paolino, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Reduces the usury rate to twelve percent (12%.))

{LC459/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 342**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Anderson, Seveney, Lombardo, Felag, Valverde, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS -- NET NEUTRALITY (Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements.)

{LC312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 343**BY** Quezada, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Makes amendments necessary to use the term "trade name" rather than "assumed name", for purposes of the commercial law chapter on filing an assumed name, and provides for the administration and regulation of the use of trade names.)

{LC1305/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 344**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES-- SMALL BUSINESS--OMNIBUS (Omnibus act regarding caterers, hide and leather inspection, constables, sterilization of bedding, mixed-martial arts and pool halls.)

{LC1220/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 345**BY** de la Cruz, DiPalma, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT (Establishes an economic growth blockchain act, set regulations for the sale of hemp, regulate virtual and digital assets and establish depository banks for these purposes.)

{LC254/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 346**BY** Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, Picard, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- INSPECTIONS (Authorizes the Exeter town sergeant or designees to conduct division of motor vehicles vehicle identifying number and odometer inspections.)

{LC1475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce,

Senate Bill No. 347**BY** Bell, Lombardi, Seveney, Kallman, Mendes, Anderson, Calkin, Mack, Acosta, Quezada**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.)

{LC2143/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 348**BY** Rogers, Pearson, Murray, Cano, Seveney, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Prohibits total education paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous year.)

{LC832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 349

(General Treasurer)

BY Cano, Paolino, Felag, Euer, DiPalma, Gallo, Pearson, Miller, Goodwin, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FINANCIAL LITERACY (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the RI department of education, to develop and approve statewide academic standards for the instruction of consumer education in public high schools no later than 12/31/2021.)

{LC1995/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 350**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Cano, Gallo, Murray, Seveney, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Modifies the amount of education aid determined for each school district with respect to high-need students.)

{LC829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 351**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires department of elementary and secondary education to include amount of state and local share of education funding calculated for each local agency receiving state aid, requires cities and towns to appropriate sufficient funds to meet their share.)

{LC828/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 352**BY** DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Goldin, Cano, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Provides that therapies and behavioral health services would be deemed essential special services that need to be provided to students with disabilities during times of a declared state of emergency.)

{LC1413/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 353**BY** DiPalma, Pearson, Cano, Rogers, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires the general assembly to establish an education aid fund to be administered by the department of education for increases in enrollment of at least twenty five (25) students.)

{LC831/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 354**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CIVIC LITERACY ACT (Requires the implementation of the civic literacy act for all students between the 8th and 12th grades.)

{LC1929/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 355**BY** Quezada, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires the department of education to create a model policy and timeline to assist local education agencies in implementing a dual language immersion program.)

{LC1340/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 356**BY** DiPalma, Picard, Anderson, Seveney, Lombardo, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT (Requires elementary/secondary schools to have at least 1 school employee trained to administer/assist with the self-administering of seizure rescue medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder systems and the use of prescribed electrical stimulation.)

{LC306/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 357**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Coyne, Seveney, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BIODIESEL PRODUCTS

(Amends the compliance standards for heating oil biobased products providing minimum standards for the percentage of biobased product that certain types of heating oil must contain.)

{LC1963/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 358**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

(Taxpayers requesting an extension of time to pay state taxes must declare the reasonable amount of tax due in a taxable year.)

{LC1600/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 359**BY** Pearson, Cano, Euer, Valverde, Murray, Seveney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a

deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.)

{LC821/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 360**BY** Euer, Cano, Miller, Kallman, Burke, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX

CREDITS 2013 (Repeals the sunset provision which ends historic preservation tax credits by June 30, 2021 or upon the exhaustion of the maximum aggregate credits, whichever comes first.)

{LC1954/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 361**BY** Bell, Ciccone, Calkin, Mack, Mendes, Acosta, Anderson, Kallman, Cano, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS --

STATEWIDE REFERENDUM (Provides for \$1,000,000 in bonds to improve local roadways, pedestrian spaces, bikeway paths and municipal parks.)

{LC1064/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 362

BY Mack, Anderson, Acosta, Mendes, Calkin, Bell, Kallman, Murray, Burke, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Adds one new income tax bracket for purposes of state income taxation.)

{LC1478/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 363

BY Murray, de la Cruz, Paolino
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NORTH SMITHFIELD - HISTORIC RESIDENCE TAX CREDIT (Allows North Smithfield historic residence owners to become eligible for state historic residence tax credits.)

{LC2182/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 364

BY Archambault, Euer, Lombardo, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (Entitles dairy farms to the exemptions from taxation granted to farmland, forestland, or open space.)

{LC1024/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 365

BY Kallman, Murray, Goodwin, Cano, Ruggerio, Euer, Acosta, Seveney, Mack
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.)

{LC1610/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 366

BY Quezada, Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - STATE AID (Amends the computation of relative wealth of municipalities for the purpose of distributing state aid by eliminating the requirement that certain exemptions include tax treaties that are conditioned on being in force on May 15, 2005.)

{LC834/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 367

BY Bell, Mendes, DiMario, Euer, Ciccone, Seveney, Burke, Miller, Kallman, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the tax rates for individuals, bankruptcy estates, trusts and estates.)

{LC1575/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 368

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts certain equipment procured or rented by a contractor performing construction work for the state, any city or town or any quasi-public entity from the sales and use tax.)

{LC1232/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 369

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Changes the date on which an individual in the town of Exeter may file for an exemption for being a person over the age of sixty-five (65) or fully disabled.)

{LC1312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 370

BY Pearson, Seveney, Cano, Murray, DiPalma, Archambault, Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates a new income tax bracket of 6.99% on taxable income over five hundred thousand dollars. Any tax collected on this income deposited into restricted receipt account and expended on education for grades kindergarten through twelfth grade.)

{LC823/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 371**BY** Miller, Sosnowski, Quezada, Goldin, Cano, Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND PAY FOR SUCCESS ACT (Creates a five (5) year pilot program entitled, pay for success, an intervention program that would assist homeless individuals with the goal towards improving financial and social outcomes.)

{LC1751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 372**BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, Anderson, Bell, Paolino, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND FRANCHISE TAX (Refunds the minimum tax paid by corporations with annual gross income of less than four hundred dollars (\$400); but caps the amount refunded at four hundred dollars (\$400).)

{LC448/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 373**BY** Pearson, DiPalma, Seveney, Gallo, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Amends the local share of education funding to be paid to charter public schools based on a comparison of performance data between the specific school from which the student is coming and the specific charter school that will be receiving the student.)

{LC830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 374**BY** Sosnowski, Algiere, Valverde

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.)

{LC1964/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 375**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes fire districts to provide for an exemption, from fire taxes, for volunteer firefighters.)

{LC253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 376**BY** Bell, Quezada, Mendes, DiMario, Mack, Goodwin, Seveney, Anderson, Calkin

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

{LC19/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 377**BY** Quezada, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR FUNDING OF A NONPROFIT AGENCY, INSPIRING MINDS, INC., TO BENEFIT PROVIDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (Allocates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the general fund to the nonprofit agency Inspiring Minds, Inc., to train volunteers to provide personalized attention to Providence elementary school students.)

{LC1308/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 378**BY** Cano, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, McCaffrey, Coyne, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Quezada, Murray**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.)

{LC1976/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 379**BY** Mack, Calkin, Mendes, Anderson, Acosta, Bell, Euer, Valverde, DiMario, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires auditor general to conduct audit of Medicaid programs administered by MCOs.)

{LC1412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 380**BY** Pearson, Miller, Valverde, DiMario, Goldin**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.)

{LC1936/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 381**BY** McCaffrey, DiPalma, Quezada, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS
(Provides that health insurance policies that provide prescription drug coverage not include an annual or lifetime dollar limit on drug benefits.)

{LC1399/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 382**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides issuance of occupational licenses for military members and spouses stationed in Rhode Island.)

{LC969/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 383**BY** Goodwin, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Miller, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Insurance coverage for prostate/colon cancer screening.)

{LC363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 384**BY** Lawson, Lombardi, Burke, Murray, Euer, Cano, Sosnowski, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Excludes chronic intractable pain from the definition of acute pain management. Prescribes new guidelines for treatment based upon 2016 CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain.)

{LC1588/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 385**BY** Goodwin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER ACT (Establishes an emergency telephone system call review and quality improvement and would require at least one 911 system operator trained in telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation be on duty at all time.)

{LC2174/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 386**BY** Lawson, Goodwin, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Cano, Coyne, Sosnowski, Kallman, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.)

{LC1550/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 387**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Increases the state board of pharmacy from nine (9) to eleven (11) members by adding two (2) pharmacy technicians.)

{LC1336/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 388**BY** Coyne, Seveney**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

{LC1721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 389**BY** Acosta, Anderson, Calkin, Bell, Kallman, Valverde**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.)

{LC1546/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 390**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAKLAND - MAPLEVILLE NUMBER 4 FIRE DISTRICT

{LC267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 391**BY** Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Increases the number of members of the transit authority from eight to nine and would make the mayor of Providence or designee an ex officio member with voting privileges.)

{LC1326/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 392**BY** Lombardi, McCaffrey, Archambault, Euer, Ciccone, Lombardo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW -- RESALE OF UNITS (Allows a condominium association to impose a fee of up to one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for preparation of a resale certificate.)

{LC1429/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 393**BY** Acosta, Anderson, Calkin, Mendes, Cano, Kallman, Mack, Lawson**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.)

{LC1959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 394**BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Bell, Cano, Anderson, Calkin, Mendes, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Provides for a safety inspection of the Wyatt Detention Facility twice a year.)

{LC1958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 395**BY** Mack, Acosta, Mendes, Anderson, Calkin, Bell, Murray, Euer, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE HOUSING ACT (Creates a comprehensive scheme to help the department of corrections make appropriate least restrictive placements of prisoners within its facilities.)

{LC1661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 396**BY** Mack, Murray, DiMario, Mendes, Anderson, Calkin, Acosta, Bell, Cano, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIMS' RIGHTS (Establishes a sexual assault survivors' bill of rights and provide protections to victims including the right to counsel, the right to a counselor and impose time requirements state labs in delivering and testing forensic evidence.)

{LC1453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 397**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Expands the criminal and civil protections to lawful users of medical marijuana. This act also provides for civil damages to be imposed upon violators of these protections.)

{LC1818/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 398**BY** Burke, Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardo, Lombardi, Gallo, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- MARRIAGE LICENSES (Repeals the provision of law granting minors the ability to obtain a marriage license, and would require a person to be of full legal age, at least eighteen (18) years of age to obtain a marriage license.)

{LC1732/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 399**BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Bell, Anderson, Calkin**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.)

{LC1613/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 400**BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Anderson, Calkin, Bell**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).)

{LC1611/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 401**BY** Archambault, Ruggerio, Lombardi, McCaffrey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY ADMINISTRATION -- SECURITY (Makes changes to the motor vehicles laws by repealing the sections that require the filing of security or bond with the DMV following a motor vehicle accident in which the operator of the vehicle does not have insurance.)

{LC1023/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 402**BY** DiMario, Archambault, Valverde, Euer, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Goodwin, Goldin, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES (Defines captive hunting as a hunt that occurs within a structure designed to restrict the free movement of animals and prevents the animal from escaping and would prohibit captive hunting within the state of Rhode Island.)

{LC1653/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 403**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, Anderson, Paolino, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under §31-27-2.1 from 5 years to 10 years.)

{LC457/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 404**BY** Raptakis, Paolino, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT--UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC (Criminalizes and sets mandatory minimum sentences for the unlawful interference with traffic upon the federal and state highways of this state.)

{LC472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary,

Senate Bill No. 405

BY Lawson, Coyne, Goldin, Murray, Euer, Cano, Sosnowski, Kallman, Burke, Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election.)

{LC1549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 406

(Attorney General)

BY Seveney, Coyne, DiMario, Kallman, Acosta, Anderson, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Felony to store firearms unlocked.)

{LC1667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 407

BY Felag, Euer, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- DRY DOCK FACILITIES (Amends the lien and notice procedures for facility operators of dry dock facilities.)

{LC2107/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 408

BY Quezada, Lawson, Kallman, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS (Requires all hotels to make a good faith effort to post human trafficking awareness signage and provide all employees with human trafficking awareness training.)

{LC1617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 409**BY** Raptakis, Sosnowski, Anderson, Lombardo, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES--VIOLATIONS (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a police officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence.)

{LC452/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 410**BY** Morgan, Rogers, Archambault, de la Cruz, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS FINES COLLECTED (Prohibits the state, municipalities, or courts from attempting to collect any motor vehicle violation fines or costs, after more than seven (7) years of the fine becoming final.)

{LC1488/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 411**BY** DiMario, Coyne, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Goldin, Cano, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases the age of children able to utilize a recorded forensic interview for cases of sexual abuse in grand jury testimony -- child assault from age fourteen (14) to age eighteen (18).)

{LC1423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 412**BY** DiMario, Coyne, Valverde, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Goldin, Cano, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Requires the department of children, youth and families to report all suspected cases of child sexual abuse to the children's advocacy center.)

{LC1416/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 413**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Murray, Lawson, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Requires applicants to pass test to include topics on fair housing and requires 24 hours of continuing education.)

{LC2155/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 414

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Secretary of State/Lieutenant Governor)

BY Goldin, Miller, Seveney, Cano, Calkin, DiPalma, DiMario, Coyne, Quezada, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN OF 2021 (Bans firearm magazines that hold ten (10) or more rounds.)

{LC1668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 415

(Attorney General/General Treasurer/Secretary of State/Lieutenant Governor)

BY Miller, Coyne, Goodwin, Cano, Bell, DiPalma, Acosta, Mendes, Quezada, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULT WEAPONS (Bans the possession, sale, and transfer of assault weapons. Assault weapons owned on the effective date of this act would be "grandfathered" subject to certain registration provisions.)

{LC1406/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 416

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Coyne, Cano, Bell, Quezada, Goodwin, DiPalma, Acosta, Mendes, Goldin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits obtaining/purchasing/transferring a firearm on behalf of another person if other person prohibited from possessing firearm with increase in penalties for those offenses and applications amended to state number of firearms purchased.)

{LC1666/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 417

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Coyne**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.)

{LC1665/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 418**BY** Quezada, Calkin, Kallman, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires the state to use the actual residence of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes and residences would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state to be utilized for redistricting.)

{LC1315/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 419

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin, McCaffrey, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Defines "electric arm" subjects to various protections of firearms/removes stun gun from the prohibited weapons list.)

{LC1984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 420**BY** Kallman, Quezada, Acosta, Murray, Euer, Calkin, Lawson, DiMario, Cano, Mendes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires the sealing of any district court file, where a resolution of a trespass and eviction complaint results in a verdict for the tenant and no appeal is taken.)

{LC1324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 421**BY** Quezada, Murray, Cano, Lawson, Kallman**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.)

{LC1320/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 422**BY** Archambault, Burke, Coyne**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- UNIFORM DIRECTED TRUST ACT (Permits the settlor of a trust to designate a trust director who shall be a person other than the trustee to direct actions relative to a trust and pursuant to any power of direction.)

{LC1037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 423**BY** de la Cruz, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTION DATES (Requires that the primary election date, typically the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday immediately following Labor Day, only if the eighth Tuesday immediately follows Labor Day.)

{LC269/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 424**BY** Quezada, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Provides that fifty dollars (\$50.00) of the filing fee paid to the HUD-approved agency for the mediation conference involving the mortgagee and mortgagor, shall be paid to the Rhode Island Legal Services.)

{LC1316/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 425**BY** Morgan, Rogers, Lombardi**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY VOTER FRAUD (Creates a 7 member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to study and provide recommendations to prevent voter fraud, and who would report back to the Senate no later than February 7, 2022, and whose life would expire on April 7, 2022.)

{LC1482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 426**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO CALL A CONVENTION OF STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO SET A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT A PERSON MAY BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TO SET A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT A PERSON MAY BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. SENATE

{LC1950/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 427**BY** Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS -- A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL OFFICERS' ELECTION) (Amends the constitution to require elections of general officers to be by majority vote.)

{LC1500/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 428**BY** Cano, Miller, Goldin, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lawson, Raptakis, Quezada, Seveney, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires office of diversity, equity and opportunity to create material for annual government employee training.)

{LC1997/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 429

BY Cano, Miller, Goldin, McCaffrey, Coyne, Lawson, Quezada, Kallman, Burke, Lombardi, DiMario

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.)

{LC846/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 430

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REAL JOBS RHODE ISLAND ACT (Establishes the Real Jobs Rhode Island program in order to create an industry led system to advance the skills of the state's workforce, grow the state's economy and increase sustainable employment for middle class working families.)

{LC2137/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 431

BY Quezada

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

{LC1317/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 432

BY de la Cruz, Morgan, Raptakis

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.)

{LC261/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 433

BY Lawson, Burke, Lombardo, Lombardi, Murray, Euer, Cano, Coyne, Sosnowski, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
ESTABLISHING THE "COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS ACT" (Establishes
the commuter transportation benefit act. Employers with five hundred (500) or more employees
provide a pre-tax transportation fringe benefit program or provide transportation to the
employees.)

{LC1552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 434

BY Goodwin, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY
AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACE ACT (Grants paid sick leave and safe leave
benefits to construction employees who work under multi-employer collective bargaining
agreements.)

{LC1462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 435

BY Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE
ACTION EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (Incorporates the federal
affirmative action and nondiscrimination obligations of federal contractors and subcontractors
regarding individuals with disabilities, utilization goal of three percent (3%) for employment of
qualified individuals.)

{LC1819/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 436

BY Goldin, Valverde, Cano, Calkin, Miller, Pearson, DiMario, Coyne, Mendes, Mack
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.)

{LC1490/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 437**BY** Quezada, Calkin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (For proposed wages, workers' compensation, temporary disability and unemployment benefits this act creates a new definition for "employee".)

{LC1307/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 438**BY** Acosta, Bell, Mack, Calkin, Anderson**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES RELATING TO THE LABOR OF PERSONS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE

{LC1542/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor.

Senate Bill No. 439**BY** Murray, Seveney, Raptakis, Morgan, Lawson, Kallman, Mendes, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires Class B licensees to offer to the public the opportunity to purchase and consume food in conjunction with the sale of alcoholic beverages, at all times while alcohol is consumed on the premises.)

{LC1931/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 440**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows the Providence board of licenses to grant an exemption from restrictions with regard to the proximity to schools and churches relating to issuance of a Class BV alcoholic beverage retail license for property located at 601 Hartford Avenue.)

{LC881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 441**BY** Euer, Cano, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Provides official recognition to Seaconke Wampanoag native American tribe.)

{LC1803/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 442**BY** Lombardo, Lombardi, Picard, Miller, Sosnowski, Murray, McCaffrey, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- THREE WHEEL VEHICLES (Provides that three (3)-wheeled motorcycles be included under the licensing requirements of the department of motor vehicles.)

{LC2026/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 443**BY** McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Miller, Coyne, Bell, Gallo, Lombardo, Cano, Archambault**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT (Requires the transacting parties/new hospital seeking conversion to supply additional information in application for review by the DOH/DAG relating to staffing levels/pension plans/community impact.)

{LC1350/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 444**BY** Raptakis, Anderson, Bell, Paolino, Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INTEREST CHARGES ON OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX (Establishes a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes.)

{LC2242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 445**BY** Algiere**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTONIO P. TREBISACCI, JR.

{LC2054/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 446

BY Cano, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Goodwin, Euer, Mendes, Kallman, Murray, Acosta
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHINESE NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE OX"

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, March 02nd.

Senate Resolution No. 447

BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BARBARA A. HACKEY
{LC1470/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, March 09th.

Senate Resolution No. 448

BY Sosnowski
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY ALLERTON EDDY
{LC1378/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration on Tuesday, March 09th.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR

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

Senate Bill No. 195

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Murray, Kallman, Ciccone, Lombardo, Valverde, DiMario, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.)
{LC1112/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 270

BY Goldin, Ruggiero, Gallo, Coyne, Goodwin, Valverde, Mendes, DiMario, Mack, Miller
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Comprehensively addresses wage discrimination, based on sex by expanding employee protections and the scope of the remedies available to employees who have experienced wage discrimination.)

{LC746/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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

Senate Bill No. 266

BY McCaffrey, Ruggiero

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Maryellen Goodwin to join Katuska Pérez and Brian Parker in marriage on or about September 3, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC1722/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairman Pearson, from the Committee on Finance, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

Senate Bill No. 224

BY Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$140,000,000 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 CITY, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND 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 Providence to issue not more than \$140,000,000 bonds to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities throughout the city of Providence.)

{LC1266/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, March 09th.

Senate Bill No. 325**BY** Pearson, Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND/OR NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR AND EQUIPPING OF RECREATIONAL AREAS AND FACILITIES IN THE TOWN (Authorizes the town of Cumberland to issue general obligation bonds and notes not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the development/improvement/repair/alteration/construction/renovation/equipping of recreational areas and facilities in the town.)

{LC1226/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar for Tuesday, March 09th.

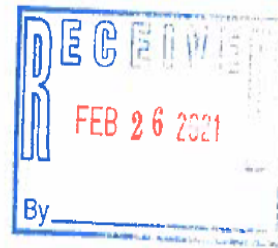
APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE RI SUPERIOR COURT



Superior Court of Rhode Island

Providence

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE



February 26, 2021

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
Senate President
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Senate President Ruggerio:

Enclosed please find the letter of appointment of Stephen Burke as Clerk of the Superior Court of Providence & Bristol Counties.

If you or any members of the Senate have any questions, I would be very happy to answer such inquiries.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice Bridget Gibney".

Alice Bridget Gibney
Presiding Justice



Superior Court of Rhode Island

Providence

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

February 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-4-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Clerk of the Superior Court for Providence & Bristol Counties:

STEPHEN BURKE OF WEST WARWICK

for a term expiring February 1, 2026.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Alice Bridget Gibney, Presiding Justice

- cc: Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice, Supreme Court
- Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State
- Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate
- Michael J. McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
- Dennis L. Algieri, Senate Minority Leader
- Cynthia Armour Coyne, Senate Judiciary Chair
- Honorable Associate Justices and Magistrates of the Rhode Island Superior Court

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Superior Court of Rhode Island

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

Providence



February 26, 2021

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggiero
Senate President
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Senate President Ruggiero:

Enclosed please find the letter of appointment of John Graziano as Clerk of the Superior Court of Newport County.

If you or any members of the Senate have any questions, I would be very happy to answer such inquiries.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alice Bridget Gibney' with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alice Bridget Gibney
Presiding Justice

ABG/dmg

Enclosure



Superior Court of Rhode Island

Providence

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

February 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-4-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Clerk of the Superior Court for Newport County:

JOHN GRAZIANO OF CRANSTON

for a term expiring February 1, 2026.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

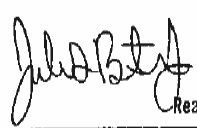
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Superior Court of Rhode Island

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

Providence



February 26, 2021

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
Senate President
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Senate President Ruggerio:

Enclosed please find the letter of appointment of Danielle Keegan as Clerk of the Superior Court of Kent County.

If you or any members of the Senate have any questions, I would be very happy to answer such inquiries.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice Bridget Gibney".

Alice Bridget Gibney
Presiding Justice

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Enclosure



Superior Court of Rhode Island

Providence

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

February 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-4-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Clerk of the Superior Court for Kent County:

DANIELLE KEEGAN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

for a term expiring February 1, 2026.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Alice Bridget Gibney, Presiding Justice

- cc: Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice, Supreme Court
- Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State
- Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate
- Michael J. McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
- Dennis L. Algieri, Senate Minority Leader
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Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.



Superior Court of Rhode Island

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

Providence



February 26, 2021

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
Senate President
Senate Chamber
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Senate President Ruggerio:

Enclosed please find the letter of appointment of Brenden Oates as Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County.

If you or any members of the Senate have any questions, I would be very happy to answer such inquiries.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice Bridget Gibney".

Alice Bridget Gibney
Presiding Justice

ABG/dmg

Enclosure



Superior Court of Rhode Island

Providence

ALICE BRIDGET GIBNEY
PRESIDING JUSTICE

February 26, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-4-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment as Clerk of the Superior Court for Washington County:

BRENDEN OATES OF PROVIDENCE

for a term expiring February 1, 2026.

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Alice Bridget Gibney, Presiding Justice

- cc: Paul A. Suttell, Chief Justice, Supreme Court
- Nellie Gorbea, Secretary of State
- Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate
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IN THE SENATE
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Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communication from Her Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

February 12, 2021

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Article 10, Section 4 of the Rhode Island Constitution, entitled Judicial Selection, I have made the following appointment as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court:

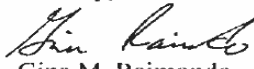
R. David Cruise, Esq.

VICE

Associate Justice Bennett Gallo

To this appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,


Gina M. Raimondo
Governor

cc:

Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Michael McCaffrey, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Dennis Algieri, Senate Minority Leader
Legislative Press Bureau
Law Revision Office
Rhode Island Ethics Commission
Honorable Paul Suttell, Chief Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
Honorable Alice Bridget Gibney, Presiding Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court
R. David Cruise, Esq.

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, March 02nd at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algieri, Senate adjourns at 4:09 o'clock P.M.

JOHN E. FLEMING, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR WALTER S. FELAG, JR.

Dear Lord, as we return from the vacation break, remind us that in the days ahead there will be many choices before us as we work to make our State a greater place to live. Help us to work together to reach common ground and find positive solutions for the benefit of all our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. **2021-S 335**
BY Algieri
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF REVEREND FATHER FRANCIS GIUDICE, PASTOR EMERITUS OF SS. PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL, PROVIDENCE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2021-S 445**
BY Algieri
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTONIO P. TREBISACCI, JR.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

- 1. 2021-S 266**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.
- 2. 2021-S 195**
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --
PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.
- 3. 2021-S 270**
BY Goldin
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

John E. Fleming, Jr.
Secretary of the Senate