# **State of Rhode Island**

# Journal of the Senate

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The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, at 4:16 o'clock P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

**PRESENT – 38**: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, 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 Ethan Huckle to deliver the invocation.

(See Appendix for Invocation)

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

## **APPROVAL OF RECORD**

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

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

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Upon suggestion of Senator Mack and by unanimous consent, The Honorable President of the Senate welcomes Justice Gaines to recite a poetry selection.

*Justice Gaines recites a poetry selection to the members of the Senate.* 

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution No. 750 BY Mack ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING "INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY" ON MARCH 31, 2021, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2540/1}

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 Cano, Acosta, Bell, Mendes, McCaffrey, Goldin, Lombardi, Quezada, Sosnowski, Miller, Calkin, Raptakis, Goodwin, Gallo, Paolino.

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

## COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President presents the following communication:

State of Rhode Island SENATOR CHAIRPERSON Committee on DAWN EUER Environment & Agriculture District 13 Committee on Room 310 Judiciary Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903 Committee on Rules, Government Ethics & Oversight OFFICE: 401-276-5589 FAX: 401-222-2967 Senate Chamber sen-euer@rilegislature.gov March 30, 2021 The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio President of the Senate State House, Room 318 Providence, RI 02903 Dear President Ruggerio: Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Tuesday, March 30, 2021 due to illness. Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you. Respectfully submitted, ra G Dawn Euer Senator – District 13 DE/moj cc: John Fleming, Secretary of the Senate

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

## **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

#### Senate Bill No. 251

**BY** Lawson, Kallman, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario, Mendes, Cano, Valverde, Quezada, Calkin **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - STATION HOUSES FOR WOMEN (Requires that as of January 1, 2022, all inmates whom menstruate shall have access to feminine hygiene products at no cost to the inmate.) {LC1451/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

#### Senate Bill No. 443 SUB A

**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/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

## Senate Bill No. 659

**BY** Cano, Kallman **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christina Marie Tucciarone to join the Honorable Leonela Felix and Gregory Donald Kowalski in marriage on or about June 12, 2021, within the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.) {LC2457/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 661 BY Coyne ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Roger A. Picard to join Kimberly D. Pelland and Blake S. Morphis in marriage on or about May 22, 2021, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC2456/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

## Senate Bill No. 720 BY Sosnowski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Everett Petronio, Jr., to join Bethany Josephine Coia and Mark Peter DeFanti in marriage on or about October 23, 2021, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC2023/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 721 BY Sosnowski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Fiona Fitzpatrick to join Jane Elizabeth Stanley and David Ethan Swee in marriage on or about May 25, 2021, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC2553/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Resolution No. 751 BY Valverde ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING STATEHOOD TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C. {LC2561/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Valverde requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Valverde moves passage, seconded by Senators Felag, Cano, Acosta, Bell, Mendes, McCaffrey, Goldin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Burke, Bell, Murray, Ciccone, Quezada, Sosnowski, Miller

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

Senate Resolution No. 752 BY de la Cruz ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL OF 2021, AS "PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2594/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator de la Cruz requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator de la Cruz moves passage, seconded by Senators Cano, Kallman, Felag, Picard, Acosta, Bell, Mendes, McCaffrey, Goldin, Lombardi, Lombardo, Quezada, Sosnowski, Miller, Calkin, Raptakis, Goodwin, Gallo, Paolino.

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

## FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

#### House Bill No. 6160

**BY** Barros, Baginski, Potter, Blazejewski, Filippi **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Carlos E. Tobon to join Mariela Marcellari and Javier Rios in marriage on or about April 3, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2557/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator McCaffrey requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator McCaffrey moves passage, seconded by Senators Gallo, Pearson, Coyne, Sosnowski, Mendes, Bell, DiPalma, Mack.

The act is read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, 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:** 

## CONSENT CALENDAR

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. 2021-H 5507 BY Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF M.C. SOUSA TRUCKING & EXCAVATION, INC.

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

2. 2021-Н 5906

**BY** Noret **ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF WARWICK NECK AVENUE, INC.

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

Upon motion of Senator McCaffrey, seconded by Senator Algiere, 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, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, 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:

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

1. 2021-S 384 SUB A BY Lawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

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

Senator Lawson moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Anderson, Ciccone, Raptakis, Morgan, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Burke, Murray, Seveney, DiPalma.

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 Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, 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:**

2. 2021-S 56

**BY** DiPalma **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -PRESERVATION OF FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PARENT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator DiPalma moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Anderson, Ciccone, Quezada, Lawson, Mack, Miller, Paolino, Valverde, Raptakis, Morgan, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Burke, Murray, Seveney, DiPalma.

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 Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario,

DiPalma, 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:**

# 2021-S 128 BY Raptakis ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN--CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES PROHIBITED

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Raptakis moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Ciccone, Morgan, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Burke, de la Cruz, Cano, Rogers, Seveney, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative, 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS – 32:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Burke, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 5: Bell, Calkin, de la Cruz, Goldin, Mendes.

## 4. 2021-S 133 SUB A

**BY** Coyne

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS

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

Senator Coyne moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Anderson, Ciccone, Raptakis, Morgan, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Burke, Murray, Seveney, DiPalma.

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

 $\mathbf{NAYS} - \mathbf{0}$ :

## 2021-S 561 BY Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Kallman moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, DiMario, Quezada, Mack, Cano, Goldin, Sosnowski, Burke, Murray, Seveney, DiPalma.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 36 members voting in the affirmative, 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** – **36:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators, Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, de la Cruz, DiMario, DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

NAYS – 1: Senator Morgan.

## 6. 2021-S 428 BY Cano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

Senator Cano moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Acosta, Archambault, Felag, Ciccone, Raptakis, Lombardi, Sosnowski, Burke, Murray, Seveney.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative, 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** – **33:** The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Algiere, Anderson, Archambault, Bell, Burke, Calkin, Cano, Ciccone, Coyne, DiMario, Felag, Gallo, Goldin, Goodwin, Kallman, Lawson, Lombardi, Lombardo, Mack, McCaffrey, Mendes, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Pearson, Picard, Quezada, Raptakis, Seveney, Sosnowski, Valverde.

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

## TRANSMITTAL

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Felag announces that the Joint Committee on Finance and Judiciary will meet Thursday, April 01<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator DiMario announces that the Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Burke announces that the Committee on Labor will meet tomorrow at 5:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Valverde announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet on Thursday, April 01<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Murray announces that the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs will meet tomorrow at 5:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

Senator Cano announces that the Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock P.M. via WebEx.

## RECESS

Upon the motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senators McCaffrey and Algiere, the Senate moves to recess at 4:55 o'clock P.M.

## **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

## COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Chairwoman Euer, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

#### House Bill No. 5445 SUB A

**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ruggiero, Donovan, Speakman, Knight, McEntee, Alzate **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Establishes a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate.) {LC1259/A/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

## **COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

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

#### Senate Bill No. 613

**BY** Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ciccone, Lombardo, Lombardi, Pearson, Lawson, DiPalma **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}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

## COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Felag, from the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

#### Senate Bill No. 67

**BY** Seveney, Sosnowski, Coyne, Archambault, Murray, McCaffrey, Bell, DiMario, Burke, Mack **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS (This act would designate "Northern Star Coral" as the official state coral.) {LC381/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

#### Senate Bill No. 68

**BY** Sosnowski, Algiere, Valverde **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- HOLLEY LANDING (Renames the landing in South Kingstown known as Wordens Pond Landing to Holley Landing.) {LC418/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senate Bill No. 142 BY Gallo, Ciccone, Pearson, Sosnowski ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Allows the sale of alcoholic beverages on New Year's Day by retail Class A licensees.) {LC984/1}

Placed on the Senate Calendar.

## **TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Cano, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Education to the Committee on Finance:

#### 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}

Transferred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Senate Bill No. 753 BY Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC2616/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 754 BY Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax that portion of a motor vehicle lease payment collected for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise, or any other similar tax.) {LC2617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## Senate Bill No. 755

BY Murray

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires public building/place of public accommodation to have single-user toilet facility for use by any gender eff. 1/1/22/ new construction/ renovations over 50% value of state/municipal buildings provide for single-user toilet eff. 1/1/22.) {LC2614/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

## Senate Bill No. 756

**BY** Cano, Quezada, Seveney, Kallman, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Lawson, Murray, DiPalma **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides local education agencies (LEAs) hiring site-based specialists for reading and math to receive state reimbursement based on enrollment and specific guidelines.)

{LC2278/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

## Senate Bill No. 757

**BY** Cano, Quezada, Seveney, Kallman, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Lawson, Murray, DiPalma **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - EDUCATION - PSYCHOLOGISTS (Creates minimum qualifications for school psychologists and establishes the scope of their practice within schools and establishes state support for school-based mental health services)

{LC2275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 758 BY Miller, DiMario, Sosnowski, Pearson, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Sets forth new renewable energy standards.) {LC357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 759 BY Miller, Calkin, Kallman, Murray, DiMario, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Provides applicants/licensees for fossil fuel electricity generating facilities invest in renewable energy facilities.) {LC328/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

## Senate Bill No. 760 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Repeals the expiration provisions that major facility projects or other public improvements comply with green building standards, thereby requiring major facility projects of state agencies to be constructed to LEED standards.) {LC2578/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 761 BY Miller, Seveney, Murray, DiMario, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Prohibits the use of state funds to purchase single-serving bottled water or singleuse plastic bags or expanded polystyrene.) {LC329/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## Senate Bill No. 762

**BY** DiMario, Kallman, Valverde, Cano, Raptakis, Goodwin, Mack, Mendes, Anderson, Acosta **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Waives beach parking fees at any state beach for any person that qualifies for a free or reduced lunch pursuant to § 16-8-10.) {LC2567/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## Senate Bill No. 763 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the exemption for estate taxes to two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) effective January 1, 2023. There would be a further increased estate tax exemption to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) effective January 1, 2025.) {LC2168/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## Senate Bill No. 764

**BY** Algiere, Ruggerio, Goodwin, de la Cruz, McCaffrey, Rogers, Paolino, DiPalma, Archambault, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Excludes from income up to ten thousand two hundred dollars (\$10,200) of unemployment compensation paid in tax year 2020 for any individual or married couple with an adjusted gross income less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000).)

 $\{LC2596/1\}$ 

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## Senate Bill No. 765 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Changes the rate of interest for underpayments of tax to prime rate plus six percent (6%). Also limits the assessment of interest to four (4) calendar years prior to the date on which notice of the delinquent payment is sent.) {LC2169/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

#### Senate Bill No. 766 BY Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LITTLE CIGAR TAX (Requires that the tax imposed on little cigars be imposed in the same manner as the tax imposed on cigarettes, that 25% of such tax revenue would be applied to smoking cessation programs, and requires that little cigars be sold in packs of 20 or more.)

{LC324/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## Senate Bill No. 767

BY Pearson, McCaffrey, Gallo, Cano, Miller, Goodwin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (Allows the EOHHS to use appropriated funds to support graduate medical education programs and research and directs the secretary of EOHHS to determine the appropriate Medicaid payment mechanism in order to make the payments annually.) {LC2589/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

## Senate Bill No. 768

BY Lawson, Miller 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.) {LC2124/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

## Senate Bill No. 769

BY Miller, Lawson, Goodwin, Goldin, Calkin, Bell, Kallman, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - COMPREHENSIVE DISCHARGE PLANNING (Requires hospital to incorporate consent for peer recovery specialist services into comprehensive patient consent form. Creates MAT program using meds and counseling and to create a comprehensive approach to the treatment of substance use disorders.) {LC353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

## Senate Bill No. 770 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Creates consumer legislation designed to limit in-application payments for software applications and purchases.) {LC2579/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 771 BY Mack, Goldin, Acosta, Calkin, Anderson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Decriminalizes certain commercial sexual activity and repeals the authority to detain a defendant in the event they test positive for venereal disease.) {LC2525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 772 BY Mack, Anderson, DiMario, Mendes, Goldin, Bell, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Establishes tablets for prisoners program.) {LC2524/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 773 BY Mack, Bell, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Repeals the law enforcement officers' bill of right, chapter 42-28.6 of the General Laws, in its entirety.) {LC2592/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 774 BY DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND SALVAGE LAW (Provides that if an insurance company is unable to obtain a certificate of title for a vehicle, the insurance company or its agent may apply for and obtain, free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership, a salvage certificate of title.) {LC2585/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

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Senate Bill No. 775 BY Miller, Goldin, Calkin, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Establishes detailed steps and safeguards to create the Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act, to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using drugs prescribed by a physician.)

 $\{LC355/1\}$ 

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 776

BY Cano, Ciccone, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS (Allows the division of motor vehicles (DMV) to issue state ID cards to persons unable to establish lawful presence in the US upon proof of residency and tax ID number effective January 1, 2022.) {LC2615/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 777 BY Paolino, Pearson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO-LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Requires gambling facilities to compensate municipality where facility located for police/fire details required by contract/law/regulation eff. 7/1/21) {LC2587/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

## Senate Bill No. 778

**BY** Valverde, Acosta, Mendes, Mack, DiMario, Sosnowski, Cano **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY – STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires baby changing tables in publicly accessible restrooms in existing and new state and municipal buildings, including state house and that accommodations are equally available regardless of gender for which restroom is designed.)

 $\{LC2512/1\}$ 

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

## Senate Bill No. 779

BY DiPalma, DiMario

**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.)

 $\{LC2580/1\}$ 

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 780 BY Miller ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DOREEN STANLEY ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE {LC2577/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

## Senate Bill No. 781

(General Treasurer) **BY** Pearson, Murray, Seveney, Cano, DiPalma **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires electric and gas distribution companies, with exceptions, to remit fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of demand-side charge collections to the Rhode Island infrastructure bank for any energy-related financing programs.) {LC2588/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

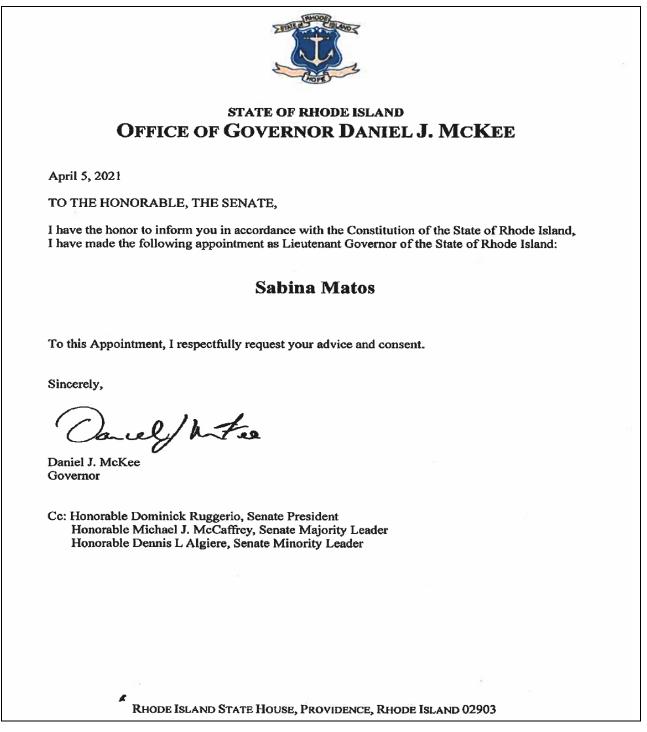
## Senate Bill No. 782

(General Treasurer) **BY** Pearson, Murray, Seveney, Kallman, Acosta, Cano, DiPalma **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2021 -- CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION (Appropriates four hundred sixty nine thousand six hundred fifty-five dollars (\$469,655) to the Crime Victim Compensation Program created by the Criminal Injuries Compensation to be extended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.) {LC2591/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

## **APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR**

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



Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

## Appendix

#### **TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR ON TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021**

House Bill No. 5507 BY Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF M.C. SOUSA TRUCKING & EXCAVATION, INC. {LC1731/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

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

Transmitted to Governor.

#### House Bill No. 6160

**BY** Barros, Baginski, Potter, Blazejewski, Filippi **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Carlos E. Tobon to join Mariela Marcellari and Javier Rios in marriage on or about April 3, 2021, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC2557/1}

Transmitted to Governor.

## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, April 06<sup>th</sup> at 4:04 o'clock P.M.

## ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Motion of Senator Goodwin, seconded by Senator Algiere, Senate adjourns at 4:07 o'clock P.M.

John E. Fleming, Jr. Secretary of the Senate

## Appendix

## CONSENT CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

## 1. 2021-S 780

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED,** SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DOREEN STANLEY ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

## Appendix

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 in Sapinsley Hall at Rhode Island College

#### 1. 2021-S 251

**BY** Lawson **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS - CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS - STATION HOUSES FOR WOMEN

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

#### 2. 2021-S 443 SUB A

**BY** McCaffrey **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT

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

## 3. 2021-S 659

**BY** Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2021-S 661 BY Coyne ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

#### 5. 2021-S 720

**BY** Sosnowski **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

## 6. 2021-S 721

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

John E. Fleming, Jr. Secretary of the Senate

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