

# State of Rhode Island

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# JOURNAL

-OF THE-

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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**JANUARY SESSION** of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the Third Day of January in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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Thursday, January 19, 2023

Sixth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, January 5, 2023, and is called to order at 4:18 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 67 members present and 8 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 8: Representatives Fogarty, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Morgan, Perez, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Speakman.

## INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, January 17, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

**CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST 2023**

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Carol Hangan McEntee hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 5015 entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - - MINIMUM WAGES

which is currently in the House Committee on Labor

Signature: Carol Hangan McEntee  
House District # 33

Date: January 19, 2023

Acknowledgement:

[Signature]  
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 19, 2023.  
Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 19, 2023.  
Representative June Speakman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, January 19, 2023.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Fellela welcomes to the House Chamber Mayor Joseph Polisena, Jr. and his father, former Mayor Joseph Polisena, and presents former Mayor Polisena with a resolution for his outstanding service to the Town of Johnston.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 5151**

**BY** Fellela, Costantino, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Cardillo, Corvese, Slater, Diaz, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. POLISENA FOR HIS NEARLY THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE {LC368/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Fellela, Speaker Shekarchi and Representative Fenton-Fung discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fellela, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi and many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Shallcross Smith congratulates her daughter, Amy Shallcross Vogel, who was appointed last evening to the Cumberland School Committee. Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Amy and wishes her the best.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Casey rises on a point of order concerning Representative Sanchez's announcement.

The Honorable Speaker sustains the point of order.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Boylan recognizes many members in the House Chamber today, who are wearing short sleeves or sleeveless clothing in solidarity with the women of the Missouri House of Representatives, who are prohibited from wearing short sleeves or sleeveless clothing in their House Chamber.

Representative Diaz wishes a Happy Birthday to her granddaughter, Amahia Familia who will be 6 years old on Saturday, daughter-in-law, Karen Carbucea, Kennedy Arias, co-worker, Kadeem Leslie, and wishes her late mom, Mercedes Pequero a heavenly blessed birthday.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 5152**

**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung, Chippendale, Handy, Edwards, Azzinaro, Carson, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR "THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT" {LC770/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kennedy discusses the resolution.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 5153**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Morales, Batista, Chippendale, Kislak, Kennedy, Edwards, Cortvriend, Knight

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AND BASEBALL STAR JEREMY PEÑA ON BEING NAMED THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER OF THE 2022 WORLD SERIES {LC25/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Morales, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5154**

**BY** Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McGaw, Kennedy, Costantino, Lima, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY L. ZDANUK {LC648/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Azzinaro discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Zdanuk family.

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

**House Resolution No. 5155**

**BY** Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McEntee, Henries, Kennedy, Edwards, Handy, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN D. GLASHEEN {LC645/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Tanzi discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the Glasheen family.

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

**House Resolution No. 5156**

**BY** Fenton-Fung, Nardone, Rea, Place, Chippendale, Handy, Newberry, Brien, Hull, Cardillo

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. DANIEL SMITH HARROP, III {LC23/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Fenton-Fung discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5157**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC747/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

**House Resolution No. 5158**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC748/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next House session will be on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m.

Majority Leader Blazejewski offers congratulations to Speaker Shekarchi, who will be receiving the first-ever Legislator of the Year Award from the Rhode Island Assisted Living Association. He also offers congratulations to three Representatives who are being honored tomorrow night by the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association. Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Terri Cortvriend and David Bennett will receive the “Planning for Sustainability and Resilience Award” for their efforts in support of the Green Buildings Act. Representative Julie Casimiro is being honored on Saturday night by the Rhode Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists for her legislative efforts.

Majority Leader Blazejewski wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Tom Noret and Representative June Speakman whose birthdays are Saturday, January 21, 2023.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Representative Cortvriend, Representative Bennett and Representative Casimiro on winning their awards.

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

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

**DESK HELD OPEN**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5159**

**BY** McGaw, McNamara, Carson, Speakman, Ackerman, Potter, Donovan, Ajello, Kislak, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Requires installation of designated electric vehicle parking spaces, with charging capabilities, by certain business/ municipalities/housing developments in existing/new/expanded parking lots as of 1/1/24.) {LC159/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5160**

**BY** Alzate, Cruz, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Messier, Speakman, Bennett, Kislak, Newberry, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.") {LC35/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5161**

**BY** Cotter, Morales, Kislak, Kazarian, Alzate, Chippendale, Handy, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Stewart  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES (Creates a new chapter related to grocery stores, specifically limiting the number of self-service checkout units.) {LC727/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5162**

(by request)  
**BY** Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows hairdressers to have apprentices. After a two (2) year apprenticeship, the apprentice would be eligible to apply for a hairdresser license pursuant to § 5-10-8.) {LC556/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5163****BY** Fellela, Cardillo, Serpa, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RYAN'S LAW (Allows for a probationary period of three (3) to five (5) years for any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct.) {LC611/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5164****BY** Phillips, Serpa, Dawson, Brien, Messier, Casey, Solomon, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RECEIPT OF TAXES, FEES, AND OTHER PAYMENTS BY CREDIT CARD (Mandates credit card companies that collect any sales, hotel, or meals taxes for the state/any other tax for the state/ any tax for a municipality within the state to provide the dollar amount of the tax to the state or the municipality within 48 hours.) {LC488/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5165****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE -- PROMPT PROCESSING OF INSURANCE CLAIMS (Prohibits a health insurer from denying a claim for any medical bill based on sole reasoning that the bill may arise from a motor vehicle accident or other third-party claim and prohibits a medical provider from refusing to submit medical for same reason.) {LC388/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5166****BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Craven, Diaz, Fogarty, Bennett, Donovan, Casimiro, McGaw, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION OMBUD (Establishes the RI ombud for special education who ensures school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with the individualized education programs for students with disabilities.) {LC141/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5167****BY** McNamara, Biah, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Extends the date to June 30, 2027 for local education agencies to select identified high quality curricula and materials for science and technology.) {LC619/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5168****BY** McNamara, Biah, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Revises the course requirements for the fast-track principal certification program.) {LC616/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education



**House Resolution No. 5169****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the governance structure of Rhode Island's public education system, from March 1, 2023, to March 1, 2024, and would expire on July 1, 2024.) {LC676/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Resolution No. 5170****BY** Sanchez, Morales, Slater, Ajello, Kislak, Batista, Diaz, Caldwell, Handy, Potter**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVERSE THE DECISION TO CLOSE THE ALAN SHAWN FEINSTEIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, THE CARL G. LAURO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE GILBERT STUART MIDDLE SCHOOL {LC783/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5171****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Carson, Boylan, Bennett, Speakman, McEntee, Donovan, Fogarty, Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REFUSE DISPOSAL - FOOD WASTE BAN (Requires a covered entity generating organic waste materials of more than 52 tons/year and located less than 30 miles from an authorized composting facility or anaerobic digestion facility to recycle the waste at that facility beginning January 1, 2024.) {LC198/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5172****BY** McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Cortvriend, Kislak, Carson, Cotter, Stewart, Ajello, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Requires carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings.) {LC158/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5173****BY** Casey, Newberry, Brien, Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Allows ALFs to provide medical/skilled nursing care services to residents in assisted living setting, as their care needs change, rather than requiring transition to a skilled nursing facility when full-time skilled services are required for the resident.) {LC243/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5174****BY** Cortvriend, Carson, McNamara, Craven, Spears, Fogarty, Knight, Edwards, Kennedy, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a definition of the recognizable high tide line for the public's rights and privileges of the shore.) {LC193/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5175****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- ACCESSIBLE RESIDENCE MODIFICATIONS (Allows health insurance plans to provide coverage for accessible residence modifications determined to be medically necessary.) {LC49/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5176****BY** McGaw, Shekarchi, Ajello, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Tanzi, Cotter, Stewart, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires group health plans and health insurance issuers that provide prescription benefits to cover epinephrine injectors and cartridges without copay or deductible.) {LC151/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5177****BY** McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Casimiro, Donovan, Kazarian, Morales, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMBRYO SAFETY AND STORAGE (Creates the "Embryo Safety and Storage Act of 2023" and requires the department of health to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.) {LC773/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5178****BY** Carson, Fogarty, Kazarian, Spears, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Requires food service establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose a civil penalty on those establishments that fail to include the required warnings on its menus.) {LC143/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Resolution No. 5179****BY** Kennedy, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIFORM MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the and provide recommendations for uniform multi-state nursing license requirements, from April 13, 2023 to June 9, 2023, and would expire on June 23, 2023.) {LC771/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5180**

**BY** Bennett, Fogarty, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Lombardi J, Hull, Fellela, Messier, Potter, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Recognizes that municipal employees have the opportunity to utilize interest arbitration and would establish new factors for the arbitrators to consider. These factors include comparisons of wages/hourly conditions of employment in similarly skilled jobs.) {LC630/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5181**

**BY** Sanchez, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Vella-Wilkinson, Potter, Batista, Henries, Caldwell, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Repeals the law that allowed employers to pay some of their minor employees and employees who are full time students and not attained the age of nineteen (19) less than minimum hourly wages, requiring them to be paid a minimum hourly wage.) {LC650/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5182**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Corvese, Azzinaro, Hull, Noret, McEntee, Slater, Diaz, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC637/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5183**

**BY** Bennett, Edwards, Corvese, Azzinaro, Hull, Noret, McEntee, Slater, Diaz, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Extends provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.) {LC638/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5184**

**BY** McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Provides that public bodies not be required to hold open-forum sessions on any topic not on the meeting notice and limits comment on any topic not previously posted.) {LC581/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5185**

**BY** Cortvriend, Hull, Donovan, Spears, Dawson, Knight, Noret, Solomon, Tanzi, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police officers commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for officers and trainees to more accurately identify complaints involving persons with cognitive or communication-related disabilities.) {LC197/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5186**

**BY** Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Azzinaro, Phillips, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Changes the process of nominating candidates for the general election, by replacing the political party primary with a primary general election.) {LC12/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5187**

**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Requires that all agencies' final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31 of the year it is promulgated before it can become effective.) {LC19/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 5188**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION {LC18/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 5189**

**BY** Phillips, Corvese, Serpa, Dawson, Brien, Messier, Casey, Solomon, Azzinaro, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE-OF ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing four (4) year terms for members of the general assembly, elected members from even numbered districts would begin to be elected to four (4) year terms.) {LC456/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5190**

**BY** Cardillo, Costantino, Casey, Solomon, Kazarian, Chippendale, Brien, Azzinaro, Perez, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS (Requires a public official or employee to disclose any and all unsatisfied default judgments of credit card debt, in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), on their financial statement.) {LC660/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5191**

**BY** Casimiro, Noret, McEntee, Spears, Cotter, Kazarian, Solomon, Alzate, Potter, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Provides that starting December 2024, renewal fee for a pharmacist shall not be more than \$250, that fee for nonresident pharmacy license not be less than \$625 and pharmacy intern licenses valid for 5 years and technician licenses valid for 2 years.) {LC534/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5192**

**BY** Solomon, O'Brien, Craven, Casimiro, Casey, Cardillo, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Brien, Lima  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Reduces the sales tax rate to six percent (6%).) {LC680/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5193**

**BY** Diaz, Slater, McNamara, Caldwell, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Kazarian, Casimiro, Cruz, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE ESSENTIAL ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Child Care Assistance Program that governs both family eligibility for the state's child care subsidy program and the rates paid to child care providers serving families receiving a subsidy.) {LC592/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5194**

**BY** Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Fellela, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POST SECONDARY EDUCATION (Restores longevity payments of five percent (5%) of base salary for employees after ten (10) years of service and increase to ten percent (10%) of base salary after twenty (20) years of service, beginning July 1, 2023.) {LC392/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5195**

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien, Dawson, Serpa, Phillips, Knight, Craven, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Allows anyone who rendered services as a correction officer to receive pension credit for service as a state or municipal employee.) {LC449/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5196**

**BY** Craven, Casimiro, Solomon, Batista, Biah, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Adds a section which allows substitute teachers and post-retirement employees to exceed the ninety (90) day cap on post-retirement employment if certain conditions are met.) {LC734/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5197**

**BY** McNamara  
**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.) {LC57/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5198**

**BY** McGaw, Cortvriend, Carson, Cotter, Speakman, Kennedy, Casimiro, Henries  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Defines light duty, non-emergency, emergency and  
zero-emission vehicles and requires the state to convert its fleet of vehicles to no less than fifty  
percent (50%) of vehicles in those categories by the year 2031.) {LC196/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5199**

(Governor)  
**BY** Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT  
OF FY 2023 {LC772/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5200**

(Governor)  
**BY** Abney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 {LC715/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5201**

**BY** Craven, O'Brien, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Costantino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND  
DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS -- PRESUMPTION FOR HEART  
DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION (Allows the presumption of in-the-line-of-duty illness unless  
contrary evidence is presented.) {LC541/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5202**

**BY** Shallcross Smith  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES  
GENERALLY (Prohibits the tax sale of properties when litigation is pending disputing the amount  
owed.) {LC749/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5203**

**BY** McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL  
TAXES (Provides that in the town of Warwick, no separate class or zoning district be assigned or  
designated based solely upon a scenic view. No property in particular class/zoning district be  
assessed increased rate from other properties because of scenic view.) {LC55/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5204**

**BY** Diaz, Slater, Edwards, Perez, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Abney, Biah, Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Requires the secretary of housing to create a consumer guide of landlord-tenant laws to be updated annually.) {LC591/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5205**

**BY** Casey, Kazarian, Knight, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Clarifies the definition of the term "disabled" for purposes of obtaining property tax relief.) {LC658/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5206**

**BY** Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Route 114 A, East Providence between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts state line.) {LC654/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5207**

**BY** Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Phillips, Fellela, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY ACT (Creates the animal abuser registry which would require all persons convicted to register with the department of public safety.) {LC20/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5208**

**BY** Cardillo, Costantino, Casey, Chippendale, Brien, Azzinaro, Perez, Craven  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING (Permits any person with a concealed carry permit to carry and possess their pistol or revolver while deer hunting; provided that, the pistol or revolver is not used for deer hunting.) {LC668/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5209**

**BY** Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Fellela, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS -- REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS (Prohibits any employer from denying any person employment based on a prior criminal conviction and prohibits state from disqualifying any person from any occupation for which a license is required based on a prior conviction.) {LC21/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5210**

**BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Knight, Finkelman, Dawson, Craven, McEntee, Donovan, Speakman, Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD  
SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Establishes the process to provide a legal  
mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using medications  
prescribed by a physician.) {LC208/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5211**

**BY** Edwards, Shanley, Bennett, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MECHANICS' LIENS (Provides the  
arbitrator in mechanics' lien actions submitted to arbitration the authority to make certain findings  
of fact regarding procedure compliance and amounts owed which findings would be binding in the  
mechanics' lien action.) {LC587/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5212**

**BY** Serpa, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR  
REVOCAION OF LICENSES (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.) {LC203/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5213**

**BY** Serpa, Noret, Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR  
VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.) {LC205/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5214**

**BY** Craven, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Costantino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Exempts full-  
time members of the capitol police from the seven (7) day waiting period and other requirements for  
purchasing concealable firearms or rifles and shotguns.) {LC603/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5215**

**BY** Craven, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Costantino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (College security  
may detain criminal offenders.) {LC548/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 5216****BY** Serpa, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from 5 years to 10 years.) {LC202/1}  
01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:48 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Edwards, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William H. Ethier; on motion of Representative Fenton-Fung, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Daniel Harrop; on motion of Representative Azzinaro and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Shirley Zdanuk; on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of John Glasheen; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE KAREN ALZATE**

Dear Lord: We ask you to help us prepare ourselves for the work that lies ahead. Provide us the strength to stand tireless in the face of challenges, steadfast in our search for truth, and the courage to always do what's best for our communities, and our country. Amen