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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Volume 150, No. 10

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Tenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 2, 2023, and is called to order at 4:03 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

PRESENT – 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 5: Representatives Costantino, Diaz, Perez, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Marvin L. Abney 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 31, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

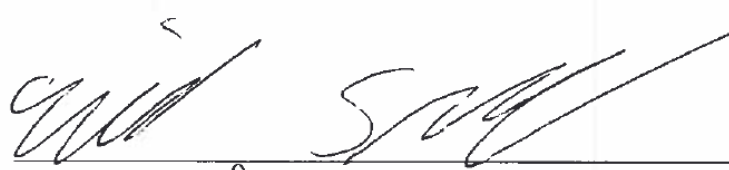
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Sanchez

hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5267


Entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT (Provides that any person convicted of sedition, insurrection, or rebellion, would be prohibited from being an elector, and from being a candidate for public office.)
{LC967/1}

which is currently in the House Committee on State Government and Elections.

Signature: 

House District: HD 9

Date: February 2, 2023

Acknowledgement:

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

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Fellela
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5236
Entitled: JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND
SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM)

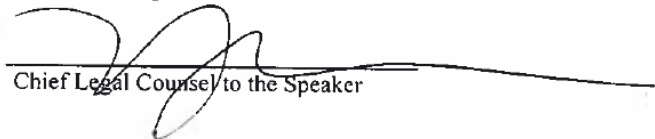
which is currently in the House Committee on State Government and Elections.

Signature: 

House District: 03

Date: February 2, 2023

Acknowledgement:


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 June S. Speakman is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Representative Ramon A. Perez is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 2, 2023.

APPOINTMENTS

February 2, 2023

Speaker Shekarchi announces the following appointment:

Representative Edward Cardillo to the House Labor Committee
VICE Representative Katherine Kazarian

CORRESPONDENCE

February 2, 2023

Correspondence from House Majority Leader Christopher Blazewski:

The House Democratic Caucus met today and elected the following Leadership Positions for 2023 and 2024:

Majority Whip: Representative Katherine Kazarian
Deputy Majority Whip: Representative Mia Ackerman
Caucus Chair: Representative Grace Diaz

Received and placed on file.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

APPOINTMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi has made the following appointments:

Governor's Council on Behavioral Health:

Representative Rebecca Kislak
Minority Leader Michael Chippendale

Special Legislative Commission to Study and Provide Recommendations for Uniform Multi-State Nursing License Requirements:

Representative Brian Patrick Kennedy
Representative Camille Vella-Wilkinson

Trauma System Advisory Commission:

Representative Stephen Casey
Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung

Long-Term Care Coordinating Council:

Representative Barbara Ann Fento-Fung
VICE Minority Leader Michael Chippendale

Multilingual Learner Advisory Council:

Representative Grace Diaz

National Conference of State Legislators' Task Force on Agriculture:

Representative Jay Edwards

Nominated to attend the National Conference of State Legislators "Clean Slate Meeting" on the criminal justice system:

Representative Jose Batista
Representative. Cherie Cruz

Received and placed on file.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Lima thanked Representative Baginski and Representative Fenton-Fung for the informative life-saving class.

Chairman Azzinaro announces that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative Sanchez brings awareness of the severe cold temperatures this upcoming weekend.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next session will be on Tuesday, February 7, at 4 p.m. Committees will also be held at the Rise.

Before session on Tuesday, all are invited to attend the Rhode Island Clean Water Legislative Summit in the House Lounge from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Congratulations to Representative David Bennett, who will be recognized as the "Clean Water Legislator of the Year," and to Representative Lauren Carson, who will be participating in a panel discussion on water utilities.

Majority Leader Blazejewski hopes that everyone had a chance to watch the segment of Good Morning America this week that featured Representatives Cherie Cruz and Leonela Felix. It was a very inspiring story that was seen by a national audience.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5325

BY Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Alzate, Lima, Stewart
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY FOOD BANK AND LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES FOR THEIR HARD WORK ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY IN RHODE ISLAND {LC1100/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Morales discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5326

BY Felix, Hull, Abney, Biah, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Henries, Chippendale, Tanzi, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2023, AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1290/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Felix discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5327

BY Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Casimiro, Potter, Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Lima
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHARLES ALBERT GREENE {LC1191/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

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

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION

Chairwoman Alzate, for the Committee on Special Legislation, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5018

BY Solomon, DeSimone, Potter, Casimiro, Kazarian, Giraldo, Shanley, O'Brien, Noret, Phillips **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Diane Louise Ricciardi to join Vanessa Rose DiPilato and Nicholas Landmark Nybo in marriage on or about June 24, 2023, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC378/1}
02/03/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/09/2023)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Azzinaro, for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

House Resolution No. 5150

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Corvese, Noret, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study a plan and the design of a Vietnam Memorial in Providence, from January 31, 2023 to January 31, 2025, and said commission would expire on April 30, 2025.) {LC608/1}
02/03/2023 Placed on House Calendar (02/09/2023)

TRANSFER OF BILLS

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

House Bill No. 5250

BY McEntee, Craven, Spears, Bennett, O'Brien, Dawson, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Caldwell, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSES (Limits issuance of commercial multipurpose commercial fishing licenses to Rhode Island residents, unless there is no resident applicant, limits number of new licenses issued to that number of licenses surrendered or retired in previous calendar year.) {LC75/1}

02/06/2023 Committee transferred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. 5125

BY Lombardi J, Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Felix, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Enables the Rhode Island public transit authority (RIPTA) to work with the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to allow commuter rail passes to be used as dual passes for both RIPTA and MBTA.) {LC178/1}

02/06/2023 Committee transferred to House Corporations

NEW BUSINESS**House Bill No. 5328**

BY Carson, McEntee, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Craven, 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.) {LC1190/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5329

BY Phillips, Morales, Serpa, Bennett, Casey, Voas, Solomon, Brien, Messier, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations when construction/renovations are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.) {LC776/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5330

BY Edwards, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Regulates the distribution of the product known as "Kratom". Violations are subject to administrative fines from \$500 to \$1,000.) {LC1244/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5331**BY** Hull, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Tanzi, Felix, Morales, Batista, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CHECK CASHING (Caps the APR for payday loans at 28%. Requires 90-day maturity date. Prohibits fees/interest payments in excess of 60% of principal. Requires monthly payments of no more than 25% of original principal amount.) {LC161/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 4-27-2023, page 2.)**House Bill No. 5332****BY** Kislak, Bennett, McNamara, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANCE LICENSING COMPACT ACT (Adopts the model compact for the physician assistant's licensure compact in Rhode Island.) {LC922/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5333**BY** Edwards, Shanley, Potter, Morales, Chippendale, Messier, Fogarty, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Amends the provisions for prompt payment of monies owed by the department of administration to their contractors or subcontractors.) {LC391/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5334**BY** Alzate, McEntee, Voas, Carson, Henries, Batista, Kazarian, Caldwell, Felix, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES -- HAPPY HOUR (Allows happy hour drink specials served in conjunction with meals prepared on the premises sufficient to constitute breakfast, lunch or dinner, excluding snacks.) {LC46/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5335**BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides for improving license portability for military service members and their spouses who are relocated to Rhode Island.) {LC1098/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5336**BY** Sanchez, Fellela, McEntee, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits insurance companies from utilizing education levels, race, ethnicity, disability, occupation, income or gender to determine auto insurance rates, premiums or coverage.) {LC1027/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5337

BY Handy, Serpa, Cortvriend, Messier, Fenton-Fung, Solomon, Fogarty, Caldwell, Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING
(Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons
when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a
personal motor vehicle. eff 1/1/24) {LC836/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5338

BY Baginski, Shanley, Dawson, Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES {LC806/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5339

(Dept of Education)
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY
YOUNG CHILDREN (Amends applicability and operational requirements of the chapter on
Education Services to Very Young Children.) {LC1159/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5340

BY Solomon, McNamara, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPENSATION FOR STUDENTS
PARTICIPATING IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (Expressly allows college athletes,
while they are students, to personally profit from the use of their name, image, and likeness, and
prohibits the NCAA from preventing these practices.) {LC428/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5341

BY Place, Rea, Nardone, Roberts
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG
SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Allows charter schools to engage in nontraditional approaches to learning,
which must be approved by the department of education.) {LC1095/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5342

BY Sanchez, Donovan, Morales, Serpa, Phillips, Potter, Biah, Edwards, Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires all public
high schools to require students, as part of the curriculum, to enroll in a nutrition course, food
preparation course and cooking course during any year of a student's four (4) year enrollment.)
{LC1151/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5343**BY** Sanchez, Morales, McEntee, Serpa, McNamara, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Requires all public high schools to provide instruction on technical and vocational training.) {LC904/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5344**BY** Shanley, Craven, O'Brien, Bennett, Cotter, Spears, Casimiro, Batista, Solomon, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits forestry operations on state and any municipality owned land relating to old growth forests enforced by DEM with violation punishable by fines.) {LC1237/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5345

(Dept of Environmental Management)

BY Fogarty, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, McEntee, Azzinaro, Messier, Kazarian, Edwards, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT (Provides that Rhode Island assents to the provisions of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act relative to the Preventive Controls for Animal Food Regulation (PCAF) regulations.) {LC1157/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5346**BY** Sanchez, Giraldo, Alzate, Kislak, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Creates a 2 year pilot program with PUC and DHS to increase low-income families participation in LIHEAP from July1, 2023, to July 1, 2025, with a report due on 12/1/23 to governor and general assembly on status/need for increased funds.) {LC1161/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5347**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires minimum insurance coverage for a minimum of ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance use disorders.) {LC837/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5348**BY** Ackerman, Bennett, McNamara, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Nardone, Kislak, Fogarty, Cortvriend, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RESTROOM ACCESS ACT (Requires retail establishments with 3 or more employees on the premises without accessible public restroom to allow customers suffering from eligible conditions access to their employee restrooms.) {LC1018/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5349

BY Casey, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Chippendale, Craven, Bennett, Messier, Kislak, O'Brien, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

(Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice before taking and receiving results of the NCLEX exam.)

{LC239/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5350

BY Morales, Chippendale, Kislak, McNamara, Place, Kazarian, Spears, Donovan, Potter, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Limits the copayment or coinsurance requirement on specialty drugs to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for a thirty (30) day supply.) {LC200/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5351

BY Alzate, Felix, Giraldo, Potter, Sanchez, Henriess, Speakman, Batista, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates insurance policies, provides coverage to diagnose & treat infertility for women between 25 & 42 years, including pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in conjunction with in vitro fertilization (IVF).) {LC37/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5352

(By Request)

BY Kennedy, Edwards

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

ACT (Defines a patient-provider relationship as when the healthcare professional agrees to undertake diagnosis and treatment of the patient and the patient agrees to be treated.) {LC1026/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 5353

BY Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Cotter

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT THE RISING THREAT OF TARGETED VIOLENCE AGAINST FAITH COMMUNITIES {LC1266/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5354

BY Shanley, Carson, Edwards, Craven, Bennett, Cotter, Spears, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION

ACT (Creates the "Rhode Island Data Transparency and Privacy Protection Act" to identify information collected by online service providers and commercial websites.) {LC589/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5355

BY Shanley, Craven, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (Allows for the use of electronic monitoring of a resident's room or private living unit within a nursing home or assisted living facility.) {LC527/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5356

BY Shanley, Craven, Bennett, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS (Repeals vicious dog definition provision stating unprovoked dog displaying vicious/terrorizing manor in apparent attitude of attack approaching any person upon streets/sidewalks/public grounds or places.) {LC528/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5357

BY Potter, Solomon, Serpa, Kislak, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Prohibits a medical training program from using live animals if another accredited training program in the same medical discipline does not use animals or if an alternative teaching method exists.) {LC1165/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5358

BY Casimiro, Noret, Craven, Chippendale, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Imposes a felony subject to a fine between \$5,000 and \$10,000, or imprisonment for no more than 5 years or both, on any person in a position of authority who fails to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect, child sexual assault or battery.) {LC1162/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5359

BY Kislak, Felix, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Cruz, Boylan, Caldwell, Casimiro, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits the family court from detaining/committing any juvenile under the age of 14 years to the training school for any offense other than murder/first degree sexual assault or an attempt to commit such offenses.) {LC447/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5360

BY Felix, Edwards, Solomon, Kazarian, Casey, Alzate, Cruz, Kislak, Bennett, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS (Prohibits sheriffs from charging/accepting fees from any Rhode Island law enforcement agency for service of any temporary or 1-yr extreme risk protection order. Requires sheriffs to accept petitions/summons, by email, facsimile or other electronic means.) {LC1034/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5361

BY Felix, Knight, Kazarian, Morales, Alzate, McNamara, Stewart, Potter, Henries, Cruz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS
(Further delineates the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.) {LC1049/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5362

BY Stewart, Sanchez, Morales, Tanzi, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Batista, Dawson, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND
TENANT ACT (Increases the amount of time of notice a residential landlord must give to a tenant
prior to any rent increase.) {LC985/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5363

BY Craven, Caldwell, McEntee, Shanley, Dawson, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC
USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of owner to
exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of
private lands.) {LC1005/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5364

BY Fogarty, Kazarian, Carson, Tanzi, Hull, Caldwell, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES
(Increases penalties for damages to electric/cellular communication lines from \$3,000 to
\$50,000/imprisonment from 2 to 10 years, or both/requires restitution for economic harm/increases
water supply systems imprisonment to 10 years plus.) {LC685/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5365

BY Solomon, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE
PLATE READERS (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize
automated license plate readers. Further, the act identifies what data may be collected and in what
ways the data can be used.) {LC1233/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5366

BY Baginski, Solomon, Finkelman, Dawson, Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE
SALES DISCLOSURES (Increases the civil penalty from \$100 to a maximum of \$1,000, whenever
a seller or their real estate agent fails provide a completed seller disclosure form to the buyer.)
{LC807/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5367**BY** Potter, Boylan, Tanzi, Carson, Donovan, Caldwell, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the operation of an outdoor gun range within one mile or closer of any kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools.) {LC1166/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5368**BY** Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines suitable person and establishes reasons for applying for carry permit, establishes what information is required on applications, establishes appeal process if application denied and provides that records are not public.) {LC496/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5369**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Changes the name of § 11-47-60.1 to Safe Storage – Dillon’s Law and makes any violation of storage that results in serious bodily injury or death a felony.) {LC222/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 2-7-2023, page 2.)**House Bill No. 5370****BY** Cotter, Casimiro, Potter, Morales, Shanley, Carson, Fogarty, Cortvriend, McGaw, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT (Voids all or portions of noncompetition agreements which restrain employee from working in lawful profession, trade or business.) {LC1308/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5371**BY** Felix, Tanzi, Giraldo, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Kazarian, Henries, Boylan, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.) {LC1036/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5372**BY** Potter, Shanley, Kazarian, Casey, Bennett, O'Brien, Cruz, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES (Provides for contractor liability for debts owed to an employee or third party on the wage claimants behalf, incurred by a subcontractor.) {LC1168/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5373

BY Casey, Kazarian, O'Brien, Solomon, Hull, Noret, Messier, Craven, Edwards, Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Extends IOD benefits to police officers/firefighters suffering from post-traumatic stress injuries/provides municipal police/firefighters retiring due to PTSI accidental disability retirement allowance.) {LC238/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5374

BY Casey, Kazarian, O'Brien, Craven, Edwards, Baginski, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows participating municipalities to elect to its employees the deferred compensation plans offered by the state.) {LC234/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5375

BY Cotter, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Provides that compact growth in municipalities cannot be mandatory and would require that an analysis be conducted by the secretary of housing addressing all issues relative to the housing crisis prior to any housing project promoting compact growth.) {LC577/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5376

BY Lombardi J, Kislak, Hull, Biah, Batista, Henries, Stewart, Morales, Felix, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Prohibits landlords from inquiring about an applicant's prior incarceration and from discriminating against those who have been released from prison.) {LC1189/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5377

BY Alzate, Giraldo, Cruz, Felix, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC40/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5378

BY Casimiro, Craven
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Validates and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of North Kingstown, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the town of North Kingstown on November 8, 2022.) {LC1217/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5379**BY** Place, Rea, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT {LC653/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5380**BY** Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Hull, Abney, Felix, Biah, Boylan, Cruz, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

-- HOLIDAYS {LC780/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5381

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Carson, Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FORT ADAMS FOUNDATION (Amends the composition of the Fort Adams foundation to include a representative from the division of parks and recreation in place of a member of the public.)

{LC1156/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5382**BY** Edwards, Shanley, Potter, Caldwell, Kennedy, Chippendale, Fogarty, Bennett, Sanchez, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

(Provides an exemption to the access to public records law for winners of Rhode Island lottery prizes and/or games.) {LC379/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5383**BY** Noret, Baginski, Shanley, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

(Clarifies that the calculation for the total number of eligible voters to be served by the same polling place shall be established using active voters.) {LC827/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5384**BY** Baginski, Shanley, Potter, Fenton-Fung**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Permits the municipality to post on a website voter designation of voter registration deadline on the website for ten (10) consecutive days prior to deadline instead of a newspaper.) {LC825/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5385**BY** Place, Rea, Newberry, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Creates a new additional post-election risk-limiting audit of voted mail ballots, focusing on voter signature verification.) {LC477/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5386**BY** Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires removal of member's by the governor upon the chairperson's request after the member's absence from three (3) consecutive meetings without notice to the chairperson.) {LC830/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5387**BY** Baginski, Noret, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND REFLECTORS (Authorizes designated state and local election officials with supervisory responsibility over polling locations the use of amber flashing safety lights on their vehicles.) {LC826/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5388**BY** Felix, Batista, Knight, Craven, Potter, Cruz, Casey, Henries, Alzate, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- FISCAL NOTES (Requires fiscal notes regarding legislation creating a new crime or increasing period of incarceration or modifying sentences.) {LC1041/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5389**BY** Felix, Tanzi, Lombardi J, Henries, Morales, Cruz, Kislak, Batista, Cotter

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.) {LC1037/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5390**BY** Nardone, Chippendale, Rea, Place, Roberts, Noret, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS (Requires that maintenance of sidewalks along state highways be the responsibility of the state. Such maintenance would not include snow removal, sweeping and cleaning.) {LC1133/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5391**BY** Potter, Tanzi, Alzate, Giraldo, Voas, Cortvriend, Biah, Sanchez, Morales, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT (Increases the income limits for disabled individuals to one hundred eighty percent (180%) of the federal poverty level to qualify for medical assistance coverage.) {LC1167/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5392

BY Shanley, Craven, Azzinaro, Edwards, Bennett, Slater, Casimiro, Kazarian, Solomon, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Eliminates the so-called "marriage penalty tax" by allowing a tax credit for the difference in taxes computed as married individuals filing jointly in excess of the amount of tax for taxpayers filing as individuals.) {LC849/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5393

BY Place, Rea, Nardone, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows an individual with less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of total income to deduct from federal adjusted gross income all social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.) {LC1097/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5394

BY Bennett, Kislak, Lombardi J, Casimiro, McNamara, Cruz, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Ajello, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND PATHWAYS PROJECT (Requires the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to conduct a study to assess the impact of using Medicaid funds to provide coverage for the treatment of the chronically homeless.) {LC1301/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5395

BY Casimiro, Noret, Finkelman, Bennett, Fogarty, McEntee, Spears, Tanzi, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CLINICAL PRECEPTORS TAX CREDIT ACT (Allows for a tax credit of up to \$1,000 for any nurse practitioner, physician assistant or physician who provides on-site clinical education as a clinical preceptor to nurse practitioner graduate students.) {LC980/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5396

BY Kazarian, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, O'Brien, Morales, McNamara, Kislak, Hull, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.) {LC1262/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5397

BY Baginski, Noret, Solomon, Casey, Casimiro, Dawson, O'Brien, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax the sale of beer and malt beverages at retail.) {LC809/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5398

BY Shanley, Batista, Craven, Bennett, Spears, Cotter, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Reduces the fee to acquire an emailed duplicate motor vehicle registration certificate from seventeen dollars (\$17.00) to five dollars (\$5.00).) {LC531/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5399

BY Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Sanchez, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Authorizes and requires the department of human services to hire an administrator for the refugee assistance program on a full-time basis.) {LC1269/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5400

BY Shanley, Bennett, Craven, McNamara, Alzate, Kazarian, Knight, Spears, Cotter, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires state human services providers to pay employees \$ 25 per hour and schedule for incremental raises for existing employees annually adjusted for inflation. eff 7/1/24) {LC732/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5401

BY Shanley, Craven, Bennett, Slater, Casimiro, Solomon, Dawson, Batista, Baginski, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE FUNDS - RESTRICTED RECEIPT ACCOUNTS (Adds the Workers' Compensation Administration, the Rhode Island Uninsured Employers' Fund and the Rhode Island Uninsured Protection Fund, to the restricted receipt accounts not subject to indirect cost recoveries.) {LC1088/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5402

BY Casimiro, Noret, Bennett, Potter, Morales, McGaw, Cotter, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the auditor general to oversee an audit of Medicaid programs administered by managed care organizations and submit a report of such findings within six (6) months to the general assembly and EOHHS.) {LC1115/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5403

BY Quattrocchi, Nardone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIRMENT SYSTEM - CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds the administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator in the state retirement system.) {LC1106/1}
02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5404

BY Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Bennett, Edwards, Spears, Cotter, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Compensates pre-2011 retirees with a non-compounded one-time adjustment for the difference in benefits between 2011 and 2023. Provides a COLA for the year 2024 and every year thereafter.) {LC924/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5405

BY Kazarian, Fogarty, Dawson, Donovan

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND (BIARI) (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 to the Brian Injury Association of Rhode Island (BIARI).) {LC1261/1}

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:21 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Cotter, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Charles Greene; on motion of Representative Cortvriend, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Colonel Burton C. Quist seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE MARVIN L. ABNEY

Dear Lord: Black History Month was started in 1915, 50 years after the passage of the 13th Amendment. February was chosen because both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln were born this month. Let us pray that our leaders use this time to correct the wrongs done to African Americans by ignoring their great contributions to this country. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023:

1. 2023-H 5150

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5018

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, February 3, 2023