

State of Rhode Island

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Fifteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, February 28, 2023, and is called to order at 4:17 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, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 8: Representatives Alzate, Batista, Carson, Cotter, Lombardi, Perez, Roberts, Shanley.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Father Mykhaylo Dosyak, of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Woonsocket, who delivers the Invocation and Speaker Shekarchi who leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Honorable Speaker calls on Dayana Ruiz to play the National Anthem on her violin.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Hull
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 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) {LC506/1}

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

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

House District # 6

Date: 2-28, 2023

Acknowledgement:
[Handwritten Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

NOTE: This request must be submitted to the Clerk of the House, and House Recording Clerk 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

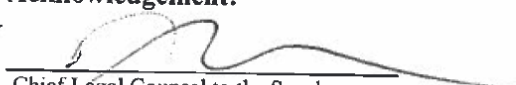
Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Sanchez
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H - 5660
entitled: Health and Safety – State Building Code

which is currently in the House Committee on Corporations

Signature: 

House District # (9)

Date: Feb 28, 2023

Acknowledgement:

Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 16, 2023, is approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
Representative Megan Cotter is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
Representative Lauren H. Carson is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
Representative Evan P. Shanley is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
Representative Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces many bills are still being delivered on the floor today limiting the time to get signatures of co-sponsors. In addition, several members could not make it to session today due to the weather. For those reasons, Speaker Shekarchi has agreed to extend the bill deadline to this Thursday before the Speaker gavels the House into session.

The desk will remain open today. Bills may be delivered to Chief Legal Counsel Nicole McCarty in the Speaker's office both tomorrow and before session Thursday. At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, there will be a box placed on the desk for new business. Bills must be in that box before the gavel comes down.

If bills are not submitted by the opening gavel on Thursday, they must be introduced under Rule 7(d). This means that beginning on Thursday, notice must be given under House Rule 7(d) to introduce bills on the next legislative day. There is a limit of three (3) bills per member using this rule. After the three-bill limit is reached, permission must be obtained from the Speaker to introduce any further bills. This provision does not apply to city or town bills, to the reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations and budget bills, bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions, and ceremonial resolutions of congratulations or condolences.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023:

Speaker Shekarchi moves item #1 to the bottom of the calendar. There is no objection.

- 1. 2023-H 5016**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the bottom of the Calendar.

2. 2023-H 5288

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Marszalkowski, McGaw, Phillips, Deputy Whip Ackerman and Voas.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian M. Neuber, State Representative, District 78, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5016

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: I don't believe there is a conflict of interest but out of an abundance of caution I recuse

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 28 day of February, 2023

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
3/20/26

Representative Neuber is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]
SPEAKER

1. 2023-H 5016**BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McGaw and Floor Manager Edwards.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

ADDRESS

Chairwoman Diaz addresses members in recognition of Dominican Independence Day.

GUESTS

Chairwoman Diaz welcomes to the House Chamber Classical High School Student, Dayana Ruiz, and her mother, Noraliza Gruyon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Chairwoman Donovan announces that the Committee on Health & Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representative Felix welcomes to the House Chamber the Dominican Independence Award Committee members, President Isidro DeLeon, Vice-President Everin Perez, Central Falls City Councilman the Honorable Franklin Solano, Secretary Miosotis Alsina, Treasurer Carmen Mirabal, Mery Digna Alcantara, Hugo Adames, Margarita Adames, Arelis Medina, Pedro Pablo De la Rosa and Octavio Gomez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Felix invites all members to join the Dominican Independence Day celebration that is being held at 6:00 p.m., in the Stateroom.

Chairman Casey along with Representative Brien and Representative Phillips, in commemorating Black History Month, honor Rhode Island National Guard Colonel Sharon L. Harmon. She became the first African-American, female or male, to rise to the rank of Colonel in our National Guard.

Representative Cruz, in commemorating Black History Month, honors a lifelong resident of Pawtucket, Richard Addison, Sr.

Representative Sanchez recognizes Joshua Franco, Everett Pope and Joseph Buchanan, the Black Political Action Education Committee members for bringing Education and Awareness on Low Income Housing to the State of Rhode Island.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the following committees are scheduled for tomorrow, March 1st, Oversight, Education, Finance, Labor and State Government & Elections.

The next House session will be on Thursday, March 2nd, at 4 p.m. Majority Leader Blazejewski asks that the desk remains open today to receive bills before the session begins.

Speaker Shekarchi invites all members to attend a press conference on Thursday at 3 p.m. in the House Lounge to unveil a package of housing legislation that he and several House members will be introducing.

Majority Leader Blazejewski congratulates Speaker Shekarchi who will be receiving the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce Barbara Burlingame Distinguished Public Service Award, which recognizes an elected official who has made outstanding contributions to the business community. The award is named after the late State Representative from Woonsocket that recognizes an individual who exhibits the highest standards of excellence, dedication and accomplishment in the public service arena.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 5820**

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Messier, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 3, 2023, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1329/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Casimiro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5821

BY Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Costantino, Lima, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE SANFORD GORODETSKY {LC2435/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Azzinaro discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5822

BY Diaz, Perez, Batista, Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Giraldo, Chippendale, Kennedy, Slater

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 179TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2023 {LC409/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5823

BY Brien, Casey, Phillips, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Nardone, Fogarty, Messier, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE
{LC1705/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Brien discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5824

BY Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Fogarty, Casimiro, Bennett
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF ADRIAN HALL {LC1708/1}

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

There is no objection.

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

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

House Resolution No. 5825

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2276/1}

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. 5826

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2277/1}

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:

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. 5827

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Provides that the department of business regulation provide by regulation a requirement that the total allowable THC per package for retail-ready medical concentrates be a minimum of one gram.) {LC2427/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5828

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Donovan, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Prohibits outdoor advertising for the sale of cannabis within the state.) {LC2164/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5829

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Permits the office of cannabis regulation to provide forms, procedures and requirements with respect to the advertising of cannabis products during the transitional period.) {LC1958/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5830

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSURANCE RATES (Prohibits the consideration of an applicant's credit history in determining automobile insurance rates.) {LC2140/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5831**BY** Potter, Slater, O'Brien, Casey, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides that liability insurance coverage would be provided for loss of the use of a rental motor vehicle, with limitations.) {LC1998/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5832**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT (Amends provisions re insurance producer appointments and clarifies language re insurance claims adjusters. Amends the RI life & health guarantee assoc act. Adds insurance data security and pet insurance acts and unfair discrimination prohibitions.) {LC2082/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5833**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number.) {LC2046/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5834**BY** Lima, Cardillo, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Requires persons or entities receiving government funds to disclose the names of their contractors and subcontractors.) {LC2157/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5835**BY** Lima, Cardillo, Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - REGULATION OF SALES TAX CREDITS (Requires the attorney general's office to regulate the sale of tax credits, including such actions as establishing qualifications and a certified list of those authorized to act as brokers and salespersons of tax credits.) {LC2159/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5836**BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT (Establishes an economic growth blockchain act, which would regulate virtual and digital assets, and establishes depository banks for these purposes.) {LC1944/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5837**BY** Baginski, Noret, Casimiro, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS (Requires athletic trainers to be trained in the use of epi-pens. On January 1, 2024, athletic trainers would be required to be equipped with an epi-pen while performing duties of an athletic trainer.) {LC2235/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5838**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2023 (Provides thresholds for establishing presence, residency or doing business in the state for out-of-state employees and businesses during a state of emergency declared by either the Governor or the President of the United States.) {LC2095/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5839

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Edwards, Kazarian, Handy, Ackerman, Diaz, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Makes numerous technical amendments to the statutes on taxes and corporations, associations and partnerships.) {LC2072/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5840

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Streamlines tax incentive reporting by eliminating certain division of taxation reporting requirements and using alternative methods of reporting such as the tax division website.) {LC2073/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5841**BY** Solomon, DeSimone, Cardillo, Casey, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (Mandates bill of sale for transacted catalytic converter, changes requirement to three years for report, and would make a conviction of § 6-11.1-7 a felony.) {LC2066/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5842**BY** Solomon, Newberry, Casey, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CATALYTIC CONVERTER INTERSTATE COMPACT

(Establishes an interstate compact regulating purchase dealing in catalytic converters and sets licensing and reporting requirements for each sale or purchase of converters.) {LC2019/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5843**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "meetings" requirements from § 34-36.1-3.08 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and permits remote participation in condominium meetings.) {LC1128/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5844**BY** Place, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- UNIVERSAL REGULATORY SANDBOX ACT (Establishes a Regulatory Sandbox program designed to provide a depository for ideas in a regulatory approach.) {LC1951/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5845**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Chippendale, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF

UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Allows the commission to defer or suspend any fees/charges collected for demand-side management or renewables and notifies the governor, speaker of the house, and the senate president of the commission's decision to suspend any fees/charges.) {LC1554/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5846**BY** Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER

SUPPLY (Provides that water utility companies be responsible for all costs associated with maintenance, operation and delivery of water pumping stations to individual parcels of land and schools with no pumping stations on the property.) {LC2449/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 4-27-2023, page 3.)**House Bill No. 5847****BY** Slater, Morales, Diaz, Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Fellela, Sanchez, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.) {LC2234/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5848**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWER OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides amendments to the procedures necessary for approval of transactions between utilities.) {LC2173/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5849

(Public Utilities Commission)

BY Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Amends the revenue decoupling reconciliation mechanism used by a gas distribution company for the purposes of revenue decoupling to not require that distribution be determined on a revenue-per-customer basis.) {LC2385/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5850**BY** Handy, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 2023 ENERGY STORAGE ACT (Requires the office of energy resources to initiate the process of developing one or more programs, and associated funding mechanisms, for electric energy storage resources connected to the electric distribution system.) {LC670/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5851**BY** Boylan, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Ajello, Handy, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Potter, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SOLAR NEIGHBORHOODS ACT (Mandates that certain new residential building construction include solar power capabilities pursuant to the rules and regulations promulgated by the state building code commission.)

{LC1597/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5852**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Chippendale, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATEWIDE MUNICIPAL SOLAR PERMIT (Requires as part of the solar permit application an assessment on carbon-neutral, a solar permit would only be approved if it was carbon neutral based on the assessment.) {LC1553/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5853**BY** Speakman, Boylan, Ajello, McGaw, Donovan, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Knight, Kislak, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIES -- NET METERING (Defines core forest and preferred sites and provides that any net metering resource owned or operated by a renewable energy developer be treated as an eligible net metering system provided it is not in a core forest.) {LC2218/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5854**BY** Cardillo, Phillips, Brien, Rea, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows holders of Class P license to purchase from either a Class A alcohol retail or wholesale establishment in the state and permit wholesalers to refuse to fill orders, set minimum quantities or dollar amounts as a requirement of filling an order.) {LC2214/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5855**BY** O'Brien, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Serpa, Bennett, Diaz, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT

(Amends the definition of unfair claims settlement practices by insurers & motor vehicle damage appraisers, and creates a chapter providing for the appraisal of damaged motor vehicles, when the insurer & the insured cannot agree on the amount of the loss.) {LC1988/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5856**BY** Fogarty, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Boylan, Handy, Hull, Caldwell, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

(Requires the departments of elementary and secondary education and health to adopt policies/rules/regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.) {LC2008/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5857**BY** Baginski, Noret, Casimiro, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

CONCUSSION ACT (Updates repealed chapter by requiring school district to develop concussion guidelines; students/parents brochure; removal/return procedures after student removal/return to practice/competition; mandatory training for coaches/officials.) {LC2238/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5858**BY** Chippendale, Rea, Nardone, Place, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT

(Establishes the Failing School Choice Act and permits students at failing schools to enroll in any public school and also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.) {LC2057/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5859**BY** Morgan P, Azzinaro, Lima, Costantino, Nardone, Rea, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS (Prevents the state or any governmental entity from infringing on the fundamental rights of parents in the upbringing of their children.) {LC1992/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5860

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INCORPORATING THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (Reduces the number of commissioners on the board of commissioners to no less than fifteen and would add a d/b/a Serve RI designation after commissions name.) {LC2189/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5861

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Provides that water supply systems that have PFAS contaminants that exceed the interim drinking water standard be required to enter into a consent agreement with department of health to implement treatment to reduce the levels of PFAS contaminants.) {LC2186/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5862

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- NON-FLUSHABLE WIPES (Provides for the establishment of labeling requirements to enable consumers to easily identify proper disposal methods for non-flushable wipes.) {LC2045/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5863

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Spears, Casimiro, Kazarian, Boylan, McGaw, Fenton-Fung, Speakman, Craven, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides amendments to multiple sections of law related to the marine fisheries council.) {LC1800/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-9-2023, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5864

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - FIELD TRIALS AND SHOOTING PRESERVES – CAPTIVE HUNTING PROHIBITED (Prohibits captive hunting for domestic or wild animals. This act does not prohibit the release of upland game birds for hunting on licensed shooting preserves.) {LC2236/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5865**BY** Morgan P, Rea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Requires that all equipment and components used for solar panel installations and wind power turbines be manufactured using renewable energy sources and not from energy derived from fossil fuels.) {LC1440/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5866**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Chippendale, Rea, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE ATMOSPHERE PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits the intentional release of hazardous polluting emissions, and provides for a natural climate while increasing resiliency by prohibiting deliberate atmospheric pollution and manipulation of the environment.) {LC1464/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5867

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Messier, Ackerman, Casimiro, Brien, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL (Provides that the lieutenant governor serve as the chairperson of the long-term care coordinating council and provides that a quorum of the council consist of twelve (12) members of the council.) {LC2247/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5868**BY** Felix, Bennett, Cruz, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Allows RNs to perform cosmetic/aesthetic dermatological procedures prescribed/ordered by licensed health care practitioner.) {LC2178/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5869**BY** DeSimone, Shekarchi, Slater, Hull, Kazarian, Cardillo, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Sepsis and septic shock best practices for hospital and emergency care facilities.) {LC2395/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5870**BY** Bennett, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES (Establishes a cap on the rates that nursing service agencies can charge; protects clients from having their staff recruited/hired by a nursing service agency while providing services to them; updates training, report and other administrative details.) {LC2141/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5871**BY** Chippendale, Place, Rea**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Amends the law on nursing home minimum staffing requirements in order that any penalty incurred in calendar year 2022 would be abated.) {LC1910/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5872**BY** McNamara, Noret, Casimiro, Solomon, Handy, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Regulates the marketing of prescription drug manufacturers using direct-to-consumer marketing strategies including coupons, discount cards and similar offers, to provide information about lower cost alternatives.) {LC2028/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5873**BY** Kislak, Ajello, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Hull, Biah, McGaw, Slater, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Authorizes emergency medical service agencies to transport individuals to alternative facilities for treatment and permits licensed providers for mental health disorders to treat patients within the community.) {LC1385/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5874**BY** Handy, McNamara, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS (Defines an audiologist as an individual licensed to practice audiology by the department of health.) {LC1582/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5875**BY** Phillips, Cardillo, Hull, Brien, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Provides that school forms pertaining to vaccination requirements include information about religious and medical exemptions.) {LC2096/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5876**BY** Serpa, Ackerman, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS (Permits a licensed pharmacist to prescribe, dispense or administer HIV prevention drugs to an individual who is HIV negative, does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection, and does not report taking any contraindicated medication.) {LC1965/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5877**BY** Baginski, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL SPAS SAFETY ACT (Provides that a cosmetic medical service would be performed by a qualified licensed or certified non-physician only if the services have been delegated by a medical director responsible for on-site supervision of the services.) {LC1692/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5878**BY** Lima, Fenton-Fung, Cardillo, Place, Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates the department of health, in conjunction with the department of education, to conduct a cost-benefit analysis before a mandate relating to the health and safety of children in schools would be issued.) {LC2145/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5879**BY** Lima, Serpa, Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.) {LC2137/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5880**BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police training on recognizing the possible existence of mental health disorders and substance use disorders and requires certified crisis intervention team training for all officers.) {LC2224/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5881**BY** Noret, Hull, Casimiro, Baginski, Solomon, McNamara, Phillips, Cardillo, Corvese, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police training on recognizing the possible existence of mental health disorders and substance use disorders and requires certified crisis intervention team training for all officers.) {LC1984/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Resolution No. 5882**BY** Bennett, Chippendale, Hull, Newberry**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO WRITE AN OLMSTEAD PLAN FOR RHODE ISLAND (Creates a twenty-eight (28) member special legislative commission whose purpose it is to write an Olmstead Plan for RI, and who reports back to the General Assembly no later than January 3, 2024, and whose life expires on July 1, 2024.) {LC2167/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5883

BY Kazarian, Donovan, Casimiro, Felix, Diaz, Spears, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --
ABUSIVE LITIGATION (Prohibits abusive litigation context of domestic violence or stalking and
allow the court to dismiss a case upon finding, by preponderance of the evidence, that the person who
filed the case is abusing the system.) {LC2110/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5884

BY Noret, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Craven, Casey, Place, Lima, Costantino, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOTELS AND PUBLIC
PLACES (Prohibits discrimination against individuals who refuse to be vaccinated.) {LC1497/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5885

BY Lima, Fenton-Fung, Vella-Wilkinson, Place, Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that any
person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun and provides
for an appeal process for denial of an application for a license or permit.) {LC2152/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5886

(RI State Police)

BY Noret, Baginski, Solomon, Hull, Casimiro, McNamara, Phillips, Cardillo, Corvese, Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows members
of the state police to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for training.) {LC1812/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5887

(Judiciary)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POWER OF
OFFICERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS (Adds active magistrates and retired and active justices of
the worker's compensation court to those public officers and employees authorized to administer
oaths within the State of Rhode Island.) {LC2420/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5888

BY Hull, Noret, Phillips, Sanchez, Bennett, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Amends law enforcement officers' bill of rights.)
{LC2374/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5889**BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Speakman, Morales, Henries, Knight, Cruz, Diaz, Felix, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- POLICE TRAFFIC STOP DATA COLLECTION (Revises CCPRA regarding continued traffic stop data/analysis/reporting by transferring those duties to the office of highway safety effective January 1, 2024, with creation of 12 member advisory committee.) {LC1368/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5890

(by request)

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Phillips, Cardillo, Corvese, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Lima, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Clarifies and separate the different criminal penalties for first and subsequent convictions for reckless driving.) {LC2421/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5891

(by request)

BY Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits sale of firearms by dealers within (500') feet of schools or daycare centers.) {LC2115/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5892**BY** Boylan, Kazarian, Tanzi, Knight, Batista, Felix, Craven, McNamara, Caldwell, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Adds rifles and shotguns to the types of firearms that require a trigger lock to be included with any purchase.) {LC474/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5893**BY** Boylan, Tanzi, Knight, Ajello, Stewart, Potter, Kislak, Kazarian, Batista, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits purchases of more than one firearm in any thirty (30) day period.) {LC854/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5894**BY** Boylan, Knight, Morales, Tanzi, Potter, Kislak, McEntee, Kazarian, Batista, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires purchasers of firearms, to take and pass a basic firearm safety test and requires the firearm test administered by DEM be updated every two years, as deemed appropriate and repeals § 11-47-35.2.) {LC1449/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5895

(Attorney General)

BY Craven, Hull, Voas, Diaz, Slater, Biah, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION

(Establishes the criminal offense of menacing as a misdemeanor and punishable by a year in person or fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC2179/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 3-23-2023, page 2.)

(Added to sponsorship is Representative Craven)

House Bill No. 5896

BY Henries, Morales, Giraldo, Felix, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Tanzi, Sanchez, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Defines

coercion so as to include sexual assault by a member of law enforcement who has the victim under arrest, in custody or detained or by any person who has supervisory authority over the victim's

parole, probation or home confinement.) {LC2242/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5897

(Judiciary)

BY Diaz, Hull, Slater, DeSimone, Felix, Kennedy, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Transfers

jurisdiction of child endangerment offenses from the family court to the superior court.) {LC2419/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5898

(Judiciary)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --

PROCEEDINGS IN THE FAMILY COURT (Amends the definition of a wayward offense in the

Family Court to conform to current statutory penalties for possession of marijuana offenses,

promulgated in the Rhode Island cannabis act.) {LC2418/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5899

BY Boylan, Donovan, Handy, Henries, Ajello, McGaw, Fogarty, Kazarian, Spears, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RADON CONTROL (Requires

landlords to conduct a radon test of all residential rental properties every five (5) years. Short-term

residential rentals would be excluded from radon testing requirements.) {LC2432/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5900

(Judiciary)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

{LC2411/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5901**BY** Lima, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Creates a mandatory jail sentence of ten (10) years for two (2) or more people who break into a business with the intent to steal.) {LC2146/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5902**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Bennett, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Increases the criminal penalties for wage theft and employee misclassification.)

{LC1272/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5903

(Attorney General)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Handy, Hull, Caldwell, Henries, Cortvriend **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES (Expands the crime of false reporting to include shootings or other dangerous events.) {LC2180/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5904

(Division of Public Utilities and Carriers)

BY Serpa, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (Establishes a safe and reasonable regulatory framework for companies and drivers providing non-emergency medical transportation services to a population of vulnerable passengers through coordination with the state's health and human service agencies.) {LC2080/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5905

(Judiciary)

BY Craven, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- POST CONVICTION RELIEF (Amends the post-conviction relief statute to impose a one year statute of limitations on the filing of a post-conviction relief petitions.)

{LC2408/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5906

(Judiciary)

BY Diaz, Hull, Slater, DeSimone, Morales, Felix, Giraldo, Kennedy, Edwards, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS--USE OF LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS IN LEGAL PROCEEDINGS {LC2412/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5907

(Judiciary)

BY Dawson, Craven, O'Brien, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE

GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Amends the filing fees and time frame for certain claims of appeal to superior court.) {LC2413/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5908

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Provides a set filing fee to the parties, allow for a party to be made financially whole depending upon who files an appeal, and allow for electronic filing.) {LC2414/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5909**BY** Serpa, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - SUPERIOR COURT (Mandates superior court establish a felony drunk driving calendar and promulgate a strict time line attorney general to file an information or indictment against any defendant and set strict schedule for exchange of discovery and scheduling a trial.) {LC204/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5910

(Judiciary)

BY Cruz, Boylan, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Amends the jury list and jury qualification statutes to add individuals receiving public assistance benefits to the list of individuals sent to the state's jury commissioner on a yearly basis.) {LC2407/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5911

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, O'Brien, Edwards, Casimiro, Kazarian, Spears, Fogarty, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS,

INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.) {LC2074/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5912

BY Boylan, Knight, Tanzi, Cruz, Kazarian, McEntee, Dawson, Potter, Kislak, Batista
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Requires law enforcement to submit any firearm seized in any investigation to the state crime laboratory and the bureau of alcohol, tobacco and firearms (BATF) for testing and tracing.) {LC470/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5913

(Judiciary)
BY Craven, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Amends the current time frame for automatic sealing of criminal cases in the district court.) {LC2417/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5914

BY Craven, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY (Requires conservation and preservation restrictions to be liberally interpreted in favor of the grants awarded.) {LC1534/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5915

(Attorney General)
BY Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE (Permits the health care advocate to receive confidential health care information with individual patient information but would prohibit the disclosure of the information, except pursuant to judicial process.) {LC2075/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5916

BY Brien, Corvese, Cardillo, Place, Noret, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE PROHIBITED (Prohibits any governmental entity from mandating the COVID-19 vaccination, or from discriminating against any individual or issuing a civil or criminal penalty upon any individual for refusing any COVID-19 vaccination.) {LC1966/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5917

BY Henries, Sanchez, Felix, Morales, Stewart, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- THE ROURKE ACT (Establishes The Rourke Act which creates a survivor support fund for the survivors of domestic assault and prohibits any individual convicted of domestic assault from being within 100 ft of the domestic assault survivor's residence.) {LC1442/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5918**BY** Lima, Serpa, Cardillo, Morgan P**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.) {LC2219/1} 03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5919****BY** Baginski, Casimiro, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Provides that any conviction of unnecessary cruelty to animals, malicious injury or killing of animals, or abandonment of animals, also carries the appropriate penalties pursuant to the domestic violence prevention act, where applicable.) {LC2204/1} 03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5920**

(Judiciary)

BY Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the statutory penalties for a second and third possession of marijuana offense to conform to the penalties promulgated in the Rhode Island cannabis act.) {LC2416/1} 03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5921**

(Judiciary)

BY Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends the statutory penalties for possession of marijuana offenses to conform to the penalties promulgated in the Rhode Island cannabis act.) {LC2415/1} 03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5922**

(Attorney General)

BY Hull, Phillips, Diaz, Noret, DeSimone, Fogarty, Abney, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Provides that Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act consist of drugs and other substances, by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name or name designated by the director of the department of health.) {LC2079/1} 03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5923****BY** Potter, McNamara, Speakman, Bennett, Place, Slater, Felix, Cruz, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends law on controlled substances to permit a person to possess less than 1 ounce of psilocybin and would allow psilocybin to be cultivated at a person's residence for personal use.) {LC1511/1} 03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5924

BY Henries, Morales, Alzate, Tanzi, Stewart, Cruz, Hull, Potter, Speakman, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 -- THE CROWN ACT (Defines the terms "race and ethnicity" to include ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background and inclusive of traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles.) {LC1896/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5925

BY Baginski, Solomon, Edwards, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS -- DIVISION OF GAMING AND ATHLETICS LICENSING (Removes requirement that the Rhode Island state police or the department of attorney general complete the nationwide criminal records check for any license application, permit and/or registration, require applicant to apply for nationwide criminal records) {LC2107/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5926

BY Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island to provide transparency in litigation.) {LC2069/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5927

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Donovan, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Hull, Spears, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENTS PRACTICES (Expands the definition of employee to include individuals under appointment or contract of hire or apprenticeship, volunteers or unpaid interns and decreases from 4 to 1 the number of employees required to trigger the designation of employer.) {LC2144/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5928

BY Henries, Stewart, Sanchez, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Lombardi J

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Effective January 1, 2024, increases the minimum hourly wage to fourteen dollars and fifty cents (\$14.50) to sixteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$16.75) the next year, the next year to nineteen dollars (\$19.00).) {LC1434/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5929

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Speakman, Donovan, Vella-Wilkinson, Felix, Hull, Spears, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Forbids an employer to require an employee to execute a nondisclosure agreement or non-disparagement agreement, regarding alleged violations of civil rights or criminal conduct, as a condition of employment.) {LC2142/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5930**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (Incorporates the federal affirmative action and nondiscrimination obligations of federal contractors and subcontractors regarding individuals with disabilities and further expands the existing disability enterprises program.) {LC1733/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5931**BY** Caldwell, Donovan, McEntee, Fogarty, O'Brien, Craven, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARD PAY AND PROTECTION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS (Creates hazard pay for essential services during a public health crisis as issued by the governor.) {LC1841/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5932**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HOISTING ENGINEERS (Amends the examination requirements for a hoisting engineers license.) {LC1342/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5933**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Noret, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services which would be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.) {LC2035/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5934**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Lima, Serpa, Casimiro, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGANIZATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES (Requires that if state employee unions are engaged in contract negotiations and/or utilizing the dispute resolution process, all terms and conditions in the collective bargaining agreement shall continue to remain in effect.) {LC2259/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Resolution No. 5935**BY** Sanchez**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO INCREASE DIVERSITY ON PROJECTS COVERED BY THE STATE PREVAILING WAGE RATE LAW (Creates a eleven (11) member Affirmative Action legislative special task force to study and provide recommendations to increase diversity on projects covered by the state prevailing wage rate law, and who would report back to the House of Representatives) {LC2041/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Resolution No. 5936**BY** Sanchez**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN TO INCREASE STATEWIDE DIVERSITY AMONG WORKERS EMPLOYED ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS {LC2043/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5937**BY** Speakman, Kislak, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Establishes transit-oriented housing development program to create a transit-oriented development district for development of housing funded by an annual tax on passenger vehicles registered in this state.) {LC1839/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5938**BY** Henries, Morales, Sanchez, Stewart, Alzate, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Prohibits single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations of over twenty-thousand (20,000) and mandate that those municipalities adopt zoning regulations for middle housing in single-family residential zones.) {LC1433/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5939**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Removes the floor area ratio requirement from the zoning ordinances.) {LC2185/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5940**BY** Chippendale, Rea, Nardone, Place, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Allows municipalities without public transportation extending to urban service boundaries to reduce the low- or moderate-income housing requirements from ten percent (10%) to six percent (6%).) {LC1868/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5941**BY** Chippendale, Noret, Brien, Nardone, Place, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Provides another method for municipalities to identify and calculate private residences as low and moderate income housing.) {LC1821/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5942**BY** Speakman, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the state building code with regard to buildings and structures owned by a municipality upon any land owned by the state.) {LC1693/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5943**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Authorizes municipalities to regulate the use of quadricycle passenger vehicles within their borders, provided there is approval by the local police chief.) {LC662/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5944**BY** Craven, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Allows the presumption of in-the-line-of-duty illness unless contrary evidence is presented.) {LC2027/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5945**BY** Place, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases the membership of the energy facility siting board from 3 to 5 members and would revise the process of energy facility siting to mandate inclusion/participation of the host community of the facility as well as of the public and cities and towns.) {LC2003/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5946**BY** Voas, Giraldo, O'Brien, Morales, Casimiro, DeSimone, Solomon, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS IN GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Relieves property owners from implementing lead hazard mitigation for pre-1978 rental dwelling units that are comprised of two (2) or three (3) units, one of which is occupied by the property owner.) {LC2194/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5947**BY** Boylan, Tanzi, Donovan, Speakman, Ajello, McGaw, Fogarty, Kazarian, Spears, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real, tangible and personal property of micro-businesses. This act also defines a micro-business as having ten (10) or fewer employees.) {LC2122/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5948**BY** Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Transfers the tax exemption classification to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.)

{LC2139/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5949**BY** Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Requires municipalities to mandate that all developers and contractors, applying for tax stabilization, hire 20% women, 25% minorities, and 51% percent RI residents, and it applies the same percentages to the total hours worked.) {LC2215/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5950

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Handy, Hull, Caldwell, Henries, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides for certain farm, forest or open space property to be withdrawn from classification for renewable energy production.) {LC1801/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5951

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Includes the national guard in the definition of who is eligible for veterans' exemptions.)

{LC2187/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5952**BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Boylan, Handy, Hull, Caldwell, Craven, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Permits the department of transportation to paint the center yellow lines red, white and blue for the purpose of celebration upon request of the city or town council.) {LC2114/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5953**BY** Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Craven, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Would designate a fishing site at Black Point in Narragansett as the "Stephen J. Medeiros Fishing Area at Black Point".) {LC2205/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5954

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Permits disabled veterans to be issued several disabled veteran plates, permits plates to be transferred to their spouse or caretaker during the veteran's life and would allow disabled veteran plates to be issued for a commercial vehicle of any size.) {LC2237/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Bill No. 5955

(Board of Elections)

BY Dawson, McEntee, O'Brien, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.) {LC2089/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5956

BY Brien, Corvese, Phillips, Noret, Chippendale, O'Brien, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Modifies the timeline for mail in ballot voting.) {LC2117/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5957

(Board of Elections)

BY McGaw, Messier, Kazarian, Corvese, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Craven, Speakman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES (Allows the board of elections to establish rules and regulations for objections to nomination papers and would allow the board seven (7) days to conduct a hearing.) {LC2085/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5958

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows voters to choose to vote by mail for a period of two (2) years for both the primary and general elections in the year they submit their absentee voting application or the year thereafter upon acceptance by their local boards of canvassers.) {LC1251/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5959

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Kazarian, Donovan, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Baginski, Spears, Edwards, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.) {LC1412/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5960

(Board of Elections)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Casimiro, Noret, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES (Requires a write-in candidate to file a declaration of intent with the same office at which the declaration of candidacy would be filed, and require similar residency requirements for write-in candidates that exists for declared candidates.) {LC2086/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5961

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Requires certain candidates for state and municipal political office and political action committees designate a financial institution as a depository for campaign funds.) {LC1872/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5962

BY Newberry, Edwards, Kazarian, Solomon, Chippendale, Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Raises aggregate reporting to \$200, individual/PAC contributions to \$2,000. Defines FMV/accounts payable. Prohibits financing to candidates owing fines to BOE. Exempts candidates from aggregate reporting. Provides public financing for primaries in 2026.) {LC1869/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5963

BY Lima, Cardillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT BENEFIT VERIFICATION (Requires business tax credit recipients to provide the state with financial business records to document any benefit to the state from the issuance of the tax credit.) {LC2160/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

(For Co-sponsorship removal request, see Journal of 4-20-2023, page 2.)

House Bill No. 5964

BY Donovan, Boylan, Tanzi, McGaw, Kazarian, Casimiro, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- DAY CARE PROGRAMS STATE PURCHASES (Provides preference to businesses which possess a stated child care policy for its employees who contract with a governmental body for state purchases.)

{LC2229/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5965

BY Casimiro, Noret, Baginski, Serpa, Chippendale, Donovan, Kazarian, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES--FOSTER PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS {LC2212/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5966

BY Handy, Potter, Cortvriend, Chippendale, Marszalkowski, Knight, Hull, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Creates the position of a full-time staff attorney for the CRMC. The staff attorney reports directly to the executive director and is not permitted to engage in the practice of law. The staff attorney may not represent the council.) {LC1754/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5967

(BHDDH)

BY Slater, Ajello, Diaz, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY (Provides that occupants of state-owned group homes be given the right of first refusal to purchase the property subject to their lease.) {LC2386/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5968**BY** Lima, Fenton-Fung, Vella-Wilkinson, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Prohibits state lottery from releasing to the public the name of any prize winner of prizes in excess of \$600 without winner's written consent. Any document containing same deemed not a public record.) {LC2202/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5969**BY** Henries, Sanchez, Morales, Lombardi J, Felix, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- NARRAGANSETT INDIAN LAND MANAGEMENT CORPORATION (Repeals sections of the Narragansett Indian Land Management Corporation Act and acknowledge the Narragansett Indian Tribe as the sole aboriginal people sovereign to the territory of what is now known as Rhode Island.) {LC1467/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5970**BY** Henries, Tanzi, Stewart, Alzate, Sanchez, Lombardi J, Felix, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- NARRAGANSETT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY ACT (Exempts all Narragansett Indian Tribe members owning real estate, whether privately, commercially, in nonprofit corporations or in land trusts, from all real estate taxes imposed by the state or any municipality.) {LC1468/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5971**BY** Henries, Morales, Alzate, Tanzi, Stewart, Sanchez, Lombardi J, Felix, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts all Narragansett Indian Tribe homeowners from real estate taxes and real estate tax liens, imposed by the state or any municipality and declares the Tribe as the sole sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribe in Rhode Island.) {LC1469/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5972**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE CURRENT DECLARATION OF STATE EMERGENCY AND ALL EXECUTIVE ORDERS COMMENCING ON FEBRUARY 9, 2023, THROUGH MARCH 11, 2023 (Resolution urging the federal government to pursue a broad range of measure to reduce the danger of nuclear war.) {LC2052/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5973**BY** Ackerman, Morales, Bennett, Serpa, Edwards, Slater, Donovan, Ajello, Diaz, McNamara**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE A BROAD RANGE OF MEASURES TO REDUCE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR, TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (TPNW), TO MAKE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT THE CENTERPIECE OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY, AND TO SPEARHEAD A GLOBAL EFFORT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR

{LC1411/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5974

(By Request)

BY Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Permits those farmer-winery license holders to sell, their products, at retail, off the licensed premises at any time and at up to five (5) separate locations, provided, they obtain a license from the local municipality prior to the sale.) {LC1996/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5975

(Office of Lieutenant Governor)

BY Voas, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COUNCIL (Amends the composition of the small business advocacy council to permanently provide for the vacancy of three unappointed seats.) {LC2246/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

House Bill No. 5976**BY** Giraldo, Voas, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Includes municipal detention facility corporations as exempt from taxation, and requires that an amount equal to twenty-seven percent (27%) of all tax that would have been collected if the property was taxable be paid to the municipality annually.) {LC2031/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5977**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, Casimiro, Kazarian, Spears, Fogarty, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC2422/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5978**BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, Henries, Morales, Kislak, Felix, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FUND (Creates funding for affordable housing programs within the housing department and land bank development programs as well as residential development programs for the construction of low-income units by the department, cities and towns.) {LC1835/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5979

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (Makes statutory amendments throughout several sections of the general laws relating to the department of revenue changing the references of "collection unit" to "central collections unit.") {LC1711/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5980**BY** Speakman, Kislak, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Felix, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING PRODUCTION REVOLVING FUND (Creates the Housing Production Revolving Fund through the issuance of \$50,000,000 in housing bonds by the department of housing to provide affordable housing for low income households and provide a \$500,000 annual appropriation from the general assembly.) {LC2093/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5981

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX (Provides that the sale of cannabis be exempt from taxation under chapter 20 of title 44 relating to taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products.) {LC2291/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5982**BY** Nardone, Morales, Roberts, Rea, Place, Chippendale, Finkelman, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (Repeals the sunset for the small business assistance program and permanently extends the program beyond the scheduled expiration date of December 31, 2023.) {LC1831/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5983**BY** Giraldo, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STAY INVESTED IN RI WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIPS (Requires the commerce corporation to reserve ten (10) awards for qualified applicants who are employed by Early Intervention agencies as speech language pathologist, occupational therapists, physical therapist, or other qualified professions.) {LC2227/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5984

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Dawson, McEntee, Craven, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Includes the deputy chief of inspection and inspector within the provision of law relating to retirement on service allowance relating to correctional officers.) {LC2083/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5985**BY** Nardone, Morales, Morgan P, Rea, Noret, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE (Defines a small employer as an employer with maximum of one hundred (100) employees.) {LC1832/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5986**BY** Slater, Diaz, Cruz, Potter, Voas, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Provides children from birth through age five (5) with continuous coverage eligibility for RIte Track/RIte Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.) {LC1806/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5987**BY** Casimiro, Spears, Noret, Baginski, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Appropriates two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for home and community based providers of health and human services to provide a ten percent (10%) rate increase to providers.) {LC2221/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5988**BY** Solomon, Sanchez, Potter, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Prohibits the executive office of health and human services from entering into manage care organization (MCO) contracts that permit managed care organizations to contract with pharmacy benefit managers (PBM).) {LC977/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5989

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien, Casimiro, Kazarian, Spears, Fogarty, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Eliminates the "until June 30, 2023" sunset on the increase in the total amount of earnings a partial-unemployment insurance claimant can receive before being entirely disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits.) {LC2387/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5990

BY Giraldo, Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Increases the amount of unpaid parental or family leave available to an employee, from thirteen (13) weeks to twenty-six (26) weeks, in any two (2) calendar years.) {LC2029/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5991

BY Slater, Diaz, Cruz, Potter, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES (Relative to the provision of home and community based services, provides for the merger of the Independent Provider Program into the Personal Choice Program so that the state has one self-directed program for direct support services.) {LC1993/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5992

BY Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo, Felix, Henries, Speakman, Tanzi, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAID COVERAGE (Provides stop gap health insurance coverage for anyone who is found to no longer be eligible for Medicaid due to the end of the Federal COVID-19 Emergency funds.) {LC1783/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5993

BY Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo, Felix, Speakman, Tanzi, Stewart, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the EOHHS secretary, annually, to increase the income amount used to determine eligibility by the department for a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program by an amount equal to the income level at or below 185% of the federal poverty level.) {LC2255/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5994

BY Morales, Caldwell, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo, Felix, Henries, Speakman, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Disregards an increase in a recipient's income due solely to a cost-of-living adjustment to Social Security and Railroad Retirement payments, when determining the recipient's eligibility for medical assistance and SNAP benefits.) {LC2260/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5995**BY** Felix, Morales, Bennett, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Establishes the Katie Beckett Program pursuant to federal guidelines.) {LC2182/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5996**BY** Spears, Tanzi, Boylan, Fenton-Fung, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTHCARE ASSISTANCE

FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (Removes requirement that an individual's net accountable income does not exceed two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level and does not subject an eligible recipient to individual or family resource limits.) {LC2053/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5997**BY** Craven, Caldwell, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SUBSTANCE USE AND

MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FUND (Establishes the substance use and mental health prevention and treatment fund to receive the checkoff contributions from Rhode Island personal income tax returns.) {LC835/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5998**BY** Spears, Tanzi, Casimiro, Fenton-Fung, Morales, Henries, Cortvriend, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Authorizes the secretary of the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS) to develop a sliding scale decrease in benefits as a beneficiary's income increases up to two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level.) {LC2211/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5999

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Place, Serpa, Azzinaro, Rea, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL

PROVISIONS (Provides free admission to any state owned recreational facility for Gold Star families with exceptions for docking slips.) {LC2188/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6000**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND

CANNABIS ACT (Requires the office of cannabis regulation to issue requirements pertaining to the sale of the cannabis product known as "cannagar".) {LC2434/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6001

(RIPTA)

BY O'Brien, Kazarian, Casimiro, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Serpa, Bennett, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority to enter into certain projects and procure related services including the Dorrance Street transit center, using design build contracting and progressive design build contracting.) {LC2390/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6002

BY Solomon, Donovan, Abney, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Knight, Kazarian, Carson, Edwards, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Mandates the RITBA to design a safety barrier or netting system on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge by January 1, 2024, with construction commencing no later than June 30, 2024.) {LC1948/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6003

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Serpa, Bennett, Diaz, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND (Expands the definition of a minority business and allows corporation to allocate more than 20k to a small business development fund.) {LC2231/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6004

(City of Providence)

BY Slater, Diaz, Sanchez, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Allocates, to city of Providence, a portion of state income taxes for new employees of not-for-profit healthcare institutions and private educational institutions to assist the city's ability to absorb desirable and necessary growth in such institutions.) {LC2383/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6005

BY Edwards, Abney, Nardone, Kislak, Diaz, Ackerman, Kazarian, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Increases the maximum state and municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other state and municipal purchases.) {LC395/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6006

(General Treasurer)

BY O'Brien, Casey, Kazarian, Casimiro, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Serpa, Bennett
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Provides a one-time allowance of five hundred dollars (\$500) for eligible members of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island.) {LC2423/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6007

BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Morales, Fogarty, Felix, Spears, Potter, Henries, Kislak, Giraldo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires all public schools to make reimbursable breakfasts and lunches available to all students under the rules and regulations of the USDA and the RI department of education.) {LC1031/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6008

BY Handy, McNamara, Cortvriend, Boylan, Tanzi, Edwards, Hull, Speakman, Fogarty, Henries
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Provides that the department of education and the office of energy resources develop regulations for school buildings to meet the latest Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools standards of zero energy capable schools.) {LC1764/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6009

BY McNamara, Noret, Casimiro, Solomon, Handy, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Develops a plan to expand public, high quality prekindergarten education programs available to all children ages three (3) and four (4) throughout Rhode Island to increase children's school readiness and makes fund available to sustain all classrooms.) {LC1928/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6010

BY Cardillo, Phillips, Brien, Noret, Rea, Serpa, Solomon, Place, Sanchez, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the federal adjusted gross income threshold for modification for taxable social security income.) {LC2199/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6011

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Noret, Lima, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- GUN SAFE TAX CREDIT (Creates a tax credit for 50% of the cost of a qualified gun safe/vault/cabinet, not to exceed \$5,000 even if purchased prior to effective date of the tax credit; exempts the devices from the sales tax; all provisions expire/sunset 2 yrs. after passage.) {LC2044/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6012

BY Donovan, Boylan, Tanzi, Kazarian, Casimiro, Fogarty, Caldwell, McEntee, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S EQUITY INCENTIVE ACT OF 2023 (Creates the Rhode Island Women's Equity Incentive Act of 2023 offering tax credits up to \$3,500 per employee per year to eligible businesses.) {LC2380/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6013

BY Lima, Place, Vella-Wilkinson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Removes state-owned property from the exemption from local property taxes.) {LC2158/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6014

BY Rea, Shallcross Smith, Chippendale, Newberry, Place, Nardone, Sanchez, McNamara, Noret, Cardillo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATEWIDE TANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (Phases in a permanent tax exemption over 5 years for tangible personal property of businesses of less than \$250,000 of assessed value. Provides reimbursement from state revenues for the amount of lost tax revenue resulting from the exemption.) {LC1916/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6015

BY Baginski, Shallcross Smith, Kennedy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts machinery and equipment used to provide broadband communications service the from the sales and use tax.) {LC2090/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6016

BY Speakman, Donovan, Ajello, Kislak, Cortvriend, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 (Extends the historic tax credit to June 30, 2024.) {LC2239/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

BY Finkelman, Baginski, Solomon, Brien, Cardillo, Phillips, Azzinaro, Noret, Dawson, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of retirement systems who also served in the national guard or reserves to purchase retirement services credits.) {LC2154/1}
03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6018

BY McGaw, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Kazarian, Kislak, Craven, Speakman
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND CONSERVATION OF FARMLANDS (This resolution

would authorize the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the preservation, protection, and conservation of Rhode Island farmlands.) {LC2342/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6019

BY Place, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Finkelman, Brien, Rea, Solomon, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF RHODE ISLAND STATE WORKER PENSIONERS COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS (COLAS) {LC2183/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6020

BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman, Vella-Wilkinson, Handy, Fogarty, Spears, Potter, Kislak

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATEWIDE PLANNING (RIDSP) TO FUND THE STATEWIDE BICYCLE MOBILITY PLAN (BMP) (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$25,000,000 to the Rhode Island Division of Statewide Planning to fund the Bicycle Mobility Plan.) {LC2162/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6021

BY Morales, Sanchez, Hull, Henries, Speakman, DeSimone

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAMS AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL IN PROVIDENCE (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$50,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Education for Firefighter I student courses at Central High School in Providence.) {LC2042/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6022

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Vella-Wilkinson, Cortvriend, Handy, Knight, Fogarty, Potter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$275,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) TO PURCHASE COUNTERS, AND MAINTAIN, COLLECT, AND ANALYZE YEAR-ROUND DATA ON BIKE PATH USAGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$275,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to purchase counters, and maintain, collect and analyze year-round data on bike path usage throughout the State.) {LC2220/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6023

BY Morales, Caldwell, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo, Felix, Henries, Speakman, Tanzi, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MULTILINGUAL EDUCATORS INVESTMENT ACT {LC1657/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6024**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "rights of secured lenders" provision from § 34-36.1-2.19 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982 and creates a process for condominium associations to notify unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.) {LC1126/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6025**BY** Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo, Felix, Henries, Speakman, Tanzi, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAID (Requires the department of human services to obtain an individual's most recent up-to-date contact information prior to disenrollment of benefits.) {LC1784/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6026**BY** Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson, Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION – LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments and motor vehicle tax payments.) {LC2376/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6027**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE (Provides that if liability is accepted by causing a total loss of the other party's vehicle, coverage for a rental vehicle for no less than an additional ten (10) days be provided.) {LC2061/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6028

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.) {LC2077/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6029

(Judiciary)

BY Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE IMPERSONATION (Provides that state court clerks be added to the list of public officers for whom falsely assuming their identity would be a criminal offense.) {LC2410/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6030

(Judiciary)

BY Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FILING OF FALSE LIEN

(Criminalizes the filing of a false lien, instrument, or encumbrance against a federal, state, or municipal judge or magistrate or his or her immediate family, and permit the court to take action to mitigate the negative consequences of such a filing.) {LC2409/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6031

(Attorney General)

BY Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES

(Permits grand juries to issue reports and provides for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.) {LC2076/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6032

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Eliminates the requirement of signing with an "X" for voters who cannot sign their name due to a physical incapacity.) {LC2084/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6033

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Allows the first Tuesday after the first Monday in the month preceding the special election to be available to hold the special primary.) {LC2087/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6034**BY** Tanzi, Cortvriend, Handy, Spears, Henries, Boylan, Fogarty, Kislak, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Replaces the coastal resources management council with a state department of coastal resources and transfers all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.) {LC2100/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

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

House Bill No. 5779

(By Request)

BY Knight, Speakman, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires the executive director of the coastal resources management council to hire a hearing officer if the position is vacant for more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.) {LC1792/1}

03/02/2023 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:55 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William F. Coty Jr.; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of C. William Gallagher; on motion of Representative Azzinaro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Sanford Gorodetsky; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Adrian Hall; on motion of Representative Diaz, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Juana Gomez seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023:

1. 2023-H 5121

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

2. 2023-H 5263

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TAX RELIEF IN THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

3. 2023-H 5287

BY Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Monday, February 27, 2023