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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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Thursday, March 2, 2023

Sixteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, March 2, 2023, and is called to order at 4:23 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 68 members present and 7 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

ABSENT – 7: Representatives Alzate, Batista, Diaz, Felix, Fellela, Henries, and Perez.

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, February 28, 2023, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2023

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Representative Lombardi

hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # 5567

Entitled: AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Repeals the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights, Chapter 42-28.6 of the General Laws, in its entirety.)

which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

House District #

Date: 2-2-23, 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

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Deborah A. Fellela is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 2, 2023.
Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 2, 2023.
Representative Jose F. Batista is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 2, 2023.
Representative Leonela Felix is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 2, 2023.
Representative Karen Alzate is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 2, 2023.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Whip Kazarian, Representatives Casimiro, Noret and Cotter.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Noret, McEntee, Finkelman, Morales, Biah and Dawson.

Chairman Casey and Representative Morales discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2023-H 5287**BY Phillips****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 Phillips, Biah, Deputy Speaker Hull, Shallcross Smith, Deputy Whip Ackerman, and Brien.

Chairman Casey and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

POINT OF ORDER

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order for Representative Sanchez to speak on the merits of the act.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and requests Representative Sanchez to speak on the merits of the act.

Representative Phillips and Deputy Speaker Hull continue the discussion on the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member 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, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Representative Bennett congratulates Anthony Capezza, President of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO), on his retirement and welcomes to the House Chamber the newly elected President of IBPO, John Rossi, Paul Valetta and Mark Mancinho.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representatives Lima, Slater, O'Brien, Brien and Speaker Shekarchi express their sympathy and offer condolences to the entire family of Michael J. Sepe.

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

GUESTS

Representative Phillips recognizes Margaux Morisseau, Vimala Phongsavanh and students from Riverzedge Arts and welcomes them to the House Chamber.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Craven announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

GUESTS

Representative Kislak welcomes to the House Chamber Alissa Simone who will be her intern for the session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representatives Tanzi and Fogarty announce that Tuesday, March 7th, is International Women's Day and invite all members to attend the celebration to honor Rhode Island Nurses and Nurse Educators which will be held at 11:00 p.m. in the State Room.

GUESTS

Representative Nardone welcomes to the House Chamber Nickolas Votta who will be his intern this session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi recognizes Margery O'Brien for doing an act of kindness and thanks her for being a great samaritan.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next session will be held on Tuesday, March 7th at 4 p.m.

If all bills are not submitted today, beginning next Tuesday, March 7th, all bills must be introduced under Rule 7(d). Especially for the freshmen, it's important to note the following: moving forward, members must give notice under House Rule 7(d) to introduce bills on the next legislative day. There is a limit of three bills per member using this rule. After the three-bill limit has been reached, permission must be obtained from the Speaker to introduce any further bills. This provision does not apply to city or town bills, 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.

In anticipation of the increased volume of work in the coming weeks, House policy will be that no guests are allowed on the House Floor during session. Exceptions can be made only with the Speaker's permission, and the requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**House Resolution No. 6035**

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, Finkelman, Noret, Corvese, Bennett, Ajello, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2023, AS "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC211/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Vella-Wilkinson discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6036

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Vella-Wilkinson, Kazarian, Craven, Knight, Tanzi, Edwards

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEABEES ON MARCH 5, 2023 {LC1183/1}

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. 6037

BY O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, Noret, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kennedy, Cotter

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 26TH THROUGH MARCH 4TH, 2023, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1452/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative O'Brien discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6038

BY Donovan, Tanzi, Spears, Speakman, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Roberts, Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2023, TO BE "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2441/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 6039

BY Bennett, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Hull, Craven, Tanzi, Shanley, Lombardi J, Casey
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING ANTHONY CAPEZZA ON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND HONORABLE PUBLIC
SERVICE {LC2460/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Bennett, Chairwoman McEntee, Chairman Corvese, Representative Lombardi and Speaker Shekarchi discuss the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Bennett, seconded by several others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6040

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2430/1}

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. 6041

BY Blazejewski, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2429/1}

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.

RULE 7D

The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:

Representative Casimiro-An Act relating to Criminal Procedure – Second Look Sentencing Act
Representative Cotter-An Act relating to Community College of Rhode Island

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. 6042**

BY Cortvriend, Spears, Edwards, Chippendale, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LAND SURVEYORS (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.) {LC1637/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6043

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD SUPPORT INTERCEPT ACT (Expands child support interception of insurance payments to include life insurance proceeds payable to non-custodial parents who are the beneficiaries of the policy.) {LC1314/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6044

BY Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Spears, Casimiro, Ajello, Kazarian, Kislak, Hull, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires private insurers to reimburse child care service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Childcare Services. This coverage would be effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2168/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6045

BY McGaw, Ajello, Kazarian, Place, Kislak, Craven, Speakman, Cotter, Sanchez, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Provides for the creation, operation and duties of natural organic reduction facilities as cemetery corporations for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil.) {LC1335/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6046

BY McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS (Requires cable companies to justify and explain the necessity for rate increases to consumers.) {LC1192/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6047

BY Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Includes the Block Island Utility District as one of the electric companies that are exempt from offering retail access from nonregulated power producers to all customers.) {LC2223/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6048

BY Place, Rea, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Newberry, Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Replaces time to time language with staggered for acquisitions, commission would review the acquisition plan, and requires annual review. Repeals §§ 39-1-27.3.1 and 39-1-27.8.) {LC1558/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6049

BY Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name". This act would also centralize the filing, administration and regulation process to the secretary of state. This act would also require trade an annual renewal of the trade name.) {LC2092/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6050

BY Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED - LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.) {LC2197/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 6051**BY** Morales, McNamara, Cruz, Sanchez, Giraldo, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Establishes a process public school districts must follow as part of the phase-out or closure of a public school building.) {LC1900/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6052**BY** Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Speakman, McNamara, Kislak, Spears, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Adds the Rhode Island teacher of the year as an additional ex officio member of the council on elementary and secondary education as well as the board of education.) {LC1888/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6053**BY** Sanchez, Morales, Caldwell, Slater, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires new instruction and annual reports dealing with student mental health throughout the state.) {LC1466/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6054**BY** Bennett, Spears, Knight, Ackerman, Carson, McGaw, Cortvriend, Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MINIATURE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER ACT OF 2023 (Creates a refundable twenty-five cent (\$0.25) deposit for miniature alcoholic beverage containers, often referred to as "nips.") {LC2381/1}

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

House Bill No. 6055**BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Speakman, McGaw, Handy, Spears, Potter, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM (Requires the DEM adopt motor vehicle emissions standards based on California's promulgated standards; provided that, the California standards achieve greater motor vehicle pollution reductions than the federal standards as required by § 31-47.1-1(a).) {LC1887/1}

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

House Bill No. 6056**BY** Spears, Carson, Cortvriend, Finkelman, Casimiro, Kazarian, Boylan, McGaw, Shanley, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ACT ON COASTS - COASTAL RESILIENCY (Establishes a chief resilience officer (CRO) charged with creation/maintenance/updating of the state's resiliency/recovery program along with climate change resiliency plan with ocean/riverine coasts resiliency advisory board.) {LC1344/1}

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

House Bill No. 6057**BY** Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION--STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS METRICS (Requires that the division of planning create a checklist of environmental and energy issues that state construction projects which cost in excess of \$10,000,000 would need to consider.) {LC663/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 6058**BY** Abney, Shekarchi, Biah, Azzinaro, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Increases the amount of allowable units per acre for all projects subject to inclusionary zoning as well as other incentives and subsidies to offset differential costs of below-market units.) {LC1889/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6059**BY** Craven, Shekarchi, McGaw, Shanley, Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends certain general laws relative to zoning ordinance variances, special use permits, modifications thereto and also amends provisions relative to substandard lots of record and the merger of such lots.) {LC2094/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6060**BY** Shekarchi, Hull, Edwards, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Blazejewski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Establishes a land use court within the superior court, effective January 1, 2024, .) {LC2192/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6061**BY** Craven, Shekarchi, McGaw, Shanley, Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Amends the provisions relative to the subdivision of land and the application process requesting relief from zoning ordinances and the review process thereof.) {LC2437/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6062**BY** Speakman, Cruz, Morales, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Creates a tenants' bill of rights providing certain rights to the tenants, prohibits a landlord from increasing the rent more than four percent (4%) per year and holds landlords responsible for the mitigation of insect infestations.) {LC2347/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6063**BY** Ajello, Knight, Kazarian, Handy, Cortvriend, Cruz, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Prohibits arrest of any person engaged in commercial sexual activity or massage without a license if they report to law enforcement, enumerated criminal offenses to include assault, sexual assault, homicide, robbery, larceny and the like.) {LC2436/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6064**BY** Sanchez, Henries, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Prohibits arrest of any person engaged in commercial sexual activity or massage without a license if they report to law enforcement, enumerated criminal offenses to include assault, sexual assault, homicide, robbery, larceny and the like.) {LC2064/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6065**BY** Roberts, Chippendale, Nardone, Rea, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Limits governor's emergency declaration to 60 days unless extended by the general assembly and prohibits eliminating religious exemption regarding mandatory health injections or inoculations and an unlawful employment practice.) {LC1936/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6066**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Potter, Giraldo, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSCENE AND OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AND SHOWS (Establishes, as an affirmative defense to the crimes of circulating obscene publications or shows and selling or exhibiting obscene publications to minors, the person's employment status as an employee of a school, museum, or library.) {LC2256/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6067**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Dawson, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS (Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.) {LC2216/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6068

(Judiciary)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- TREATMENT OF JUVENILES FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY (Amends the statute so as to conform to current statutory penalties for possession of marijuana offenses promulgated in The Rhode Island cannabis act allowing for possession up to two (2) ounces of marijuana.) {LC2463/1} 03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6069

(Attorney General)

BY Knight, Tanzi, Boylan, Dawson, Slater, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.) {LC2078/1} 03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6070

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Corvese, Finkelman, Hull, Dawson, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES (Provides updates and clarifications to the current penalties for driving after denial, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license.) {LC2462/1} 03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6071**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Potter, Felix, Henries, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF POLICE ROBOT TECHNOLOGY (Prohibits on-duty/off-duty law enforcement officer from utilizing any robot/police robot dog/UAV, whether armed/unarmed, within the scope of their employment as well as police departments from purchase/procurement of any robots/UVAs/police robot dogs.) {LC2171/1} 03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6072**BY** Lombardi J, Hull, Morales, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Slater, Bennett, McEntee, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMITMENT OF ALCOHOLICS OR SUBSTANCE ABUSERS {LC1489/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

(For Co-sponsorship removal requests, see Journal of 3-2-2023, page 2 and 3.)**House Bill No. 6073****BY** Speakman, Morales, Ajello, Kazarian, Donovan, Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, Kislak

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.) {LC2151/1}

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

House Bill No. 6074**BY** Fenton-Fung, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Provides that nursing home facilities that have achieved 90% compliance with the staffing requirements that commenced in January 2023, are granted a 12 month grace period to achieve 100% compliance without being penalized.) {LC2451/1}

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

House Bill No. 6075**BY** Sanchez, Cruz, Morales, Henries, Fellela, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires the director of the department of children, youth and families to establish an informal procedure to handle complaints filed by persons regarding actions or inactions of the department prior to an appeal to the department's hearing officer.) {LC2125/1}

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

House Bill No. 6076**BY** Shanley, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance contract plans or policies to provide coverage for the licensed practice of naturopathy as provided in chapter 36.1 of title 5 effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2233/1}

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

House Bill No. 6077

(Governor's Commission on Disabilities)

BY Carson, Casimiro, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Donovan, Spears, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- HABILITATION PROCUREMENT PROGRAM (Provides that persons with disabilities be afforded participation opportunities in state funded and state directed public construction projects.) {LC2465/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6078**BY** Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Raises the minimum wage for the years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029, to \$15.50, \$17.00, \$18.50, \$20.00, and \$21.00, per hour, respectively.) {LC2470/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6079**BY** Sanchez, Morales, Felix, Cardillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Prevents employers from discriminating against an employee because the employee has exercised a right and worker's compensation benefits.) {LC1892/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6080**BY** Roberts, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE PROHIBITED (Prohibits a private employer from mandating a COVID-19 vaccination upon any full-time, part-time, or contract employee without providing individual exemptions that allow an employee to opt out of such mandate.) {LC1915/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6081**BY** Shekarchi, Speakman, Knight, Donovan, Tanzi, Cruz, Cortvriend, Casey, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Provides amendments relative to low- and moderate-income housing and modifies and clarifies the procedure for review of applications to build such housing.) {LC2127/1}

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

House Bill No. 6082**BY** Speakman, Kazarian, Shekarchi, Cotter, Knight, Donovan, Tanzi, Cruz, Cortvriend, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends several sections of law relating to zoning ordinances to provide uniform zoning standards for accessory dwelling units.) {LC1326/1}

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

House Bill No. 6083**BY** Batista, Shekarchi, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Noret, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends several sections of law relating to low-and moderate-income housing and the application, appeal, and judicial review process.) {LC1448/1}

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

House Bill No. 6084**BY** Felix, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, Hull, Kazarian, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Creates the transit oriented development pilot program to encourage residential housing near convenient public transportation.) {LC2193/1}

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

House Bill No. 6085**BY** Casey, Shekarchi, Corvese, Brien, Noret, Speakman, Potter, Marszalkowski, Kazarian, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends the required contents of a comprehensive plan providing that the "implementation program" component of the requirements include a 5 year strategic plan to ensure that the comprehensive plan goals and policies are implemented in a timely fashion.) {LC2439/1}

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

House Bill No. 6086

BY Corvese, Shekarchi, Casey, O'Brien, Cardillo, Phillips, Bennett, Hull, Brien, Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends certain notification procedures
relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land and zoning ordinances.)
{LC1890/1}

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

House Bill No. 6087

BY Cruz, Shekarchi, Kazarian, Speakman, Potter, Stewart, Casimiro, Slater, Blazejewski, Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND
TENANT ACT (Prohibits the requirement that a fee be paid for a rental application for real property.)
{LC2022/1}

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

House Resolution No. 6088

BY Speakman, Giraldo, Shekarchi, Kazarian, Cotter, Knight, Cruz, Cortvriend, Casey, Potter
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION
DATES AND AMENDING THE PURPOSE, NAME, AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING
ACT (This resolution would expand the purpose, amend the name and membership, and extend the
reporting and expiration dates of the Commission from April 12, to June 7, 2025, and would expire
on June 28, 2025.) {LC1417/1}

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

House Resolution No. 6089

BY Giraldo, Speakman, Shekarchi, Solomon, Donovan, Biah, Chippendale
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION
DATES, AND REQUIRING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE,
PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION
(Extends the reporting and expiration dates and requires a letter of continued interest to the speaker
for reappointment of membership, to the commission to study the entire area of land use from 6/8/23
to 6/8/25 and would expire on 6/30/25.) {LC2010/1}

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

House Bill No. 6090

BY Alzate, Shekarchi, Tanzi, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES
(Provides that adaptive reuse for the conversion of commercial property into residential or mixed-use
developments shall be a permitted use and allowable by specific and objective provisions of a zoning
ordinance, subject to certain restrictions.) {LC2438/1}

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

House Bill No. 6091

(Dept. of Health)

BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Boylan, Fogarty, Spears, Donovan, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Allows cities and towns to create and enforce ordinances related to the sale of tobacco products; provided the regulations are at least as stringent as state law.) {LC2389/1}

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

House Bill No. 6092**BY** Cruz, Henries, Potter, Morales, Sanchez, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS -- MANDATORY MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SHELTERS (Requires all cities and towns that receive extra state school aid to provide and maintain, at their expense, year round homeless shelters with a minimum of 10 beds.) {LC2120/1}

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

House Bill No. 6093**BY** Nardone, Noret, Morgan P, Chippendale, Serpa, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 492 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006 AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT (Amends the Central Coventry Fire District Charter to provide for purchasing, installing, operating and maintaining street lighting and the funding for its debt.) {LC2258/1}

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

House Bill No. 6094**BY** Biah, Henries, Cardillo, DeSimone, O'Brien, Caldwell, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Sojourner House, a Rhode Island nonprofit corporation.) {LC2198/1}

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

House Bill No. 6095

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Casey, Baginski, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends the general law relative to levy and assessment of local taxes.) {LC2071/1}

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

House Bill No. 6096

(by request)

BY Carson, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SHORT-TERM RENTAL COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE {LC1602/1}

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

House Bill No. 6097

(by request)

BY Carson, McGaw, Speakman, Edwards, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Removes the municipal preemption on prohibiting the offering of residential units for tourist or transient use through a hosting platform, and take effect upon passage.) {LC1316/1}

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

House Bill No. 6098

BY Morales, Giraldo, Cruz, Speakman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Requires the personnel administrator, any time any state agency has fifty (50) position vacancies or more, to administer civil service exams to fill those positions at least three (3) times per year.) {LC1689/1}

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

House Bill No. 6099

BY Morales, Cruz, Speakman, Tanzi, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Temporarily exempts applicants for employment with the department of human services from completing the civil service exam until July 1, 2024.) {LC1687/1}

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

House Bill No. 6100

BY Morales, Sanchez, Potter, Speakman, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Directs the department of human services to temporarily waive any civil service exam required by the department to obtain a license, for one year.) {LC1107/1}

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

House Bill No. 6101

BY Edwards, Casimiro, Kislak, Cortvriend, Messier, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires adoption of 2021 International Energy Conservation Code ("IECC").) {LC2210/1}

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

House Bill No. 6102

BY Casey, Chippendale, Lima, Cardillo, Phillips, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM (Community College of Rhode Island motorcycle course to accommodate person's with disabilities.) {LC2101/1}

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

House Bill No. 6103

BY Cotter, Casimiro, Carson, Donovan, McGaw, Cruz, Speakman, Stewart, Kislak, Sanchez
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAY OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE
(Makes days on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for
presidential preference primaries general holidays.) {LC1953/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6104

(Board of Elections)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Allows mail ballot drop
boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day.) {LC2091/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6105

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Handy, Spears, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE
CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACT (Appropriates five
hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per fiscal year to invest in a climate change and ocean
protection workforce development grant program.) {LC1727/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6106

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Handy, Spears, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLIMATE
CHANGE AND OCEAN PROTECTION EDUCATION PROGRAM ACT (Appropriates five
hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per fiscal year to invest in climate change and ocean protection
education to enhance literacy of these issues for Rhode Island's youth and include a grant program.)
{LC1729/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6107

BY Cotter, Casimiro, Carson, Donovan, Boylan, Cruz, Speakman, Kazarian, Spears, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY
SYSTEM TAX CREDIT (Allows a taxpayer to donate residential renewable energy system tax
credits to nonprofit organizations and subtract the corresponding amount of credits from federal
adjusted gross income.) {LC2051/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6108

BY Azzinaro, Lima, Slater, Costantino, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY
AND COMPUTATION (Grants a tax credit for any tax placed upon the sale of automobile parts
which have a core charge.) {LC2469/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6109**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Removes the requirements that all contributions be forwarded to the general treasurer to be deposited in a restricted account and distributed as prescribed in this chapter.) {LC2459/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6110**BY** Cortvriend, Hull, Morales, Henries, Kislak, Felix, Cruz, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET (Directs the budget officer to include in the annual state budget and explanation of how the budget furthers efforts to ensure equity in the state.) {LC2097/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6111**BY** Cortvriend, McEntee, Finkelman, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Requires that all projects seeking school housing aid shall complete an independent, objective, reasoned study on all projects over ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).) {LC2300/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6112**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.) {LC2201/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6113**BY** Shanley, Donovan, Solomon, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Includes the costs of educating students with intellectual disabilities in calculating direct state aid funding from the permanent foundation education-aid program.) {LC2196/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6114**BY** Cotter, Casimiro, Potter, Kennedy, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Donovan, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Ensures that transportation categorical funds between the state and regional school districts would be fully funded.) {LC1294/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6115

BY Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Sanchez, Potter, Speakman, Tanzi, Stewart, Giraldo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- REENTRY WORKFORCE TRAINING (Appropriates \$600,000 per year to be directed to the department of labor and training for the purpose of providing employment and career services to individuals transitioning out of a jail or prison administered by the department of corrections.) {LC2143/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6116

BY Casey, Fenton-Fung, Phillips, Costantino, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Prohibits the division of motor vehicles from charging extra fees for reissuance of vanity plates.) {LC2111/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

BY Cortvriend, Speakman, Phillips, Place, Spears, Donovan, Edwards, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows members who retired before January 1, 2023 to receive two stipends of five hundred dollars (\$500).+) {LC2149/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6118

BY Shanley, Lima, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides a retired teacher with 4% COLA increase for 10 years, reduced by every COLA year received, on the first \$60,000 of retirement allowance. After totaling 10 years of adjustments, the annual increase shall be reduced to 3% until death.) {LC562/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6119

BY Spears, Tanzi, Cortvriend, O'Brien, Kislak, Baginski, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Increases the Medicaid rate of reimbursement for ambulance and wheelchair van services to not less than ninety percent (90%) of Medicare rates for the same medical services.) {LC1933/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6120

BY Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires the department of health to contract with medical debt relief entities for the purchase and forgiveness of medical debt.) {LC2471/1}
03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6121

BY Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Spears, Casimiro, Ajello, Kazarian, Kislak, Hull, Fenton-Fung
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CORE STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES SYSTEMS (Establishes a core state behavioral health crisis services system to be administered by the director of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.) {LC2458/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6122

BY Cruz, Boylan, Cotter, Spears, Kislak, Kazarian, Speakman, Potter, Stewart, Lombardi J
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILD CARE FOR ALL ACT (Creates the Office of Early Childhood Development and Learning to provide access to affordable, quality child care and to create a child care system that supports families, workers and the Rhode Island economy.) {LC2112/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6123

BY Casimiro, Place, Chippendale, Casey, Newberry, Noret
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO ELEANOR SLATER HOSPITAL, ZAMBARANO UNIT (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 to Eleanor Slater Hospital, Zambarano Unit for the purpose of re-building a fire station on Wallum Lake.) {LC2454/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6124

BY Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Phillips
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD BANK (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.) {LC1740/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 6125

BY Morales, Cruz, Tanzi, Giraldo
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION OVER THREE FISCAL YEARS (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the total sum of \$750,000 to the Rhode Island School of Progressive Education, a period of over three fiscal years, to be distributed in three (3) equal installments.) {LC1995/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6126**BY** Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTERS 106 AND 107 OF THE LOCAL ACTS OF 2021 BOTH ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$5,760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY" {LC2032/1}

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6127**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS -- TOWN FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION SYSTEMS (Requires one acre or more public parks to have ADA public restrooms or (2) port-a-potties by July 1, 2025 enforced by DEM.) {LC1686/1}

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

House Bill No. 6128**BY** Edwards, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Messier, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT {LC2209/1}

03/06/2023 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 6129**BY** Cruz, Cotter, Boylan, Kazarian, Speakman, Lombardi J, Potter, Stewart, Baginski, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PUBLIC DEFENDER (Establishes a new division of civil representation, within the office of the public defender that would provide legal representation to tenants in eviction proceedings.) {LC2213/1}

03/06/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5034**BY** Edwards, McGaw, Solomon, Chippendale, Kennedy, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Provides that only facilities located within the state be eligible for permits to operate as official inspection stations for the inspection of vehicles.) {LC386/1}

03/03/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/09/2023)

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Resolution No. 5169

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the governance structure of Rhode Island's public education system, from March 1, 2023, to March 1, 2024, and would expire on July 1, 2024.) {LC676/1}

03/03/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/07/2023)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health, Education and Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

House Bill No. 5147

BY McNamara, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.) {LC38/1}

03/03/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/09/2023)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

House Bill No. 5305

(By request)

BY Carson, Donovan, Ackerman, Dawson, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Shanley, Fogarty, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS (Mandates that on each primary for election of national convention delegates and elections for presidential preference primaries, that all public elementary and secondary schools be closed.) {LC1096/1}

03/03/2023 Placed on House Calendar (03/07/2023)

TRANSFER OF BILLS

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

House Bill No. 6102

BY Casey, Chippendale, Lima, Cardillo, Phillips, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM (Community College of Rhode Island motorcycle course to accommodate person's with disabilities.) {LC2101/1}

03/05/2023 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. 6098

BY Morales, Giraldo, Cruz, Speakman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Requires the personnel administrator, any time any state agency has fifty (50) position vacancies or more, to administer civil service exams to fill those positions at least three (3) times per year.) {LC1689/1}

03/05/2023 Committee transferred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6099

BY Morales, Cruz, Speakman, Tanzi, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Temporarily exempts applicants for employment with the department of human services from completing the civil service exam until July 1, 2024.) {LC1687/1}

03/05/2023 Committee transferred to House Labor

House Bill No. 6100

BY Morales, Sanchez, Potter, Speakman, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Directs the department of human services to temporarily waive any civil service exam required by the department to obtain a license, for one year.) {LC1107/1}

03/05/2023 Committee transferred to House Labor

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:08 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Brien, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert J. Egan; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Norman R. Alexander Jr.; on motion of Representative Lima, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Michael J. Sepe seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE SHERRY ROBERTS

Dear Lord: We pray today for all the members of this House of Representatives. Guide them this day, and every day, as they try to best serve their constituents. Give them the wisdom and patience to secure the rights of liberty and justice for all who call Rhode Island home. Amen

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5169**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

 Committee on Education recommends passage.

2. **2023-H 5305**
 BY Carson
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS

 Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023:

1. **2023-H 5034**
 BY Edwards
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

 Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

2. **2023-H 5147**
 BY McNamara
 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT

 Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 3, 2023