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Thirteenth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, and is called to order at 4:20 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Craven and Marszalkowski.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Jennifer Stewart, 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 Wednesday, February 12, 2025, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST

2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Bennett
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5297
Entitled: Relating to State Affairs and Government – Corrections Department
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: 

House District: 20

Date: February 24, 2025

Acknowledgement: 
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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

APPOINTMENTS

February 25, 2025

Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi announces the following appointments:

To the Advisory Commission on Aging:

Representative Lauren Carson

Representative George Nardone

To the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council:

Representative Richard Fascia

Read and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Robert E. Craven, Sr., is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

GUESTS

Representative Kislak, in recognition of Children's Dental Health Month, a month-long national health observance that's dedicated to promoting the benefits of good oral hygiene and encouraging families to establish healthy dental habits early, is pleased to welcome members of Rhode Island Dental Association to the House, Executive Director Aaron Guckian, Dr. Andrew Gazerro, President; Marie Jones-Bridges, Community Coordinator for United Healthcare and its RIte Smiles program for children; and Dr. Sam Zwitckhenbaum, Dental Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health. Representative Kislak appreciates the Rhode Island Dental Association and its partners' dedication to improving oral health and ensuring access to quality dental care for Rhode Island's children.

In recognition of National Boy Scout Day, Chairman Casey celebrates the values of trustworthiness, helpfulness, friendliness, and bravery that Scouting instills in young people. He is pleased to welcome to the House Mark Arnold, Director of Field Services and Chief Operating Officer of the Narragansett Council, Scouting America, accompanied by his Ben, who is a member of Southwest Pack 4 in Warwick; Veronica Sapegin and her daughter Sophie Sapegin from Southeast Pack 77 in Middletown; and David Preston, President and CEO of the New Harbor Group. Chairman Casey commends these individuals for their commitment to the Scouting mission and their dedication to shaping future leaders.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman proudly welcomes Mrs. Cheryl Vaughn to the House in recognition of her outstanding achievement as the 2025 Rhode Island Elementary Principal of the Year, awarded by the Rhode Island Association of School Principals. This prestigious honor reflects her excellence in leadership, collaboration, personalization, and commitment to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Mrs. Vaughn's husband, David, daughter Jocelyn Bonilla, and her granddaughter, Alexandria, are joining her for this special occasion.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman congratulates Mrs. Vaughn on this well-deserved honor and thanks her for her dedication to Rhode Island's students and educators.

Representative Cruz proudly welcomes Said Abdalah, an 8th-grade student at Slater Middle School in Pawtucket, to the House in recognition of his remarkable academic achievement, earning a perfect score in math on the Rhode Island Common Assessment System exam. Said's dedication and excellence in mathematics inspire students across the state. Accompanying Said for this special occasion are his proud parents, Marvi and Cinthia, along with his supportive siblings, Abdel, Amin, and Salma, Math Teacher Dawn Simonelli, and Principal Danielle Bishop. Representative Cruz commends Said for his hard work and determination and wishes him continued success in his academic journey.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025:

1. 2025-H 5252 SUB A

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Speaker Hull, Representatives Cortvriend, McEntee, Handy, Abney and Spears.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Giraldo.

RECUSED - 0:

2. 2025-H 5162**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Donovan, Kislak and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman McNamara and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5163**BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Azzinarro, Carson, Shanley, Donovan and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter,

Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

Chairwoman Baginski warmly welcomes the dedicated staff of Harmony Hospice to the House in honor of Caregivers Day, recognizing their unwavering commitment to providing compassionate care and support to patients and families. Today's honored guests include former State Representative Robert Lancia, Shauni-Lee Medeiros, Lisa Bora, Lisa Hazard, Marissa Murphy, and Roy Harley. Chairwoman Baginski extends her heartfelt appreciation to these professionals for their dedication to those in their care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GUESTS

Representative Speakman warmly welcomes her intern, Junkai Gong, from New Jersey, who attends Brown University, to the House. Speaker Shekarchi also welcomes Junkai to the House.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Tanzi offers her heartfelt condolences to Stacy Custer and the entire Pezzullo family on the passing of Michele Pezzullo, Stacy's mother-in-law.

Speaker Shekarchi expresses his sincere condolences to Stacy and Jason on the loss of his mother, Michele Pezzullo.

Speaker Shekarchi congratulates Chairwoman McEntee on becoming a grandmother for the first time.

Chairwoman McEntee congratulates her son Rory and Brittany Menard on the birth of their first child, Maeve McEntee.

Representative Morales extends his gratitude to all members and constituents who attended today's Black History Month Celebration at the State House.

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 135 of the State House.

Chairwoman Alzate announces that she will host a Women's Health Forum on Thursday, February 27, 2025, in the House Chamber from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Representative Noret wishes his mother-in-law, Yvette Landroche, a Happy 89th Birthday!

Vice Chairman Knight announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will occur this Thursday, February 27th, at 4:00 p.m. The deadline for introducing New Business is Thursday. Once the final call for New Business is made on Thursday, Rule 7(d) will apply to all announcements of new legislation.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that all members are invited to a press conference this Thursday at 3:15 p.m. in the House Lounge with Speaker Shekarchi. During the press conference, Speaker Shekarchi will unveil this year's comprehensive housing legislation package, marking the fifth consecutive year that the House has proposed a detailed plan to address housing issues.

Majority Leader Blazejewski and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Lauren Carson a Happy Birthday!

Speaker Shekarchi announces that, at the request of Representatives McGaw and Boylan and in collaboration with the Joint Committee on Legislative Services, the House will voluntarily transition from plastic to paper cups. This change is being implemented as a more economical, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly alternative. Speaker Shekarchi thanks Representatives McGaw and Boylan for their leadership in promoting this initiative.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 5539

BY McNamara, Paplauskas, Santucci, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING SCOUTING AMERICA, NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND JOYFULLY CELEBRATING SCOUTING MONTH IN FEBRUARY {LC1190/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5540

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman, Tanzi, Bennett

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2025 TO BE "CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC741/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Kislak discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5541

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman, Tanzi, Bennett, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2025, TO BE "NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1648/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Baginski discusses the resolution.

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

House Resolution No. 5542

BY Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Knight, Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST SADNESS ON THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY PASSING OF CHRISTINE AND SPENCER LANE, A BARRINGTON MOM AND HER TEENAGED SON {LC1175/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Boylan discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his deepest condolences to the Lane family.

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

House Resolution No. 5543

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, McNamara, Bennett, Shanley, Hopkins, Chippendale, Casimiro, Kennedy

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANN D. MCCAFFREY {LC1827/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of the Speaker and the entire Warwick Delegation, Chairman Solomon requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Solomon discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers his condolences to the family of Ann D. McCaffrey.

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

House Resolution No. 5544

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Serpa, Messier, Lima, Kennedy, Fellela, Donovan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 24 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC740/1}

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. 5545

BY O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Dawson, Finkelman, Read, Noret, Craven, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 23RD THROUGH MARCH 1ST, 2025, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC739/1}

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.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Resolution No. 5045

BY Casimiro, Noret

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING FEDERAL TITLE IV DOLLARS TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ENROLLMENT IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT RIC (Extends the reporting date of the Legislative Commission to Study the Feasibility of Utilizing Federal Title IV Dollars to Support and Enhance Enrollment in Social Work Education at RIC from February 11, 2025, to March 6, 2025.) {LC564/1}

02/25/2025 Placed on House Calendar (02/27/2025)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 63

BY Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Kallman, LaMountain, Vargas, Bissaillon, Euer, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.) {LC216/1}

02/26/2025 Referred to House Judiciary

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 5546

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DRIVER NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK (Provides a criminal background check procedure for for-hire intrastate passenger transportation services.) {LC1798/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5547

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Solomon, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.) {LC1348/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5548

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon, O'Brien, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- VOLUNTARY RESTRUCTURING OF SOLVENT INSURERS (Makes numerous technical corrections related to insurance, provides a definition for "cybersecurity insurance", and would repeal the chapter relating to reciprocal exchanges and interinsurers.) {LC1767/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5549

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon, O'Brien, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION (Provides a framework through which the department of business regulation can seek grants to fund a home hardening program.)

{LC1766/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5550

(Dept. of Health)

BY Shanley, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Standardizes successor appointment language for various boards and adds language providing that a quorum be a majority of appointed members and the language applies across several healthcare professional boards that currently lack this language.) {LC1764/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5551

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Cotter, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNIT PRICING (Provides that an electronic shelving label by itself would not satisfy the disclosure and display requirements for unit pricing by way of the attachment of a stamp, tag or label to the commodity.) {LC1916/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5552

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Diaz, Felix, Edwards, Hull, Lombardi, Slater, Ackerman, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES (Creates a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers from coercive tactics at grocery stores.) {LC1915/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5553

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Noret, Casimiro, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Corvese, Diaz, Read, Fogarty, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Provides that stores offering food product discounts must provide the same discounts to in store customers that are offered to customers using electronic digital coupons.) {LC1913/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5554**BY** McEntee, Voas, Cortvriend, Dawson, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Spears, Phillips, Lima, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEES (Prohibits the charging of interchange fees on taxes and gratuities.) {LC1580/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5555**BY** Brien, Serpa, Lima, Baginski, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.) {LC1865/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5556**BY** DeSimone, Fellela, McNamara, Biah, Slater, Kazarian, Hull, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PSYCHOLOGISTS (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists and expands the licensing of school psychologists for independent practice.) {LC1688/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5557

BY Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, Alzate, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.) {LC1844/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5558

BY Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, McEntee, Spears, Place, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires all applicants who seek to register as a contractor to produce a legible copy of a valid government issued identification.) {LC1655/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5559

BY Fellela, Messier, Perez, Azzinaro, Ackerman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows mobile salons to visit the houses of individuals with special needs or sensory-related disorders or differences in order to provide haircuts or hairdressing services.) {LC1769/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5560

BY McGaw, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Tanzi, Handy, Cotter, Cortvriend, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Modifies the real estate sales disclosure form to include the disclosure of "blower door diagnostic air leakage testing" and advises that air leakage testing is recommended prior to purchasing a residential unit.) {LC1806/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5561

BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Prohibits healthcare providers and health plans from denying the payment of a medical bill, solely because the bill may have arisen from a third-party claim.) {LC1604/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5562

BY Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Provides that charitable organizations with a gross income of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less can meet the required reporting and records requirements by providing either an IRS Form 900 or other approved financial statements.) {LC1409/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5563**BY** Dawson, McEntee, Furtado, Kazarian, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT (Requires hotel employees and short-term rental property operators to annually receive human trafficking awareness training.) {LC1986/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5564**BY** Place, Hopkins, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC GROWTH BLOCKCHAIN ACT (Establishes an economic growth blockchain, regulates virtual and digital assets, and establishes depository banks for these purposes.) {LC1803/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5565**BY** Kennedy, Edwards, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.") {LC1746/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5566**BY** Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED-LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Permits a member or members of a limited-liability company to avoid dissolution by buying the membership interest owned by the other member or members seeking dissolution.) {LC1729/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5567**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits disclosure terms "down payment", "money down", or any similar language to describe lump sum payments in order to reduce monthly lease payments. Provides that lump sum payments are non-refundable in the event of a total loss of the vehicle.) {LC1497/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5568**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT (Includes members of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce in the exclusion of premium rates for the Rhode Island Builders' Association.) {LC2100/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5569**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance.) {LC1722/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5570**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Prohibits an insurance carrier from assessing a premium surcharge against an insured for making an inquiry regarding the terms of their policy.) {LC2103/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5571**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Increases minimum amount for required damages and time to perform appraisal from three days to four.) {LC1628/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5572**BY** Cotter, Ajello, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Defines a “consumer accessible fair market value” for a vehicle valuation figure.) {LC1979/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5573**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Requires applications for energy facilities to take into consideration the 2021 Act on Climate and how the facility may advance or delay the greenhouse gas emissions reductions.) {LC2095/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5574**BY** Solomon, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires the owner of a utility pole to remove the old pole within 30 days of installation of new pole.) {LC1130/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5575**BY** Solomon, O'Brien, Lima, Kennedy, Santucci, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (Allows for the procurement of nuclear power.) {LC1143/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

(Added to the Co-sponsorship is Representative Casey.)

House Bill No. 5576

BY Cortvriend, Edwards, Carson, McGaw, Knight, Spears, Fogarty, Potter, Speakman, Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- UTILITY THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK AND JOBS ACT (Establishes thermal energy networks network infrastructure by any public utility company that provides electric/natural gas distribution to maximize cost-effective investments deemed in the public interest by the public utilities commission (PUC).) {LC422/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5577

BY Cotter, Ajello, Potter, Chippendale, Boylan, Fogarty, Carson, Bennett, Speakman, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- 2025 UTILITY COMPANY BILLING TRANSPARENCY ACT (Impose requirements and actions that certain electric distribution and gas distribution companies must meet prior to implementing rate changes.) {LC1810/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5578

BY Kazarian, Dawson, DeSimone, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Edwards, Morales, Furtado, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibits public utilities from raising the cost for access to the internet for senior citizens.) {LC2116/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5579

BY Papluskas, Chippendale, Santucci, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Brien, Baginski, Lima, Fascia
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the public utilities commission to produce a report each January containing an analysis of the electric grid and its ability to supply the electricity needs to power cars, buildings and heat homes within the state.) {LC1533/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5580

BY Potter, Boylan, Solomon, Cotter, Handy, Knight, Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw, Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Prohibits utility companies from limiting the eligibility of a net metering site based on prior consumption and requires excess energy not consumed under the net metering system to be credited to the consumer.) {LC2112/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5581

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six (6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.) {LC2120/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5582**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEE RESTRICTION ACT (Creates the interchange fee restriction act restricting interchange fees on sales and use tax or excise tax when payment is made with a credit or debit card.) {LC1605/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5583**BY** Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Nardone, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Limits the development of utility scale solar energy projects.) {LC1546/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5584**BY** McNamara, Shanley, Solomon, Shekarchi, Bennett, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Requires that one of the seven (7) directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation be appointed by the governor from a list of individuals submitted by the mayor of the city of Warwick.) {LC1832/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5585**BY** Voas, Casey, Casimiro, McEntee, Alzate, Solomon, Finkelman, O'Brien, Kazarian, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires associations to provide unit owners within thirty (30) days notice of any increase in the deductible application to the association's policy.) {LC1471/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5586**BY** Voas, Casey, Casimiro, McEntee, Alzate, Solomon, Finkelman, O'Brien, Kazarian, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions by mailing a written request for approval to the unit mortgagees via regular and certified mail.) {LC1473/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5587**BY** Fellela, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (References both the declaration and bylaws of a condominium association as possible sources of association insurance regulation for the condominiums and require additional insurance to protect unit owners, when necessary.) {LC1907/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5588**BY** Brien, Solomon, Baginski, Santucci, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLES MANUFACTURES, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, updates definitions relative to common entities and sales.) {LC1370/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5589**BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Casimiro, Chippendale, Brien, Fascia, Santucci, Nardone, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Prohibits a person under the age of sixteen (16) from being in a rideshare vehicle such as Uber or Lyft alone.) {LC1450/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5590**BY** Solomon, Casey, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.) {LC1309/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5591**BY** Phillips, Brien, Santucci, Casey, Voas, Bennett, Lima, Azzinaro, Corvese, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS -- THE CHARLOTTE A. VACCA ACT (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations when new construction are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.) {LC2056/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Resolution No. 5592**BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL NECESSITY FOR CHANGES IN THE GENERAL LAWS PERTAINING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND RECREATIONAL CANNABIS (Creates a 13 member commission to evaluate and determine changes needed in Title 3 and Chapter 28.11 of Title 21 of the RIGL, and would report back by January 7, 2026, and would expire on March 7, 2026.) {LC1534/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

House Bill No. 5593

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

BY Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provide that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.) {LC1689/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5594**BY** DeSimone, Biah, Slater, Kazarian, Hull, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the board of regents to adopt support and intervention strategies consistent with Comprehensive Education Strategy and SALT in one district at a time.) {LC1690/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5595**BY** McGaw, Casimiro, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires that every institution of higher education provide training in the administration of opioid antagonists to every staff member on the institution's campus.) {LC1850/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5596**BY** Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Place, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Establishes a prekindergarten seat finder to support families in accessing high quality early childhood education programs for three (3) and four (4) year old children.) {LC1966/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5597**BY** Cotter, Ajello, Potter, Carson, Bennett, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Establishes program to provide recommended air quality levels in schools.) {LC1436/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5598**BY** Casimiro, Read, Noret, Alzate, Brien, McNamara, Boylan, Carson, McEntee, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires every public school to have a policy regarding the use of personal electronic devices on school grounds.) {LC1679/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5599**BY** Speakman, Knight, Cruz, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Establishes a corrections education and vocational planning group (CEVPG) to consider opportunities for career and educational programming.) {LC2110/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5600**BY** Messier, Alzate, Furtado, Kazarian, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Amends provisions related to the legislative purpose for alternatives within the public school system.) {LC2058/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5601**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Directs the commissioner of postsecondary education to prepare a strategic plan for public higher education which is aligned with the goals of the board of education's strategic plan.) {LC1250/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5602**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Eliminates any requirement that any person who is employed as a physical education teacher not by required to have a certification in adaptive physical education) {LC1725/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5603**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) school years.) {LC2107/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5604**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY (Broadens the definition of "teacher" and create a comprehensive bill of rights for school teachers.) {LC2109/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Resolution No. 5605**BY** Messier, Alzate, Furtado, Kazarian, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING AND EXTENDING THE LIFE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (Reinstates and extends reporting and expiration of commission studying the development and implementation of an anti-littering education program for elementary students, from February 2, 2024, to February 2, 2026, and would expire on April 2, 2026.) {LC2054/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

House Bill No. 5606**BY** Kislak, Bennett, Speakman, Boylan, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY--WILDLIFE KILLING CONTEST (Bans wildlife killing contests on both public and private lands in the state.) {LC983/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5607**BY** Cotter, Ajello, Potter, Chippendale, Roberts, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Redefines "farm" by reducing the amount of revenue from farm products required to be sold from ten thousand (\$10,000) to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500).) {LC1782/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5608**BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Hopkins, Brien, Fascia, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS -- BLUE CRABS (Eliminates any limits restricting the harvesting of blue crabs in the state.) {LC1734/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5609**BY** Chippendale, Place, Newberry, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE EMISSIONS (Requires the department of transportation, in consultation with the department of environmental management also to conduct an environmental impact study of motor vehicle non-exhaust particle emissions.) {LC1090/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5610**BY** Chippendale, Place, Fascia, Newberry, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Requires the executive climate change coordinating council to evaluate and make recommendations for the use of carbon emissions removal technology as an alternative to reducing carbon emissions and meeting climate goals.) {LC1078/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5611**BY** Noret, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Finkelman, Casey, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hopkins, Morales, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Requires the installation of universal changing stations in all newly constructed, reconstructed, or remodeled public buildings and places of public accommodation.) {LC1793/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5612**BY** Newberry, Santucci, Paplauskas, Fascia, Quattrocchi, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PROMOTION OF BIOFUELS ACT OF 2011 (Repeals the Promotion of Biofuels Act of 2011, which established a study commission to investigate the use and promotion of such fuels within the state, in its entirety.) {LC1031/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

House Bill No. 5613

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.) {LC1421/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5614

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES (Makes a series of amendments to several statutes regarding businesses and professions to provide clarity or align with new federal requirements.) {LC1413/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5615

(Dept. of Health)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Revises sections of the uniform controlled substances act to remove specific opioid dosage requirements, revises the uniform controlled substances act in accordance with current standards of professional practice and would repeal chapter 37.4 of title 5.) {LC1419/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5616**BY** Shanley, Phillips, Caldwell, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Provides that public health advertisements be prohibited from stating that there is a safe way to take illegal drugs.) {LC2118/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5617**BY** Alzate, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Diaz, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCT SAFETY AND TOXIC METAL REMOVAL ACT OF 2025 (Sets a clear and enforceable standard for reducing the presence of harmful metals in personal care products, prioritizing public health through testing, labeling, and the development of safer alternatives.) {LC1184/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5618

BY Cotter, Ajello, Noret, Potter, Carson, Fogarty, Donovan, Spears, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MANDATORY

CARRYING OF EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTORS BY POLICE OFFICERS ACT (Requires all peace officers to carry epinephrine autoinjectors in their vehicles or on their person police departments to budget sufficient funds to purchase the epinephrine and autoinjectors and for training of every peace officer.) {LC1308/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5619

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Dawson, McEntee, Bennett, Donovan,

Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM

TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.) {LC1918/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5620

BY Potter, Kislak, McGaw, Donovan, Giraldo, Speakman, Cotter, Bennett, Tanzi, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE

ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2024 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

(Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.) {LC1931/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5621

BY Hull, Diaz, Lombardi, Fogarty

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

INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.) {LC2009/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5622

BY Hopkins, Paplauskas, Serpa, Bennett, Shanley, Casey, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Cotter

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

MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical

Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2025. Also restores access to telemedicine for all Rhode

Island residents and allows treatment by out-of-state providers who register with DOH.) {LC1531/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5623

BY McGaw, Potter, Boylan, Speakman, Casimiro, DeSimone, Tanzi, Donovan, Cotter, Giraldo

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

INSURANCE POLICIES (Prohibits health insurance plans from requiring prior authorization for a new episode of rehabilitative care for twelve visits, or from requiring prior authorization for rehabilitative care for chronic pain for ninety days.) {LC1281/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5624**BY** Spears, Azzinaro, Fogarty, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

(Removes the age restriction for benefits coverage/requires, after 1/1/26, for policies issued or renewed include coverage for reimbursement for provider services at a rate equal to, or greater than, Medicaid establishments of EOHHS.) {LC1933/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5625**BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.) {LC1991/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5626**BY** Speakman, Knight, Boylan, Donovan, Fogarty, Spears, Cotter, Carson, Tanzi, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates health insurance coverage for FDA approved contraceptive drug, device or therapeutic equivalent.) {LC2031/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5627**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Read, Spears, McGaw, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance providers to provide insurance coverage for pharmacists' services.) {LC1434/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5628**BY** Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates all health insurance contracts, plans, or policies provide the same reimbursement to independent healthcare facilities as that of hospital affiliated facilities where the same healthcare service is provided.) {LC1456/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5629**BY** Alzate, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Diaz, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE

POLICIES (Amends the current law on health insurance coverage for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment and requires coverage for any medically necessary ovulation-enhancing drugs and medical services.) {LC882/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5630

BY Donovan, Bennett, Speakman, Casimiro, Potter, Morales, Fogarty, Caldwell, Carson, Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT (Requires certain health care facilities to allow a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within the health care facility, subject to certain restrictions.) {LC1953/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5631

BY Finkelman, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK (Allows applicants for employment in programs operated by the department involving routine contact with patients, residents, or clients without the presence of other employees to apply to a qualified vendor for a national criminal records check.) {LC1990/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5632

BY Potter, Kislak, Fogarty, McGaw, Donovan, Giraldo, Speakman, Cotter, Bennett, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT (Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative engaged by the manufacturer and to pay an annual fee for each name listed with the department of business regulation.) {LC1930/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5633

BY McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Casimiro, Casey, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients under certain circumstances.) {LC1849/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5634

BY Brien, Baginski, Cotter, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT (Establishes certain requirements and a process for local education agencies to follow regarding individual education programs.) {LC919/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5635

BY Spears, Azzinaro, Fogarty, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.) {LC1804/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 5636**BY** Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Solomon, O'Brien, Kazarian, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY

TRANSMISSIONS (Provides that operators of virtual currency kiosks must provide customers with a paper receipt, electronic receipt, or both of the transaction.) {LC509/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

House Bill No. 5637

(Attorney General)

BY Ackerman, Kennedy, Fellela, Fogarty, Serpa, Speakman, Kazarian, Edwards, Corvese, McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT

(Adds "debit cards" to the section of law relating to fraudulent use of credit cards.) {LC2190/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5638

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Noret, Fellela**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.) {LC2192/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5639

(Attorney General)

BY Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING (Establishes the crime of attempted kidnapping of a minor.) {LC2191/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5640

(Judiciary)

BY Hull, Slater, Fogarty, Fascia, Sanchez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.) {LC1498/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5641

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan, Fogarty, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Simplifies the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from small claims and consumer matters adjudicated by the district court.) {LC1495/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5642

(Judiciary)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.) {LC1487/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5643

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Costantino, Edwards, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CASINO GAMING (Amends the law relating to casino crimes to be consistent with the advent of iGaming and the relevant age restrictions to participate in iGaming.) {LC1346/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5644

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELD AND WINDOWS (Provides penalties for second and subsequent violations of installing and possessing a vehicle with sun screening materials in violation of this section.) {LC1768/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5645

(General Treasurer)

BY Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Exempts qualified tuition savings programs of any state authorized under 26 U.S.C. § 529 from judicial attachment.) {LC1698/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5646**BY** Knight, Newberry, Solomon, Potter, Dawson, Speakman, Boylan, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or older eligible for exemption from jury service.) {LC1842/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5647**BY** Cruz, Casimiro, Stewart, Solomon, Potter, Ajello, Lombardi, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits those individuals convicted of multiple felonies and misdemeanors to have their records expunged and provide criteria for the court to consider in determining whether the person is of good moral character.) {LC1514/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5648

BY Cruz, Morales, Stewart, Potter, Ajello, Lombardi, Slater, Sanchez, Kislak, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires sentencing court to consider whether defendant is parent of child, or caregiver of elderly, disabled or terminally ill person whose well-being would be adversely affected by the person's incarceration and if so, shall impose a non-jail sentence.) {LC1596/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5649

BY Caldwell, Batista, Edwards, Morales, Knight, Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.) {LC1446/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5650

BY Stewart, Casimiro, Cruz, Lombardi, Kislak, Caldwell, Batista, Handy
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits family court from detaining or committing any youth, 12 years or younger, to training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses there is no other reasonable placement.) {LC1716/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5651

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Caldwell, Spears, Boylan, Carson, Tanzi, Dawson, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT -- JUVENILE RECORDS (Allows access to juvenile criminal records in order to conduct firearm background checks.) {LC1834/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5652

BY Boylan, Tanzi, Knight, Dawson, Craven, Batista, Felix, Caldwell, Ajello, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Precludes a person who pled nolo contendere or convicted of a misdemeanor offense and sentenced in accordance with the hate crime sentencing enhancement act for such misdemeanor, from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting or having possession firearm) {LC1508/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5653

BY Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the licensing authority from imposing additional or stricter requirements than the department of attorney general as well as prohibiting said licensing authorities from imposing any fees, other than the fee required in § 11-47-12.) {LC1908/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5654

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Spears, Boylan, Carson, Donovan, Tanzi, Dawson, Kislak, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits local licensing authorities from issuing a concealed carry permit to out of state residents based on permits issued by authorities from other states or subdivisions.) {LC1835/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5655

BY Dawson, Kazarian, Furtado, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- STALKING (Makes it a misdemeanor to harass another person by following them and using an electronic device to record their movements in any public or private place.) {LC1992/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5656

BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.) {LC2106/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5657

BY Perez, Diaz, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Fellela, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Prohibits the division of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year.) {LC653/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5658

BY Baginski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Permits the practice of lane splitting by motorcycles.) {LC2073/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5659

BY Dawson, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, the act identifies what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.) {LC1988/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5660

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Allows on and after September 1, 2025, an owner of motor vehicle(s) to transfer ownership and registration of said vehicle on their death, by a certificate of title designation and requires DMV to amend title forms, to include transfer-on-death language.) {LC1704/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5661

BY Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Expands the statute of limitations with respect to any wrongful act resulting in the death of a child in utero or within six (6) months after the birth of the child, to ten (10) years after the death of the child.) {LC651/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5662

BY Kennedy, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Edwards, O'Brien, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Established crime of real estate title fraud and creates private cause of action.) {LC1890/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5663

BY Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Hopkins, Chippendale, Fascia, Santucci, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- INTERSTATE DETAINERS (Requires state law enforcement agencies to honor all detainer request from DHS and ICE.) {LC1041/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5664

BY Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Brien, Lombardi, Felix, Nardone, Cruz, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATE CRIME LABORATORY COMMISSION (Increases the membership of the state crime laboratory commission from five (5) to nine (9). The overseer and co-executive secretaries of the commission have been changed to the deans of URI's colleges of pharmacy and engineering.) {LC1673/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5665

BY Stewart, Craven, Lombardi, Donovan, Edwards, Tanzi, Alzate, Kazarian, Morales, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Updates the Homeless Bill of Rights to add rules governing the interaction with encampments and include the right to access clean and sanitary conditions.) {LC2068/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5666**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.") {LC1731/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5667**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS (Requires that all campus police officers be equipped with ballistic body armor.) {LC1843/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5668**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Prohibits the declawing of cats by any surgical procedure to amputate or modify a portion of a cat's paw in order to remove the cat's claws. Does not apply to any procedure performed for a therapeutic purpose.) {LC1726/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5669**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.) {LC2104/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5670**BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Expands the definition of peace officers to include juvenile program workers and shift coordinators at the department of youth, children and families.) {LC2121/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5671**BY** Caldwell, Stewart, Fogarty, Carson, Donovan, McEntee, Furtado, Casimiro, Boylan, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME (Makes it unnecessary to prove that a person's transmission of electronic communications be for the sole purpose of harassment before being found guilty of cyberstalking or cyberharrassment.) {LC1854/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5672**BY** Casimiro, Noret, Donovan, Cotter, Roberts, Read, Fellela, Serpa, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

(Establishes the rights of adoptive/foster children or those in guardianship, to have post-separation visitation with their siblings.) {LC1464/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5673**BY** Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE

OFFICERS -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Establishes an equivalent training certification program at the municipal police academy.) {LC937/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5674**BY** Giraldo, Potter, Morales, Stewart, Biah, Tanzi, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.)

{LC1252/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5675**BY** Perez, Diaz, Batista, Shallcross Smith, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information.) {LC720/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5676**BY** Perez, Batista, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Limits residential rent increases to ten percent (10%) plus the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually.) {LC652/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5677**BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Shallcross Smith, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Adds a provision that allows a tenant to pay the last month's rent or any other prepaid rent. It also increases the amount that a security deposit can be requested from one to two (2) months of rent.) {LC1868/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 5678

BY Potter, Shanley, Furtado, Edwards, Morales, Alzate, O'Brien, Cruz, Slater, Messier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES--OVERTIME (Requires small employers with one to fifty (1-50) employees and large employers with fifty (50) or more employees to pay overtime wages to exempt workers if their salary exceeds varying multipliers of minimum wage for a forty (40) hour workweek.) {LC459/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5679

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Biah, Felix, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires employer to furnish items and conditions of employment and a pay stub explaining how wages were calculated/reasons for deductions.) {LC1246/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5680

BY Furtado, Kazarian, Morales, Caldwell, Casimiro, Stewart, Alzate, Fogarty, Dawson, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- BENEFITS (Allows unemployment benefits for workers who are on strike or are locked out of their workplaces by their employer due to a labor dispute.) {LC1927/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5681

BY Chippendale, Finkelman, Fascia, Place, Newberry, Nardone, Edwards, Paplauskas, Furtado, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows for waiver from testing for temporary or emergency positions.) {LC1079/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5682

BY Voas, Giraldo, Potter, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- WORKERS' COOPERATIVES (Clarifies the role of a workers' cooperative to allow it to operate as a hiring hall under certain circumstances.) {LC872/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5683

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Diaz, Biah, Felix, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Increases the minimum required awarded to minority business enterprises from 15% to 20% and of that, requires a minimum of 10% be awarded to minority owned businesses and a minimum of 10% be awarded to women owned businesses.) {LC1254/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5684

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Diaz, Biah, Felix, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.) {LC1248/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5685

BY Edwards, McGaw, Diaz, Costantino, Ackerman, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Allows casino workers to receive overtime pay for working Sundays and Holidays.) {LC1500/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

House Bill No. 5686

(CRMC)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires municipalities to maintain and update a list of CRMC designated rights-of-way to tidal areas in their municipality.) {LC1771/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5687

(Providence/East Providence)

BY Dawson, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Allows for measures to advance the undergrounding of certain utility cables and to have the same funded through utility rate increases to the cities of Providence and East Providence.) {LC1794/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5688

(Providence)

BY Speakman, Casey, Kislak, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides an 8% tax rate for those properties that are encumbered by a deed restriction for low-income housing set at 80% or 60% of adjusted median income established by HUD.) {LC1479/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5689

BY Fellela, Fascia, Perez, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Santucci, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Defines multi-family housing project as over 60 units in municipality with less than 35k residents, also provides for pre-approval conference with local board for review of plan.) {LC1296/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5690

BY Quattrocchi, Nardone, Place, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Santucci, Fascia, Chippendale
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (This act would repeal the chapter entitled "Low and Moderate Income Housing".) {LC1042/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5691

BY Shanley, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Requires developer who proposes to develop a project shall submit a comprehensive assessment of the project to each municipality where the project shall be physically located.) {LC1306/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5692

BY Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the operation of a home-based business, which meets criteria for home office IRS income tax deduction, without securing approval from the municipality with no storage of chemicals/park heavy equipment/not more than 10% of premises used for parking.) {LC1733/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5693

BY Serpa, Noret, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Allows municipalities to seek recovery of fines associated with ordinance violations by permitting the municipality to include the fines on a property tax bill.) {LC2040/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5694

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Carson, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a tax classification plan for residential real estate which divides the class into non-owner and owner-occupied properties with separate tax rates.) {LC1759/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5695

BY Voas, Messier, Stewart, Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Casimiro, Slater, Hull, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Permits municipalities to enact ordinances that provide them the authority to organize local tax amnesty events once every three (3) years.) {LC808/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5696**BY** Perez, Lima, Fellela, Hull, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Places a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2025, and every December 31 thereafter.) {LC650/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5697**BY** Brien, Phillips, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Exempts certain cities and towns whose communities exceed the low and moderate income housing threshold from the tax of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income.) {LC1965/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5698**BY** Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Diaz, Bennett, Speakman, Caldwell, Alzate, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Establishes the assessed value of owner-occupied low- and moderate-income housing as the most recent sales price of the property.) {LC1874/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5699**BY** Hull, Diaz, DeSimone, Lombardi, Felix, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Codac, Inc., a Rhode Island nonprofit domestic corporation, located at 45 Royal Little Drive in Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC1978/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5700**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Changes the retirement allowance based on accrued benefits.) {LC1607/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5701**BY** Edwards, Casey, Diaz, Kennedy, Casimiro, Bennett, Ackerman, McEntee, Fogarty, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS (Makes the provisions of §§ 45-19.1-3 and 45-19.1-4, benefits for firefighters with cancer, effective regardless of any general, special or specific law, or any charter and/or municipal ordinance to the contrary.) {LC1606/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5702

BY Chippendale, Finkelman, Fascia, Newberry, Lima, Noret, Nardone, Edwards, Paplauskas, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days.) {LC1877/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5703

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Caldwell, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS (Increases the maximum amount of the Kingston water district bonding authority from four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).) {LC1706/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5704

BY Kislak, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Speakman, Bennett, Spears, Cotter, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL (Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities. That choose to participate. Reports would be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and would be submitted to the department of environmental management.) {LC1315/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 5705

(CRMC)
BY Spears, Carson, Cortvriend, Boylan, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides that the legislature would be the body that negotiates on behalf of the state for all activities occurring in, on and over state submerged land extending beyond twenty-five (25) acres.) {LC1774/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5706

(Attorney General)
BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Edwards, Finkelman, Carson, Speakman, Knight, Handy, Fogarty, Dawson
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 transfer all of the powers and duties between the two (2) authorities.) {LC1018/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5707

(Judiciary)
BY Edwards, Dawson, Speakman, Carson, Knight, Corvese, Felix, Kazarian, Shanley, Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.) {LC1492/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5708**BY** Fascia, Place, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Allows automatic voter registration for Rhode Islanders applying for hunting and fishing licenses.)

{LC1548/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5709**BY** Serpa, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)

{LC1962/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5710**BY** Perez, Hull, Slater, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Would amend certain signature requirements and deadlines regarding primaries for election of delegates to national conventions for presidential preference.) {LC655/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5711**BY** Brien, Corvese, Azzinaro, Noret, Santucci, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires verification of an applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license number or state identification number on all applications seeking mail ballots and emergency mail ballots.) {LC1957/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5712**BY** Edwards, Kislak, Ajello, Potter, Alzate, Morales, Kazarian, McGaw, Handy, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND FUSION VOTING ACT {LC2019/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5713**BY** Edwards, Cortvriend, Potter, Kazarian, Kennedy, Chippendale, Speakman, McEntee, Corvese, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY (Prohibits members of elected city/town political party committees as well as representative/senate district committees from serving on local canvassing authorities.) {LC2018/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5714**BY** Kazarian, Dawson, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Furtado, Giraldo, Cruz, Boylan, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Allows the director of the department of health to authorize the state registrar of vital records to change a person's race designation on their birth certificate, if justified.) {LC2117/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5715**BY** Serpa, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION (Requires the state retirement board to publish online all archived video or audio recordings and all future recordings of meetings of the board.) {LC2096/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5716**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee, and also repeals the provision that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee would be subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee.) {LC2074/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5717**BY** Place, Santucci, Hopkins, 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.) {LC1748/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5718**BY** Casimiro, Cruz, Shallcross Smith, Noret, Donovan, Cotter, Roberts, Read, Serpa, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES -- THE POWERS AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES (Expands the DCYF powers by overseeing and administer comprehensive behavioral health services for children with serious emotional disturbances and children with developmental or functional disabilities.) {LC1283/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5719**BY** Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OLDER ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES (Advances the interests of older Rhode Islanders by adding a representative of an aging adult organization and a permanent committee on aging to the state planning council and creates a permanent legislative commission on aging adults.) {LC777/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5720**BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT (Changes the requirement for a registered lobbyist to file with the secretary a report listing all political contributions from one hundred dollars (\$100) to two hundred dollars (\$200) per annual cycle.) {LC631/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5721**BY** Newberry, Santucci, Fascia, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Allows a landlord that did not obtain a lead certificate pursuant to the lead mitigation laws of chapter 128.1 of title 42 due to the fact that the state lacks the adequate resources to conduct inspections.) {LC1030/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5722**BY** Place, Santucci, Hopkins, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Amends the administrative procedures act and provides that on the review of an agency decision by a court upon appeal, the court shall decide questions of law without deference to any previous determination or interpretation of the law by the agency.) {LC1727/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5723**BY** Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Cortvriend, Carson, Hull, Handy, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE-OWNED AND OPERATED PRINTING FACILITIES PREFERENCE ACT (Requires any state agency that prints more than fifty (50) copies of a contract, publication, brochure, notice, or promotional material to use state-owned or operated print shop cable of processing the material.) {LC2102/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5724**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Stewart, Diaz, Biah, Tanzi, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS (Prohibits state or municipality from contracts to detain individuals for civil immigration violations, and if such contract exists, it must end by July 1, 2026 and prohibits using public resources to detain those individuals.) {LC1255/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5725**BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Hopkins, Chippendale, Brien, Paplauskas, Fascia, Santucci, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS-- COST (Provides that fees for costs charged for search, retrieval or copying of public records shall be waived for members of the general assembly who certify that they are acting in their official capacity.) {LC1443/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5726**BY** Morales, Stewart, Paplauskas, Boylan, Carson, Cotter, Ajello, Speakman, Handy, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.) {LC1273/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5727**BY** Paplauskas, Newberry, Nardone, Place, Brien, Lima, Fascia, Quattrocchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Requires the director of the Rhode Island emergency management agency and the Rhode Island commerce commission to develop and implement a plan to assist businesses in obtaining flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance program.) {LC1549/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5728**BY** Fellela, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS (Adopts the provisions of Connecticut law pertaining to nontransparent windshields and windows.) {LC1949/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5729**BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Adds grass/grass clippings to the items prohibited from being deposited or blown onto a highway or roadway.) {LC2072/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5730**BY** Speakman, Boylan, Cortvriend, Edwards, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT,

AND LOAD LIMITS (Allows boats and marine assets to utilize the overweight oversize annual blanket permit that was in effect until 2022, and for the resumption of the prior practice of permitting for boats and marine asset transportation.) {LC1552/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5731**BY** Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Diaz, Bennett, Speakman, Caldwell, Alzate, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Authorizes driver education schools to offer the driver training curriculum in a classroom setting or an instructor-led virtual format.) {LC1741/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5732**BY** Bennett, Speakman, Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Donovan, Cruz, Boylan, Phillips, Cotter**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – GREEN

AMENDMENT (Proposes a constitutional amendment to Article 1 providing for a right to clean air, soil, climate, and the environment's natural values.) {LC1785/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5733**BY** Slater, Diaz, Morales, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CONFERRING LIMITED PURPOSE RECOGNITION TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE {LC1998/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Resolution No. 5734**BY** Place, Nardone, Santucci, Fascia, Paplauskas, Chippendale, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to our state Constitution grants the governor a line-item veto on the budget and other appropriation bills.) {LC1730/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 5735

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Abney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TAXATION OF BEVERAGES {LC1266/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5736

Dept. of Executive Office of Health and Human Services

BY Caldwell, Shanley, Craven, Morales, McEntee, Read, Serpa, Potter, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienist's from "other insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.) {LC1360/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5737

(Judiciary)

BY Shanley, Dawson, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT (Amend a provision in the general laws relative to additional benefits payable to retired judges and their surviving spouses.) {LC1483/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5738

(General Treasurer)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Diaz, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell, Alzate, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides a tax credit to individual taxpayers who convert their gas-powered vehicle into a vehicle propelled by an alternative fuel source.) {LC1694/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5739

(General Treasurer)

BY Hull, Lombardi, Tanzi, Fogarty, Fascia**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.) {LC1700/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5740

(General Treasurer)

BY Noret, Casimiro, Kazarian, Corvese, Diaz, Read, Dawson, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Permits the division of unclaimed property within the office of the general treasurer to accept miscellaneous intangible property belonging to Rhode Island residents.) {LC1713/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5741

(Providence)

BY Hull, Lombardi, Slater, Fogarty, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- REBUILD RHODE ISLAND TAX CREDIT (Amends provisions related to the maximum project credit allowed under the rebuild Rhode Island tax credit for certain qualified development projects.) {LC1797/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5742**BY** Caldwell, Stewart, Potter, Cotter, Carson, Donovan, Edwards, Diaz, O'Brien, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Establishes a statewide "Healthy School Meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.) {LC1565/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5743**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2025.) {LC1249/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5744**BY** Morales, Diaz, Alzate, Giraldo, Stewart, Carson, Dawson, Handy, O'Brien, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILINGUAL, DUAL LANGUAGE AND WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS INVESTMENT ACT (Authorizes the office of postsecondary commissioner to expand bilingual and dual language teacher certificates in urban schools through two scholarship programs for students and teachers, with eligibility requirements and donations.) {LC1118/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5745**BY** Diaz, Giraldo, Biah, Morales, Slater, Felix, Tanzi, Hull, Lombardi, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION -- STUDENT SUCCESS ACT (Reduces the time, from three (3) years to six (6) months, required for a nonimmigrant foreign national student, who has resided in Rhode Island, to be eligible to pay the same in-state tuition as any other Rhode Island student.) {LC1686/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5746**BY** Dawson, Kazarian, Furtado, Cotter, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Relieves East Providence from providing any educational/financial resources to children in the CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs. Requires the school district of origin where the student was last registered to bear this responsibility.) {LC1989/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5747**BY** Fogarty, Spears, McEntee, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Handy, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (Enhances and further define the role of the board of trustees of the University of Rhode Island.) {LC1929/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5748**BY** Azzinaro, Brien, Fellela, Casimiro, Spears, Hull, Lombardi, Shallcross Smith, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP (Extends the time for which a student may enroll in the community college of Rhode Island Promise Scholarship program to one year after the student's high school graduation.) {LC63/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5749**BY** Caldwell, Shanley, Knight, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the determination of the state's share statute by amending the calculation for the poverty loss stabilization fund.) {LC1719/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5750**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the term "extraordinary costs" for the purposes of excess costs associated with special education students. The new definition of extraordinary costs would be educational costs that are over 3 times the average statewide special education cost.) {LC2108/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5751**BY** Giraldo, Potter, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that a student's enrollment in Medicaid would be included in calculating and determining the student success factor for use in the foundation education-aid formula.) {LC1651/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5752**BY** Ajello, Cotter, Tanzi, Alzate, Corvese, Felix, Donovan, Potter, Edwards, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTY TAX (Imposes a property tax on non-owner occupied residential properties assessed worth at one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) and a higher tax on properties assessed at two million dollars (\$2,000,000) or more.) {LC1721/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5753**BY** Costantino, Lima, Solomon, Chippendale, Baginski, Brien, Nardone, Hopkins, Casey, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Exempts subchapter S corporations in the first year of existence from paying the minimum tax.) {LC826/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5754**BY** Costantino, Santucci, Phillips, Baginski, Shallcross Smith, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the net taxable estate exemption to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for deaths that occur on or after January 1, 2026.) {LC1097/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5755**BY** Chippendale, Finkelman, Place, Nardone, Baginski, Brien, Santucci, Newberry, Casimiro, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Generates an estate tax discharge upon the recording of a statement by the executor or other estate representative that the value of the decedent's gross estate does not require a state or federal tax filing.) {LC1995/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5756**BY** McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Ajello, Tanzi, Fogarty, Cotter, Cortvriend, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Allows a municipality to set its own conveyance tax rate for residential properties sold in excess of \$900,000.00 at \$10 per \$500. Provides collected taxes to be in a restricted account and distributed within 2 years for affordable housing.) {LC1848/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5757

BY McEntee, Solomon, Caldwell, Phillips, Finkelman, Casey, Cortvriend, Dawson, O'Brien, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Caps delinquent tax interest rate at 12%. Prohibits audits beyond 3 years from date of tax filing, 7 years for fraudulent filings, and in no event beyond 10 years from date of filing or required filing date, whichever is later.) {LC1837/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5758

BY Lima, Costantino, Phillips, Paplauskas, Brien, Chippendale, Solomon, Casey, Kennedy, Potter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Includes payment of social security benefits to the modification reducing federal adjusted gross income on personal income taxes.) {LC2036/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5759

BY DeSimone, Kazarian, Slater, Hull, O'Brien, McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.) {LC1687/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5760

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, McEntee, Finkelman, Corvese, Serpa, Noret, Slater, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Raises the earned-income tax credit from twenty percent (20%) to thirty percent (30%) for the tax years 2026 and beyond.) {LC1747/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5761

BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification for all taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.) {LC1757/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5762

BY Slater, Diaz, Morales, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT {LC1911/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5763

BY McEntee, Fogarty, O'Brien, Corvese, Tanzi, Spears
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows any retired member of the state retirement system to serve as a member of the state labor relations board.) {LC1677/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5764**BY** Serpa, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Requires a reamortization of the state pension fund for 2026.) {LC2098/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5765**BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Adds probation and parole officers to the list of state law enforcement professionals, for purpose of retirement on service allowance.) {LC1610/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5766**BY** O'Brien, Dawson, Finkelman, Caldwell, McEntee, Shanley, Read, Azzinaro, Slater, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Reinstates the cost of living adjustments for retirees, when the annual investment return of the retirement system, exceeds ten percent (10%).) {LC2086/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5767**BY** Solomon, Bennett, Baginski, Casey, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Removes the definition of "totally and permanently disabled" from the general law affording college tuition paid by the state to the spouse and children of active members of the police force who are killed or disabled during duty.) {LC1608/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5768**BY** Costantino, Santucci, Hull, Phillips, Baginski, Shallcross Smith, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (DMV to provide credit for portions of unused voluntarily cancelled vehicle registrations.) {LC869/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5769**BY** Costantino, Santucci, Hull, Phillips, Baginski, Shallcross Smith, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Provides that when a registrant voluntarily cancels the registrant's motor vehicle registration, that person receives a credit for the time remaining on the original registration to be applied to a future registration.) {LC868/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5770**BY** Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Casey, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM PRODUCTS (Reduces the cigarette tax imposed by 75% for any modified risk tobacco product as defined in § 21 U.S.C. 387 k as a tobacco product sold/distributed to reduce the harm/risk of tobacco-related disease associated with commercially marketed tobacco products.) {LC1408/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5771**BY** Alzate, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Diaz, Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Mandates Medicaid coverage for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment.) {LC881/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5772**BY** McEntee, Spears, Fogarty, Cotter, Donovan, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Edwards, Caldwell, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Increases individual, group, and Medicaid insurance rates of reimbursement for ambulance and wheelchair van services to be equal to reimbursement rates provided by Medicare for the same medical services.) {LC1241/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5773**BY** Baginski, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Provides that shared living for older adults and adults with disabilities allow individuals to receive care from family caregivers, related or unrelated regardless of whether they are performing other activities, such as power of attorney for individual.) {LC1838/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5774**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Establishes Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates set by the general assembly as the rate floor for Medicaid managed care by home care, home nursing care and hospice providers licensed by the DOH and continue the EEOHH.) {LC2094/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5775**BY** Caldwell, Potter, Morales, Slater, Kazarian, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires EOHHS to establish a 1-year pilot program for nutritional assistance and medically tailored meals, groceries and produce for peoples with diet-related diseases or food insecurity, and other interventions where there is a clinical need.) {LC1433/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5776**BY** Solomon, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Directs the RITBA design a safety barrier or netting system on the several bridges within its authority. Any newly constructed bridges with a deck height of over one hundred feet (100 ft) would be required to have safety barriers of safety netting.) {LC2084/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5777**BY** Quattrocchi, Place, Roberts, Nardone, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Santucci, Newberry, Fascia, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Repeals the act authorizing toll facilities on state roads.) {LC1044/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5778**BY** Newberry, Paplauskas, Fascia, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Santucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FIRST TIME HOME BUYER SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the first time home buyer savings program act. Allows modifications to federal adjusted gross income for \$50,000 in contributions and \$150,000 of interest and dividends included in federal adjusted gross income.) {LC1048/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5779**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, McGaw, Kislak, McEntee, Spears, Fogarty, Tanzi, Handy, Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Requires oil spill responsible fee from 5 cents to 10 cents. Funds to support climate change initiatives.) {LC1399/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5780**BY** Read, Azzinaro, Noret, Finkelman, Serpa, Paplauskas, Place, Casimiro, Solomon, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a National Guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.) {LC1631/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5781**BY** Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- STATE FORESTS AND FORESTRY PROJECTS (Directs the general assembly to fund ten full time equivalent positions in FY 2026 to support DEM's efforts in the areas of forestry and forestry projects.) {LC540/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5782**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Voas**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 27% of all tax that would have been collected if the property was taxable be paid to the municipality annually.) {LC1247/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5783**BY** Serpa, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the net taxable estate exemption to four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for deaths that occur on or after January 1, 2026.) {LC2119/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5784**BY** Carson, Cortvriend, Spears, McEntee, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Fogarty, Tanzi, McGaw, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Includes "hosting platform" under the definition of "room-seller" and imposes a tax of 5% on the rental of a house or condominium with the tax used exclusively for infrastructure improvements, riverine and coastal resiliency and housing.) {LC1282/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5785**BY** Solomon, Brien, Baginski, Finkelman, DeSimone, Lima, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday on August 9 and 10, 2025.) {LC1846/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5786**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Expands the definition of "book or other writing" to sales up to one thousand five hundred (1,500) copies and deny the sales tax exemption for third-party sales.)

{LC1909/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5787**BY** Hopkins, Paplauskas, Serpa, Corvese, Bennett, Shanley, Solomon, Casey, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax eligible school supplies, costing less than \$30.00, purchased within one week prior to the commencement of the academic year.) {LC1537/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 5788

BY Azzinaro, Brien, Ackerman, Fellela, Casimiro, Spears, Hull, Lombardi, Shallcross Smith, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Prohibits the collection of sales tax on refundable deposits for batteries and core charges for motor vehicle equipment, parts or components.) {LC50/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5789

BY Paplauskas, Baginski, Potter, Lima, Fascia, Quattrocchi, McNamara, Handy

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE MESHANTICUT LAKE PAVED WALKING PATH IN CRANSTON (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 for the Meshanticut Lake paved walking path in Cranston.) {LC1910/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5790

BY Noret, Corvese, Read, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Bennett, Spears, Casey, Hopkins, Kazarian

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$90,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASES IN THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID PROGRAM (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$90,000,000 to the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services to be invested in increasing reimbursement rates for all physicians and advanced practice providers.) {LC1691/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5791

BY Costantino, Lima, Hull, Casey

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE SUBSTANCE USE AND MENTAL HEALTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF RI (SUMHLC) (This resolution would authorize an appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.) {LC1098/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Resolution No. 5792

BY Bennett, Speakman, Cortvriend, Donovan, Cruz, Phillips, Perez, Hopkins, Noret, Solomon

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS – RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Joint resolution to approve an amendment to the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.) {LC1784/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:11 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Tanzi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Michele L. Pezzullo; on motion of Representative Boylan, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Spencer Lane and Christine Lane; on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ann McCaffrey; on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Irene Lynch seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER STEWART

Dear Lord: Let us pray that we open our hearts and minds and realize that Black History is a part of all our histories. We ask your favor in guiding us so that one day we celebrate Black History in ways that move beyond one month and become part of our everyday lives. Amen.

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025:

1. 2025-H 5046

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

2. 2025-H 5215

BY Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

3. 2025-H 5025

BY Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

4. 2025-H 5045

BY Casimiro

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATE OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING FEDERAL TITLE IV DOLLARS TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE ENROLLMENT IN SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AT RIC

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

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