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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Fourteenth-Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, February 27, 2025, and is called to order at 4:16 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 69: 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, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 6: Representatives Craven, Fellela, Giraldo, Lombardi, Marszalkowski and Perez.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Grace Diaz, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi invites retired Providence Police Officer Luis del Rio to sing the National Anthem.

**ADDRESS**

Chairwoman Diaz proudly addresses the members in recognition of the 181st Anniversary of Dominican Independence Day. This historic occasion honors the resilience, courage, and unwavering spirit of the Dominican people in their pursuit of freedom.

**GUESTS**

Chairwoman Diaz in celebration of Dominican Independence Day, where Dominicans worldwide proudly honor their nation's independence, a day that reflects a profound legacy of freedom, resilience, and national pride. Here in Rhode Island, the Dominican-American community continues to grow and thrive, making invaluable contributions to our state's culture, economy, and civic life. Chairwoman Diaz proudly welcomed distinguished members of the Dominican-American community for this special occasion, retired Providence Police Officer Luis del Río, who sang the United States National Anthem; Victor Mendoza, former official in the Rhode Island Department of Administration; Dr. Juana Parrillón, Director of the Diversity and Inclusion Office at Brown University; Edgard Allan Oleaga Montes De Oca, Assistant Liaison Officer between the Dominican National Police and the New York Police Department.

Representative Phillips also welcomes Luis del Río to the House.

In celebration of Dominican Independence Day, Representative Batista proudly welcomes Everin Pérez, President of the Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee; Lieutenant David Tejada of the Providence Police Department; and Pedro Pineda, a representative of the New Duarte Generation, to the House. Many Rhode Island Dominicans honor this special day by visiting the Juan Pablo Duarte Monument in Roger Williams Park. This landmark pays tribute not only to the founding fathers of the Dominican Republic but also to the remarkable contributions of Dominican-Americans in our state.

Representative Felix honors Dominican Independence Day and proudly recognizes the countless contributions of Dominican-Americans whose dedication, service, and perseverance continue to enrich the Ocean State. Their entrepreneurial spirit, artistic expression, and civic engagement serve as an inspiration to all. To mark this special occasion, Representative Felix welcomes several distinguished guests to the House, Isidro de Leon, former President of the Dominican Independence Award Committee; Colonel Donni Leiki Sonni Cepeda, Liaison Officer between the Dominican National Police and the Providence Police Department; Jose Dominguez, representing the New Duarte Generation and Abraham Hernández, a business owner in the City of Central Falls.

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, February 25, 2025, is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Representative Deborah A. Fellela is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 27, 2025.  
Representative Robert E Craven, Sr. is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 27, 2025.  
Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 27, 2025.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
TRANSFER OF BILLS**

**Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Health and Human Services:**

**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}  
02/27/2025 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

**Chairwoman Donovan, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government and Elections:**

**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}  
02/27/2025 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

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

**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}  
02/27/2025 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**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.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Caldwell, Edwards, Representatives McNamara, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Cotter, Spears, Donovan, Fascia, Roberts, Corvese, Bennett, Biah, Speakman, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman McEntee and Representative Ajello discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Finkelman, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Ajello, Cruz, Felix, Place, Sanchez, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

- 2. 2025-H 5215**  
**BY Phillips**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Phillips, Morales, Shanley, Cortvriend, Carson, Bennett, Potter and Roberts.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2025-H 5025**

**BY** Edwards

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairwoman McEntee moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Handy, Edwards, Casimiro, Solomon, Phillips, Donovan, Biah, Fogarty, Nardone, and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairwoman McEntee discusses the act.

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

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #4 to be placed on Tuesday's Calendar. There is no objection.

**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.

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the Calendar for Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy and Speaker Shekarchi offer heartfelt condolences to former Representative Charlie Knowles and the entire Knowles family on the passing of Christopher Knowles.

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of 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.

Chairman Azzinaro wishes his youngest daughter, Mary, a Happy 36th Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Mary a Happy Birthday.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

Representative Shallcross Smith wishes her youngest grandson, Oliver, a Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Speaker Shekarchi also wishes Oliver a Happy Birthday!

### GUESTS

Representative Shallcross Smith warmly welcomes her intern, Cameron Reynolds, from West Hartford, Connecticut, who attends Bryant University, to the House. Speaker Shekarchi also welcomes Cameron to the House.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, and Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

After today's last call for New Business, House Rule 7(d) will apply to announcements beginning next Tuesday. All members must give notice under Rule 7(d) to announce bills on the next legislative day. This rule limits three bills per member. After the three-bill limit is reached, permission must be obtained from the Speaker to introduce any further bills. This provision does not apply to city or town bills, reinstatement of corporate charters, solemnization of marriages, appropriations and budget bills, bills to create or extend the reporting dates of study commissions, ceremonial resolutions of congratulations or condolences, and bills introduced on behalf of a study commission as approved by the Speaker.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 5805**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Chippendale, Newberry, Kennedy, Edwards, Bennett, Potter, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BRUCE M. SELYA {LC2166/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Ajello and Representative Knight discuss the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers condolences to the family of Justice Bruce M. Selya.

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

#### **House Resolution No. 5806**

**BY** Speakman, Knight, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Donovan, Kennedy, Ajello, Edwards, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL CHARLES GERHARDT {LC1833/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, on behalf of Representative Knight, Representative Speakman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Representatives Speakman and Knight discuss the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5807**

**BY** Diaz, Batista, Felix, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Santucci, Slater, Kennedy, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING DR. JUANA PARILLON FOR HER NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO OUR NATION AS BOTH A MARINE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ADVISOR {LC2232/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5808**

**BY** Diaz, Batista, Felix, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Santucci, Slater, Kennedy, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION THANKING VICTOR M. MENDOZA FOR HIS MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2233/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 5809**

**BY** Diaz, Batista, Felix, Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Slater, Kennedy, Ajello, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 181ST ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025 {LC738/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz discusses the resolution.

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



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.)

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Bill No. 5793**

**BY** Corvese, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Amends the provisions under which a city or town may exceed the maximum levy for the assessment of local taxes.) {LC2153/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### **House Bill No. 5794**

**BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, McEntee, Bennett, Solomon, Casimiro, Fogarty, Casey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOCAL PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION (Provides technical amendments to the chapters on subdivision of land and zoning ordinances for towns and cities.) {LC2154/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### **House Bill No. 5795**

**BY** Spears, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Knight, Cotter, Boylan, Caldwell, Dawson, O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the administration requirements a zoning ordinance must provide and/or designate and would require that zoning certificates be issued within 20 days of the written request.) {LC2155/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

#### **House Bill No. 5796**

**BY** Knight, Tanzi, Casey, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.) {LC2156/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

#### **House Bill No. 5797**

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Phillips, DeSimone, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Spears, O'Brien, Morales, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.) {LC2157/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5798****BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.) {LC2158/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5799****BY** Cruz, Shekarchi, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Cotter, Solomon, Slater, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Provides that minor subdivisions would include oversized lot subdivisions under certain circumstances and relative to zoning ordinances, permit a modification to allow "neighborhood character-based modifications" under certain circumstances.) {LC2159/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5800****BY** Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.) {LC2160/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5801****BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Amends several definitions relating to low- or moderate-income housing as well as the procedure for the approval of low- or moderate-income housing.) {LC2161/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5802****BY** Noret, Slater, Tanzi, Casey, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Provides amendments relative to the state developing state-owned vacant land for housing and the process therefor.) {LC2162/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5803****BY** Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Provides for the establishment and operation of an electronic permitting platform for all state and local permitting.) {LC2163/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5804****BY** Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Amends the corporation of the building code standards committee and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and would establish an state building code office

within the office of state fire marshal.) {LC2164/1}

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Resolution No. 5810**

**BY** Casey, Solomon, Brien

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY (Creates a 7-member commission to for proposals encouraging a positive economic environment for blockchain and cryptocurrency, and would submit an interim report by January 5, 2026, a final report by January 5, 2027, and expires on February 5, 2027.) {LC1860/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5811**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Voas, Stewart, Kazarian, Casimiro, Solomon, O'Brien, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009 (Prohibits an individual who is licensed as both a Rhode Island real estate agent and mortgage loan originator to be compensated for both the sale of the property and the origination or referral of the loan in securing the property.) {LC1765/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5812**

(by request)

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires that insurance policies for property damage, personal injuries, and indemnification other than payment of compensation for workers compensation, state policy limits and no amount of the policy may be used to pay costs to defend a claim.) {LC2296/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5813**

**BY** Caldwell, Cotter, Stewart, Batista, McGaw, Morales, Spears, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Mandates any utility provider from increasing the transmission and distribution fees paid by a consumer for a period of two (2) years.) {LC2037/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5814**

**BY** Lima, Costantino, Casimiro, Read, Brien, Corvese, Kislak, Azzinaro, Noret, Baginski, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the PUC to produce report on comprehensive study by April 30, 2026.) {LC2065/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5815****BY** Morales, Stewart, Cotter, Handy, Felix, Tanzi, Ajello, Cruz, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Establishes an intervenor support program to provide compensation for an intervenor who makes a substantial contribution to a proceeding resulting in a decision favorable to the interest of utility consumers.) {LC1304/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5816****BY** Handy, Stewart, Boylan, Speakman, Fogarty, McGaw, Bennett, Casimiro, Kislak, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Mandates state and electric distribution companies develop proposals and encourage off shore wind power development and give priority in those projects to providing employment and business opportunities to workers from disadvantaged communities.) {LC1573/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5817****BY** McGaw, Edwards, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Batista, Handy, Boylan, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT (Establishes the "2025 Rhode Island Broadband Transparency and Consumer Protection Act.") {LC1577/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5818****BY** Handy, Morales, McNamara, Solomon, Stewart, Casimiro, Potter, Fogarty, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Prohibits public utilities, serving greater 100,000 customers from recovering through rates any direct or indirect cost associated with, amongst other costs, advertising, marketing, communications.) {LC1575/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5819****BY** Lima, Brien, Phillips, Casey, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING (Changes the excess renewable net-metering credit to a wholesale rate.) {LC2062/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5820****BY** Lima, Brien, Phillips, Azzinaro, Baginski, Serpa, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Amends the obligation of entities to sell at retail to Rhode Island and use customers.) {LC2008/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5821****BY** Handy, Stewart, Potter, Fogarty, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Provides amendments to procedures necessary for approval of transactions between utilities by giving the public utilities commission jurisdiction; mandates public hearings, allows intervention by any interested party and provides for appeal.) {LC1542/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5822****BY** Phillips, Morales, Dawson, Casey, Lima, Brien, Finkelman, Shanley, Read, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR SITING ADVISORY TASKFORCE (Creates a taskforce to provide recommendations, advice and guidance to help expedite and provide technical assistance with regard to the development of solar energy systems on property owned by the state.) {LC2057/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5823****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Voids any provision in a condominium declaration or bylaw that would limit an increase in annual assessments relative to a percentage of the prior year's assessment.) {LC1675/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5824****BY** Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condo associations to obtain and comply with reserve studies certified by an architect or engineer.) {LC1676/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5825****BY** Speakman, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Restricts increases in monthly common expenses and limit special assessments to cover unforeseen costs not included in condo association's approved annual budget for common expenses in associations where the minority of the units are deed-restricted units) {LC2028/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5826****BY** Speakman, Serpa, Solomon, Potter, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates a process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions.) {LC2017/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5827****BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Dawson, Tanzi, McGaw, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Requires a person selling real property to provide disclosures as it relates to flooding on the property which occurred either through natural events or mechanical failures.) {LC224/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5828****BY** Lima, Solomon, Serpa, Brien, Edwards, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING (Requires that beginning January 1, 2027, all contractors supervising structural remodeling or building new residential structures with one to four (4) family dwelling units be licensed by the contractors' registration and licensing board.) {LC2080/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5829****BY** Felix, Potter, Morales, Alzate, Batista, Sanchez, Kislak, Stewart, Cruz, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Makes several amendments to the cannabis act relating to applications for licensure, the social equity assistance program and the application of cannabis tax revenue.) {LC1964/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5830****BY** Cotter, Spears, McGaw, Carson, Chippendale, Tanzi, Caldwell, Kislak, McNamara, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE (Requires that any covered entity that develops/provides online services, products, or features that children are reasonably likely to access shall consider the best interest of children when designing/developing such online service, product, or feature.) {LC1708/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5831****BY** Hopkins, Place, Roberts, Brien, Bennett, Corvese, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT (Requires anyone engaged in the sale of goods or services, and who offers a discount to its customers' for utilizing automatic payment systems, via ACH or EFT or similar payment systems, provide the same discount to any person who is sixty-five (65)) {LC1945/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5832****BY** Tanzi, Fogarty, McEntee, Spears, Morales, Read, Hopkins, Alzate, Boylan, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Amends powers/duties of the office of the health insurance commissioner to increase total cost of care for services reimbursed under contracts after risk adjustment that exceeds the Consumer Price

Index for all Urban Consumers percentage increase.) {LC1754/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5833**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MOBILE COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING SERVICES (Provides for the licensure and operation of mobile cosmetology and barber services.) {LC2016/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 5834**

**BY** Handy, Cortvriend, McNamara, Boylan, Kislak, Potter, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES, AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO IDENTIFY ISSUES RELATED TO ELECTRIC RATES AND POTENTIAL RATE REFORM STRATEGIES {LC1973/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5835**

**BY** Kislak, Hull, Sanchez, Batista, Potter, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Enables the Providence School Board to authorize local school-based councils to enhance communication between the board and the individual schools.) {LC1251/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5836**

**BY** Morales, Biah, Furtado, Stewart, Handy, Potter, Caldwell, Batista, DeSimone, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Would require every high school to offer a yearlong "ethnic studies" course.) {LC2004/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5837**

**BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that any school teaching sexual education to students shall provide the sexual education curriculum to every parent or guardian of a student, and the parent or legal guardian shall consent to the teaching of such sexual education curriculum.) {LC1444/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5838**

**BY** Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Sanchez, Boylan, Furtado, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Alzate, Stewart

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Would provide additional procedural safeguards for English as a second language learners and English language learners during the IEP process.) {LC1574/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5839**

**BY** Morales, Ajello, Potter, Stewart, Casimiro, Caldwell, Batista, Handy, Tanzi, McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.) {LC1570/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5840**

**BY** Casey, Kislak, Casimiro, Messier, O'Brien, Dawson, Cotter, Spears, McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires all certified independent or district charter schools upon application for a renewal of said charter or an application for a new charter school to provide a union neutrality clause in the charter.) {LC1763/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5841**

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Lombardi, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, Felix, Kazarian, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.) {LC1904/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5842**

**BY** Roberts, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Categorizes women by their biological identity at birth rather than their gender identity for purpose of organized sports.) {LC1934/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5843**

**BY** McNamara, Shanley, Bennett, Hopkins, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Provides for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving CTE or pathways education.) {LC2287/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 5844**

**BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Fogarty, Kislak, Carson, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER POLLUTION (Requires quarterly testing of biosolids for PFAS contaminants by those seeking to apply biosolids to lands, with subsequent reports to the department of environmental management.) {LC1674/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources



**House Bill No. 5845**

**BY** Read, Noret, Nardone, Serpa, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, McNamara, Paplauskas, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROTECTION (Requires Rhode Island water suppliers to prepare a resilience assessment and a response plan for the risk of flooding.) {LC1344/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5846**

**BY** Cortvriend, Edwards, Kislak, Speakman, Handy, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Establish a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2030, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.) {LC1611/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Resolution No. 5847**

**BY** Read, Noret, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Baginski, Serpa, Roberts, Bennett, Chippendale, Santucci  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER (Creates an 11-member commission to study and provide recommendations and potential solutions to address the flooding of the Pawtuxet River, and who would report back by January 2, 2026, and would expire on March 2, 2026.) {LC1820/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5848**

**BY** Hopkins, Place, Roberts, Brien, Bennett, Perez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS (Requires the DOH and the EOHHS to collaborate with community health centers to establish new programs designed to attract federal funds, with a focus on the utilization of Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs.) {LC1523/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5849**

**BY** Tanzi, Alzate, Cotter, Speakman, Carson, Donovan, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Kislak, Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Mandates that EOHHS assemble a network of equity zones where local multisector groups of nonprofits, service providers, advocates, community members, state agencies, and municipalities can address social factors of health at a local level.) {LC1942/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5850**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Read, Kislak, Alzate, Slater, Ajello, Stewart, Fogarty, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Requires every individual or group health insurance plan on or after January 1, 2026, that provides benefits to reimburse child service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Services.) {LC1641/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5851****BY** Morales, Stewart, Felix, Tanzi, Handy, Cruz, Potter, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTRACT WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (Amends the current law in order that a health insurer would not require a physician, to participate in "capitation," or any other "alternative payment model" that creates a financial incentive for a physician to limit medically necessary care.) {LC1653/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5852****BY** Solomon, McGaw, Casimiro, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (Expands the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements to allow non-physician healthcare providers to enter into such agreements.) {LC1836/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5853****BY** Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Bennett, Cortvriend, Boylan, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada, to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.) {LC2089/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5854****BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Fogarty, Ajello, Kislak, Hull, Morales, Potter, Bennett, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Adds new sections that set forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies, including education approved by state board of pharmacy. The cessation therapies to be covered by all health insurance carriers on or after 1/1/26.) {LC1383/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5855****BY** McGaw, Edwards, Giraldo, Cotter, Handy, Boylan, Furtado, Caldwell, Stewart, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Amends the types of less expensive generic products which pharmacists may prescribe to include "devices and supplies" and "therapeutically equivalent products" and requires the director to provide a list of therapeutically equivalent products.) {LC1847/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5856****BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Chippendale, Fascia, Santucci, Nardone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VACCINATION, TESTING, AND MASK MANDATES PROHIBITION (Prohibits any person mandating a COVID-19 vaccination without providing individual exemptions that allow a person to opt out of such mandate.) {LC1043/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 5857**

**BY** Knight, Speakman, Ajello, Cruz, Fogarty, Caldwell, Kislak, Boylan, McEntee, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE HEALTH DATA PRIVACY ACT (Creates the reproductive freedom and gender affirming care health data privacy act.) {LC2020/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5858**

**BY** Stewart, Alzate, Cruz, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, McGaw, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (Establishes the scope of a certified professional midwife's authority relating to prescribing medication to patients.) {LC1903/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5859**

**BY** Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Permits the use of private well water in food service establishment's restrooms if the water complies with the standards established pursuant to § 23-1-5.3(8).) {LC403/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5860**

**BY** Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Bennett, Cortvriend, Boylan, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.) {LC2090/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5861**

**BY** Stewart, Fogarty, McGaw, Cruz, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance policies to cover licensed certified lactation counselor services for childbearing families. It also prohibits requiring supervision or duplicate payments for services and mandates annual reporting.) {LC1900/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5862**

**BY** Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Requires insurance companies to prove that a healthcare service or procedure is not medically necessary.) {LC2314/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5863**

**BY** Tanzi, Kislak, Hull, Cotter, Carson, Morales, Ajello, Bennett, Cortvriend, Boylan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Requires each healthcare entity/network plan to compile/report to

health insurance commissioner a summary of how the healthcare entity/network plan requires its contracted providers to submit claims for in-network outpatient behavioral health services.) {LC1808/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5864**

**BY** Lima, Santucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOLOGOUS OR DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS (Provides for autologous blood donations.) {LC2061/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5865**

**BY** Lima, Brien, Serpa, Fellela, O'Brien, Potter, Kislak, Hull, Knight, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.) {LC1884/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5866**

**BY** McGaw, Boylan, Furtado, Caldwell, Casimiro, Stewart, Voas, Fogarty, Solomon, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Increases the maximum fill for non-opioid, non-narcotic controlled substances found in schedule II, so that a ninety-day (90) supply may be dispensed at any one time.) {LC1584/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 5867**

**BY** Cortvriend, Donovan, Fogarty, McGaw, Kislak, Speakman, Handy, Morales

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL DELEGATION TO DEMAND REVERSAL OF ACTIONS HARMING CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS {LC1502/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 5868**

**BY** Casey, Solomon, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DIGITAL ASSET KEYS--PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION OF PRIVATE KEYS (Prohibits the compelled production of a private key as it relates to a digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right.) {LC1862/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 5869**

(Commerce)

**BY** Stewart, Potter, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL (Eliminates one of two (2) conflicting versions of the science and technology advisory council authorizing statute, clarifying the structure of the council.) {LC2093/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5870**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Edwards, Shanley, Bennett, Phillips, Potter, Lima, Costantino, Casey, McEntee, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Defines public-private partnerships and provide the framework to encourage the use of public-private partnerships for proposals for state purchases.) {LC2111/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5871**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Cortvriend, Shanley, Tanzi, Dawson, Handy, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS (Provides that public historical vital records maintained by the state archives shall not be amended.)

{LC1415/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5872**

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT

SYNTHETIC MEDIA IN ELECTION COMMUNICATIONS (Creates the deceptive and fraudulent synthetic media in election communications chapter to regulate the use of synthetic media in elections.) {LC2286/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5873**

**BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Fascia, Santucci, Paplauskas, Hopkins

**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.) {LC1939/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5874**

**BY** Cruz, Ajello, Felix, Sanchez, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Casimiro, Alzate, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING (Makes it easier to vote for people eligible to vote who are incarcerated at the Rhode Island adult correctional institute and creates the position of "voting coordinator," within the department of corrections.) {LC2069/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5875**

**BY** Santucci, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Newberry, Paplauskas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT (Expands the lobbying reform act to apply to persons who lobby municipal government executives and legislative bodies, as well as local fire districts.)

{LC936/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5876****BY** Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Creates a permanent special commission to investigate and report on the threat of nuclear weapons.) {LC1950/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5877****BY** Casey, Brien, Phillips, Solomon, Roberts, Chippendale, Finkelman, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Allows that public records stored in a computer system, upon request, be provided at no charge.)

{LC1755/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5878****BY** Felix, Knight, Craven, Batista, Handy, Alzate, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Exempts law enforcement records from public disclosure if releasing them could reveal the identity of a human trafficking victim or someone eligible for an affirmative defense under certain prostitution-related laws.) {LC1963/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5879****BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, Finkelman, Boylan, Corvese, Chippendale, Knight, Newberry, Baginski, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Provides a definition for antisemitism to be used by state agencies to evaluate whether discrimination is present.) {LC1603/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5880****BY** Santucci, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Nardone, Fascia, Read, Solomon, Place, Chippendale, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- AUDITOR GENERAL (Requires the auditor general to conduct performance audits of all state agencies.) {LC1620/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5881****BY** Roberts, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING -- TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE (Provides specific language for signs to be posted at certain establishments notifying people of contact information to the national human trafficking resource center.) {LC1441/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 5882**

**BY** Cortvriend, Solomon, Donovan, McGaw, Knight, Corvese, Spears, Fogarty, Finkelman, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Reduces the course time required to become a school bus driver for applicants who have a valid commercial driver's license.) {LC922/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5883**

**BY** Shanley, Noret, Spears, Read, Solomon, Casimiro, Chippendale, Hopkins, Edwards, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Mandates municipalities to participate in the parking mobility app program where individuals may submit photos on the app of vehicles that are parked in spaces designated for individuals with disabilities and the violator may be cited and fined.) {LC1720/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5884**

**BY** Brien, Dawson, Newberry, Lombardi, Shanley, Knight  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS (Exempts members of the Rhode Island judiciary from the restrictions on nontransparent windshields and windows in their motor vehicles.) {LC2035/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 5885**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island.) {LC1749/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 5886**

**BY** Santucci, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Newberry, Paplauskas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.) {LC1535/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 5887**

**BY** Stewart, Morales, Cruz, Tanzi, Sanchez, Kazarian, Alzate, Handy, Kislak, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day.) {LC2067/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 5888**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Fogarty, Cortvriend, Diaz, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Casimiro, Stewart, Donovan, Alzate  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, would be punishable as a felony.) {LC2196/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5889**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.) {LC2195/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5890**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Boylan, Knight, Caldwell, Dawson, Tanzi, Fogarty, Furtado, Kislak, Noret, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Specifies that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess a firearm.) {LC2193/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5891**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa, Ajello, Donovan, Knight

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.) {LC2194/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5892**

(Judiciary)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.) {LC1481/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5893**

(Judiciary)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Ajello, Bennett, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.) {LC1482/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 5894**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, Stewart, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Amends §§ 14-1-3 and 14-5-8, relating to possession of marijuana and proceedings in family court ensuring that children under 17 years of age in possession of less than 2 oz of marijuana are subject to the jurisdiction of the family court.) {LC1496/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5895**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Felix, Kazarian, Tanzi, Hull, Diaz, Potter, Sanchez, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Requires submission of a domestic violence/sexual assault reporting form when the domestic violence response or investigation involves a verbal argument or dispute.) {LC1488/1}

{LC1488/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5896**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Hull, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Fascia, Santucci, Solomon, Bennett, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Provides that a hearing required before a judge or magistrate may adjudge a motorist in contempt for failure to comply with the court's orders regarding a conditional hardship license, and defines penalties for violation of a hardship/interlock order.) {LC1491/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5897**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Dawson, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES--VIOLATIONS (Amends the section of law relative to violations for driving after denial, revocation or suspension of a license and expands the list of offenses for which an unlicensed motorist would be in violation.) {LC1489/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5898**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Read, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Furtado, Santucci, McNamara, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY (Amends the general law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians to reference the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in § 31-41.1-4.) {LC1484/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5899**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casimiro, Dawson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (Adds five (5) driving violations to the statute that defines aggressive driving.)

{LC1499/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5900**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Casey, Dawson, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Distinguishes, in two separate subsections, a first offense for reckless driving, which is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense for reckless driving, which is a felony.)

{LC1485/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5901**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casey, Phillips, DeSimone, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.) {LC1490/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5902**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Ajello, Cotter, Tanzi, Alzate, Corvese, Potter, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.) {LC1914/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5903**

(by request)

**BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Repeals the collateral source rule in medical malpractice actions.)

{LC2299/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5904**

(by request)

**BY** Kazarian, Potter, Batista, Kislak, Dawson, O'Brien, Caldwell, McEntee, Stewart, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides that evidence of life or work expectancy shall be based on statistical data using blended statistics and shall not be based on race, ethnicity or sex.) {LC49/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5905**

(by request)

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS (Changes the definition of owner to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.) {LC2293/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5906**

**BY** Casey, Costantino, Chippendale, Finkelman, Brien, Phillips, Lima, Noret, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Substitutes "housing resources commission" with "department of health" for lead hazard mitigation purposes. It also makes it easier for a property owner to release funds put into an escrow account, if needed to make required repairs or improvements.) {LC2034/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5907**

**BY** Potter, Baginski, Batista, Shanley, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS (Requires submission to voters election constitutional amendment requiring governor/lieutenant governor to run as a team in elections commencing in 2026.) {LC2294/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5908**

**BY** Shanley, Potter, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides for punitive damages in civil actions where there is willful or wanton conduct or a reckless disregard for health, safety and welfare.) {LC2290/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5909**

**BY** McEntee, Shekarchi, Caldwell, Knight, Spears, Fogarty, Ajello, Donovan, Kazarian, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Makes all causes of action based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child not subject to any statute of limitations whether the claim has lapsed or was previously time-barred.) {LC1948/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5910**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DECISIONS, SPECIAL FINDINGS AND ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES (Adds the doctrine of assumption of risk to the current comparative negligence statute.) {LC2291/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5911****BY** Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Fogarty, Quattrocchi, Alzate, Tanzi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Caps damages at \$100,000 in tort actions against Rhode Island, cities, towns, or fire districts, except for willful misconduct or extreme recklessness. It also exempts them from § 9-21-10.) {LC1961/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5912****BY** Baginski, Kazarian, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides for fair and reasonable charges for certain medical and health care services in civil actions.) {LC2298/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5913****BY** Furtado, Solomon, McGaw, Dawson, Read, Boylan, Kislak, Alzate, Stewart, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESERVING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE DRUGS (Provides that an agreement resolving a patent infringement claim, in connection with the sale of a pharmaceutical product, is to be presumed to have anticompetitive effects if a nonreference drug filer receives anything of value.) {LC1823/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5914****BY** Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Fogarty, Alzate, Tanzi, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Limits the recovery for personal injuries actions against any town to \$3,000 retroactive to all causes of action arising after January 1, 2025, and prohibits the use of subsequent remedial measures in roadway/highway defect cases.) {LC1959/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5915****BY** Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Batista, Handy, Fogarty, Quattrocchi, Corvese, Noret, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Exempts recovery claims for damages due to a town's neglect in maintaining highways or bridges from the provisions of chapter 31 of title 9 on governmental tort liability.) {LC1960/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5916****BY** Stewart, Cruz, Lombardi, Giraldo, Tanzi, Morales, Speakman, Handy, Alzate, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Increases the notification time about rent increases and termination of tenancy for month-to-month tenants.) {LC1863/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5917**

**BY** Casey, Solomon, Chippendale, Brien, Finkelman, Baginski, Phillips, Lima, Noret, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits the mandatory rental registry to properties constructed prior to 1978, and further push out the effective date of registration to September 1, 2025, with the penalty clause becoming effective as of October 1, 2025.) {LC1493/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5918**

**BY** Casey, Costantino, Chippendale, Finkelman, Brien, Phillips, Baginski, Lima, Noret, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords of residential properties built before 1978 to register lead hazard mitigation information with the department of health and the information would be private and only accessible by specific entities.) {LC2063/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5919**

**BY** Baginski, Read, Brien, Lima, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT (Defines squatter as a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not authorized by the property owner, landlord or tenant to occupy the unit and provides remedies for property owner including police assistance to remove a squatter.) {LC1870/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5920**

**BY** Ajello, Cotter, Tanzi, Alzate, Potter, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Corvese, Boylan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICE ACT (Amends the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act.) {LC1880/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5921**

**BY** Cruz, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Alzate, Furtado  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Allows for a tenant to withhold payment of rent, and deposit the rent accruing into an escrow bearing account, upon the issuance of a second notice of violation by an enforcing officer for any state or local minimum housing code enforcement agency.) {LC1975/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5922**

**BY** Cruz, Ajello, Felix, Sanchez, Stewart, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Cotter, Solomon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits a peace officer, as defined in § 12-7-21, from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.) {LC1928/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5923****BY** Roberts, Quattrocchi, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.) {LC1445/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5924****BY** Roberts, Craven, Lima, Chippendale, Hull, Casimiro, Corvese, Ackerman, Brien, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Increases minimum sentence for first degree sexual assault and provides first 10 years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault not be subject to a suspension or deferment of sentence.) {LC935/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5925****BY** Fascia, Craven, Nardone, Chippendale, Hull, Lima, Lombardi, Furtado, Place, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Makes it a felony for any person required to register as a sex offender to live within three hundred feet (300') of a school as defined in § 11-37.1-2.) {LC1341/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**Bill No. 5926****BY** Noret, Brien, Kazarian, O'Brien, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Creates a cause of action for the intentional or negligent injury or death of a pet.) {LC626/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5927****BY** Felix, Potter, Cruz, Batista, Sanchez, Kazarian, Kislak, Stewart, Alzate, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE CONFINEMENT OVERSIGHT ACT (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee ("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing ("solitary confinement"), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.) {LC1993/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5928****BY** Morales, Ajello, Batista, Hull, Alzate, Craven, Stewart, Potter, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT -- THE WILLIE WASHINGTON, JR. ACT (Establishes The Body Cameras for Correctional Facilities Act which mandates all department of corrections staff with direct supervision rolls to wear body cameras while on duty in their assigned facility.) {LC1333/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5929****BY** Voas, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.) {LC1265/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5930****BY** Kislak, Speakman, Fogarty, Slater, Potter, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE-SPEED-ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM ACT OF 2016 (Extends the range of a school zone for purposes of school-zone-speed-enforcement systems from one-quarter (1/4) mile to three-quarters (3/4) of a mile.) {LC624/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5931****BY** Potter, Batista, Ajello, Cruz, Stewart, Morales, Felix, Dawson, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Repeals the section of law relating to suspension of operator licenses for failure to pay fines.) {LC1932/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5932****BY** Dawson, Solomon, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE -- MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION {LC2289/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5933****BY** Lima, Casey, Brien, Place, Corvese, Serpa, Bennett, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun.) {LC1887/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5934****BY** Casey, Lima, Phillips, Solomon, Noret, Costantino, Chippendale, Place, Corvese, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun.) {LC2088/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5935****BY** Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- CONCEALED CARRY REFORM (Expands firearm rights to recognize out of state carry permits, authorizes weapons carried during emergency evacuation and establishes an appeal process for permit denied.) {LC1311/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5936****BY** Noret, Place, Corvese, Chippendale, Dawson, Phillips, Bennett, Brien, Casey, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides the review and appeal process for individuals applying for a permit or license to carry a handgun with the licensing authority or attorney general.) {LC1750/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5937****BY** McEntee, Spears, Caldwell, Bennett, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT (Adopts the uniform partition of heirs property act.) {LC1947/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5938****BY** Hopkins, Place, Roberts, Brien, Bennett, Perez, Corvese, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- OFFENSES AND PENALTIES (Provides that enhanced penalties for possession of fentanyl shall only be applicable if the substance contains I am running a few minutes late; my previous meeting is running over. at least ten percent (10%) of fentanyl or its analogs.) {LC2055/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5939****BY** Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES -- FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT (Eliminate all exceptions to the provision that all employees are to be paid weekly except for employees of the state and its political subdivisions, municipal governments, and non-profit organizations with less than twenty-five (25) employees.) {LC2060/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5940****BY** Stewart, Lombardi, Voas, Tanzi, Morales, Cruz, Potter, Alzate, Cotter, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT (Creates RI opportunity for employee ownership, worker gets notice within seven days of sale of business.) {LC1857/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor



**House Bill No. 5941****BY** Place, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PORTABLE BENEFIT PLAN (Establishes the portable benefit plan for independent contractors.) {LC2302/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor**House Bill No. 5942****BY** McNamara, Serpa, Ackerman, Shanley, Read, Solomon, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Establishes a restricted receipt account at the DLT for hospitality industry workforce training grants, funded by an annual \$50 dollar fee to be charged by RIDOH to food service establishments.) {LC1905/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor**House Bill No. 5943****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOLIDAY BUSINESS (Provides all employees of retail establishments with 15 or more employees engaged in work during Sundays or holidays shall receive from their employer no less than time and a half and shall be guaranteed at least a minimum of four (4) hours employment.) {LC2045/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor**House Bill No. 5944****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Defines employees as individuals employed by a municipality or state covered by a collective bargaining agreement or employment contract, and would redefine an "employer" to those who employ fifteen (15) or more employees.) {LC2046/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor**House Bill No. 5945****BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman, Tanzi, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Provides for the creation of a new job classification for new or existing specialized information technology positions.) {LC1970/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor**House Bill No. 5946****BY** Casey, Corvese, Casimiro, Finkelman, Read, Messier, O'Brien, Solomon, Potter, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Prohibits the restriction of access in and out of a construction site by using locked gates or fences while work is ongoing.) {LC1898/1}  
02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5947**

(Auditor General)

**BY** Felix, Tanzi, McNamara, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS (Amends the audit compliance requirements for municipalities' contributions to pension plans under the budget of accounts and installation of systems chapter.) {LC2053/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5948**

(Dept. of Housing)

**BY** Speakman, Knight, Alzate, Morales, Casey, Giraldo, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Ensures that the Rhode Island department of housing is able to access the full calendar year worth of housing choice voucher data for the annual report by moving the report submission deadline back to align with availability of federal data.) {LC1356/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5949**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCE (Provides among the purposes of zoning ordinances, the duty to affirmatively further fair housing.) {LC2052/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5950**

(by request)

**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Establishes a reimbursement system for a municipalities cost of training public safety personnel when they are hired by a different municipality or public safety agency within Rhode Island within 3 years of receiving the public safety training.) {LC2047/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5951**

(by request)

**BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SAFETY ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2025 (Enables cities and towns to expand the use of automated speed enforcement systems in Rhode Island to designated safety zones, excluding school zones.) {LC2049/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5952**

(by request)

**BY** Kazarian, Furtado, Dawson, DeSimone, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Provides for a home ownership assistance account administered by Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation to expand home ownership.) {LC2115/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5953**

**BY** Tanzi, Cotter, Speakman, Alzate, Carson, Cortvriend, Felix, Hull, Sanchez, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides for warming center and cooling center alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities shall follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with resources including, but not limited to, warming and cooling centers.) {LC2064/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5954**

**BY** Sanchez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RENT CONTROL IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE (Authorizes the city of Providence to adopt rent control ordinances subject to certain exemptions.) {LC2059/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5955**

**BY** Speakman, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM (Creates the department of housing land bank program to allow for the deposit of title to real estate assets for the purpose of developing residential housing.) {LC2033/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5956**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Amends the definition of affordable housing to create separate categories for housing using private or state financing as opposed to financing from the federal government.) {LC1347/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5957**

**BY** Santucci, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Specifies that low and moderate income housing exists when a city or town has adopted an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring that all housing developments include at least fifty percent (50%) low or moderate income housing units.) {LC1943/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5958****BY** Speakman, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Municipalities required to amend zoning ordinances, to include special listed provisions, to authorize development incentives to increase development density or dimensional flexibility, identify provisions to promote and regulate commercial developments.) {LC1474/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5959****BY** Lima, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS BY ELECTRONIC

OR REMOTE PROCEDURES (Required public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.) {LC2114/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5960****BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows

for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to walking, biking, and hiking trails and access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.) {LC925/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5961****BY** Serpa, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Azzinaro, Donovan, Corvese, Baginski, Lima, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL

BUILDING CORPORATION (Eliminates child daycare centers from the statute regarding the health and educational building corporation and updates the statutory terminology by replacing the phrase "institutions of higher learning" with that of "educational institutions".) {LC1314/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5962****BY** Santucci, Fascia, Nardone, Solomon, Place, Chippendale, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS

AND CITIES (Requires a municipality or quasi-public agency to file a report with the department of municipal finance if it has not made its payment to its other post-employment benefits trust fund or if it is less than thirty-five percent (35%) funded.) {LC1621/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5963****BY** Casey, Speakman, Casimiro, Morales, Cotter, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

(Allows the applicant for a land development project to utilize the administrative subdivision process established under 45-23-37 to request approval of a proposed subdivision of an oversized lot.) {LC1717/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5964****BY** Cruz, Sanchez, Morales, Potter, Kislak, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Caps the minimum lot size that may be required to not exceed three (3) new separate parameters relating to the availability of public water, sewer, and transit.) {LC2000/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5965****BY** Lima, Potter, Baginski, McNamara, Handy, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Grants the city council of Cranston the authority to enact a homestead exemption ordinance.) {LC2005/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5966****BY** Morales, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows city of Providence to levy a tax in fiscal year 2026, in an amount not to exceed seven percent (7%) in excess of the total amount levied and certified by that city for its previous fiscal year.) {LC2083/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5967****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Establishes that a renewable energy resource shall pay \$5.00 per kilowatt hour of alternating current nameplate capacity for tangible property and \$3.50 per kilowatt hour of alternating nameplate capacity for real property.) {LC1743/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 5968****BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT (Prohibits any city, town, quasi-municipal corporation or public corporation from assessing any existing agricultural operation or agricultural land any water impact fee, excepting base useable charges.) {LC1886/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 5969****BY** Speakman, Cotter, Tanzi, Alzate, Donovan, Boylan, Kislak, Dawson, Furtado, Noret**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS HIGH UTILITY BILLS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN RHODE ISLAND {LC2301/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 5970**

**BY** Handy, Stewart, Casimiro, Speakman, Potter, Fogarty, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM (Creates 12-member commission to study and provide recommendations for the creation of a statewide whole-home repairs program, and who would report back to the General Assembly by January 5, 2026, and would expire on March 5, 2026.) {LC1920/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 5971**

(Commerce)

**BY** Solomon, Hull, Casey, Casimiro, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND NEW QUALIFIED JOBS INCENTIVE ACT 2015 (Provides that a full-time employee is one that works an average of thirty-five (35) hours per week and provides that businesses awarded tax credits within a specified time period are able to submit documentation by December 31, 2025.) {LC2092/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5972**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows retired state employees who worked for the unified judicial system as certified or qualified court interpreters to be employed or reemployed for a limited period in a given year.) {LC1486/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5973**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Dawson, Handy, McGaw, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Prohibits the state from seeking reimbursement for expenditures made on behalf of disabled Rhode Islanders from an ABLE account after death of the designated beneficiary.) {LC1692/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5974**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Voas, Giraldo, Stewart, Morales, Alzate, Casimiro, Speakman, Casey, Potter, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Permits hit and run victims suffering serious bodily injury to recover under the crime victim compensation program.) {LC1702/1} 02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 5975**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Read, Kislak, Tanzi, Alzate, Slater, Ajello, Stewart, Fogarty  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 FOR THE PURCHASE, CANCELLATION AND FORGIVENESS OF MEDICAL DEBT (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 for the continued purchase, cancellation and forgiveness of medical debt consistent with section 35-4-21.1 of the General Laws.) {LC1709/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5976**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, Serpa, Diaz, Messier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (Provides \$4,000,000 to support comprehensive and effective afterschool, school vacation, summer learning and workforce development programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).) {LC2011/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5977**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Alzate, Felix, Messier, O'Brien, Kislak, DeSimone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes language that requires the department of elementary and secondary education to prorate funds to school districts in certain situations and eliminate funding for certain programs.) {LC858/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5978**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Giraldo, Kislak, Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Felix, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.) {LC855/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5979**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Giraldo, Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Felix, Slater, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.) {LC854/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5980**

**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Boylan, McGaw, Speakman, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends categorical state funding to include excess costs associated with transporting homeless students to out-of-district public schools.) {LC1371/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5981****BY** Speakman, Boylan, Biah, Carson, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.) {LC911/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5982****BY** Felix, Morales, Alzate, Diaz, Potter, Tanzi, Sanchez, Kislak, Batista, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION (Provides funding to establish a dual language program within the department of elementary and secondary education. It also describe how to implement he Support and Access to Bilingual Education “SABE Act” for all Local Education Agencies “LEA” recipients.) {LC1983/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5983****BY** Sanchez, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Requires free breakfast and lunches be provided to elementary and secondary students attending public schools.) {LC952/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5984****BY** Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Knight, Casimiro, Stewart, Donovan, Alzate, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.) {LC1740/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5985****BY** Solomon, Hull, Casey, Casimiro, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB ACT (Makes technical amendments to the RI life science hub regarding the terms of the directors, advisory committees, powers, disposition of hub assets upon termination, and tax status as a governmental unit which is a separate legal entity from the state.) {LC2189/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5986****BY** Place, Brien, Perez**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Reduces the appropriation to Medicaid managed care in fiscal year 2025-2026 in order to increase the rates for Medicaid nursing facilities.) {LC1540/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 5987**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, Serpa, Diaz, Tanzi, Ajello, Messier, Donovan, Sanchez  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CORE STATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES SYSTEMS-988 (Establishes a core state behavioral health crisis services system, to be administered by the director of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.) {LC1094/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5988**

**BY** Tanzi, Handy, Ajello, McGaw, Kislak, Hull, Carson, Morales, Potter, Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Requires the EOHHS to amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for outpatient clinical pediatric services.) {LC1642/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5989**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTHCARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Provides for a two-point three percent (2.3%) increase of provider reimbursement rates for intellectual and developmental disabilities commencing October 1, 2025.) {LC2101/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5990**

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Extends eligibility for lactation counselor services to RIte Start recipients starting October 1, 2025, through the end of their 12 month postpartum period, with coverage provided regardless of federal financial participation.) {LC1901/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5991**

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, McGaw, Voas, Casimiro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.) {LC1981/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5992**

**BY** Handy, Slater, Alzate, Morales, McNamara, Kazarian, Cruz, Giraldo, Furtado, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends the Rhode Island works program to allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period.) {LC2071/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5993**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Kislak, Tanzi, Alzate, Slater, Stewart, Fogarty, Hull, Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF  
CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS (Commences July 1,  
2025, this act would eliminate the provision of this section that requires new applicants for  
employment under this section to pay the expense for their criminal background checks.)  
{LC2001/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5994**

**BY** Santucci, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Fascia, Bennett, Read, Slater, Chippendale, Newberry,  
Paplauskas  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Requires the department of  
environmental management to develop, identify, maintain and update a list of projects that qualify for  
forest and open space land conservation funding pursuant to federal laws.) {LC1551/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5995**

**BY** Morales, Stewart, Felix, Tanzi, Handy, Cruz, Potter, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Provides a three thousand dollar (\$3,000) stipend to a  
qualified applicant who successfully completes the job training program of the department of human  
services or department of children, youth and families.) {LC1982/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5996**

**BY** Speakman, Tanzi, Cotter, Alzate, Kislak, Boylan, Donovan, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE  
ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2025 (Creates the Rhode Island  
Individual Market Affordability Act of 2024 to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and  
moderate-income consumers enrolled in the health insurance coverage through the Rhode Island  
health benefits exchange.) {LC1839/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5997**

**BY** Nardone, Cotter, Edwards, Fascia, Hopkins, Messier, Santucci, Solomon, Casey, Newberry  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- INSPECTOR  
GENERAL (Establishes the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency  
charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and  
mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC1089/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5998****BY** Lima, Brien, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (Establishes an office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency, charged with preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.) {LC2066/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5999****BY** Noret, Casimiro, Casey, Corvese, Finkelman, Serpa, Fellela, Shanley, Solomon, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Amends the pension benefits for both current and former Rhode Island state police members, and would extend the time period a member may serve in the Rhode Island state police.) {LC2003/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6000****BY** Hopkins, Place, Roberts, Brien, Bennett, Perez, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (Requires all out-of-state foster care placement facilities be registered with Medicaid as a Medicaid provider.) {LC1539/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6001****BY** McEntee, Fogarty, Spears, Tanzi, Cotter, Azzinaro, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Redirects the distribution of hotel tax money to the Rhode Island commerce corporation.) {LC1845/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6002****BY** Cruz, Ajello, Potter, Casimiro, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Permits retired state employees to receive mileage and wages, if applicable, equal to that of full-time members of the board or commission; provided, however, in no event shall the amount be greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per year.) {LC2085/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6003****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien, Giraldo, DeSimone, Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Felix, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW - AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING (Provides for increases or decreases in the amount of foundation level school support that a community would receive, based upon a community's ability to meet and surpass its minimum low- and moderate-income housing requirements.) {LC860/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6004****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Finkelman, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Provides the general assembly make an annual appropriation of not less than eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to the Rhode Island emergency management agency to assist with emergency communications during major or multiple emergency incidents.) {LC1609/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6005****BY** Lima, Santucci, Brien, Phillips, Casey, Read, Azzinaro, Noret, Baginski, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Removes the requirement that the public utilities commission allocate five million dollars (\$5,000,000) annually to the Rhode Island infrastructure bank for use with energy efficient programs.) {LC2081/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6006****BY** Tanzi, Handy, Fogarty, McGaw, Kislak, Hull, Carson, Morales, Potter, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA (Submits the state's 2025 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held on November 3, 2026.) {LC1952/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6007****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- THE RHODE ISLAND DIGITAL ASSET RETENTION ACT (Allows the state treasurer to acquire, hold and have the option to invest uncommitted funds in digital assets.) {LC1861/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6008****BY** Santucci, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Newberry, Paplauskas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Allows an income tax credit for employer contributions to an eligible employee's ABLE account, for a maximum credit of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per employee, per year.) {LC1550/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6009****BY** Casey, Finkelman, Solomon, Dawson, Chippendale, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, Brien, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Authorizes a retroactive tax credit for tax yr 2026/thereafter/allowing investment tax credits to be passed through to the personal income tax returns of eligible Sub-S corporation shareholders/limited liability company members who meet certain conditions) {LC1852/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6010****BY** Kislak, Morales, Sanchez, Ajello, Batista, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

(Allows the city of Providence to impose an additional conveyance tax of three quarters of one percent (0.75%) on sale of any real property in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000).)

{LC2022/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6011****BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Removes state-owned property from property exempt from local property taxes.) {LC1891/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6012****BY** Lima**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes a categorical program of education funding, for students who matriculate in the municipality pursuant to an affordable housing plan.) {LC2006/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6013****BY** Lima, Santucci, Brien, Costantino, Phillips, Casey, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX

(Repeals the gross earnings tax on electric and gas companies.) {LC2010/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 6014****BY** Fascia, Chippendale, Place, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY

AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax firearm safety equipment, storage devices, gun safes, gun cabinets, gun vaults, gun cases, strong boxes, cable locks, trigger locks and biometric locks.) {LC1547/1}

{LC1547/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6015****BY** Morales, Biah, Potter, Stewart, Batista, DeSimone, Slater, Handy, Tanzi, Furtado**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE

REFUGEE DREAM CENTER (RDC), \$250,000 TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL,

AND \$250,000 TO DORCAS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the Refugee Dream Center (RDC).) {LC1237/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6016****BY** Cortvriend, Carson, Fogarty, McEntee, Tanzi, McGaw, Spears**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO THE

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) FOR FUNDING OF URI'S

COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER (CRC) STORMTOOLS, CHAMP ANALYSIS, AND

MYCOAST (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$400,000 to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council for the continuation of STORMTOOLS, CHAMP, and MyCoast.) {LC1293/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6017**

**BY** Morales, Batista, Dawson, McGaw, Bennett, Slater, DeSimone, Cortvriend, Handy, Read  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$450,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD BANK (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$450,000 to the Rhode Island Food Bank.) {LC2216/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6018**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Tanzi, Alzate, Slater  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE GLORIA GEMMA FOUNDATION (This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$500,000 to the Gloria Gemma Fountain and the organization's cancer survivorship and wellbeing center.) {LC1840/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6019**

**BY** Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Serpa, Spears, Fogarty, Alzate, Casimiro, Furtado, Stewart  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,100,000 OF FUNDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CATEGORICAL BUDGET (Requests appropriation of \$1,100,000 for higher quality infant and toddler early care and education.) {LC2283/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6020**

**BY** Alzate, Kislak, Stewart, Morales, Donovan, Fogarty, Batista, Carson, Speakman, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$32,594,799 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Appropriates the sum of \$32,594,799 to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.) {LC2272/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**  
**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5019**

**BY** Speakman, Casey, Knight, Noret, Read, Kislak, Cortvriend, Bennett, Boylan, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Prohibits a manufacturer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale or distributing for use in the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS as of January 1, 2027.) {LC119/1}

02/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/06/2025)

**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 Bill No. 5083 SUB A**

**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Corvese, Ackerman, Caldwell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID CASEY ACT (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.) {LC120/A/1}

02/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/06/2025)

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5100 SUB A**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ackerman, Alzate, Morales, Serpa, Kennedy, Giraldo, Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Authorizes municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAVE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.) {LC705/A/1}

02/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/04/2025)

**House Bill No. 5189**

**BY** Knight, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.) {LC896/1}

02/28/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/04/2025)

**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

**Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on State Government & Elections:**

**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}

03/03/2025 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:02 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Solomon, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Frank A. McCurdy; on motion of Representative Casimiro, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Stephen Hug; on motion of Representative Potters, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mark S. Adamek; on motion of Representative Ajello, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Hon. Bruce M. Selya; on motion of Representatives Speakman and Knight, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Michael Gerhardt; on motion of Representative Kislak, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert Yaffe; on motion of Representative Kennedy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Christopher Knowles; on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joan Strain seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ**

Dear Lord: Today, we honor the 181st anniversary of the Dominican Republic's independence. The first country in the Caribbean to have a Democratic government. Our long history of friendship and strong economic ties have blessed all Americans. Let us always remember to appreciate and honor the people of the Dominican Republic. Amen

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025:****1. 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 &amp; Human Services recommends passage.

**2. 2025-H 5100 SUB A****BY** Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**3. 2025-H 5189****BY** Knight**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5019****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

**2. 2025-H 5083 SUB A**

**BY Fellela**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED  
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND  
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES -- DAVID CASEY ACT**

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, February 28, 2025**