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Thursday, March 20, 2025

Twentieth-Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, March 20, 2025, and is called to order at 4:01 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

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

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

ABSENT – 2: Representatives Slater and Stewart.

INVOCATION

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

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 18, 2025, is approved.

RHODE ISLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY



House of Representatives

CO-SPONSORSHIP REMOVAL REQUEST
2025

Pursuant to House Rule 15(g)(ii), Rep. Serpa
hereby requests the removal of their co-sponsorship of Bill # H-5891
Entitled: Relating to Criminal Offenses -- WEAPONS
which is currently in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Signature: Patricia Serpa

House District: 27

Date: 3/12/2025

Acknowledgement:
[Signature]
Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker

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

APPOINTMENTS

March 20, 2025

Speaker Shekarchi has made the following appointments to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Standing Committees:

NCSL Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee:

Representative Cherie Cruz

NCSL Natural Resources, Energy and Environment Committee:

Representative Megan Cotter

NCSL Labor and Economic Development Committee:

Representative Karen Alzate

Representative Anthony DeSimone

Representative Brandon Voas

NCSL Education Committee:

Representative Jenni Furtado

NCSL Health Committee:

Representative Joshua Giraldo

Read and placed on file.

COMMUNICATIONS

Representative Jennifer A. Stewart is unable to attend session today, Thursday, March 20, 2025.

CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025:**2. 2025-H 5293**

BY Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Morales, Phillips and Edwards.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: 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, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

- 1. 2025-H 5442**
BY Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McEntee, Carson, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Noret, Cortvriend, Handy, Corvese, Bennett, Edwards, and Voas.

Chairman Craven and Minority Leader Chippendale discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 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, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Cruz, Place, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

3. 2025-H 5270**BY McGaw****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

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

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

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

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

4. 2025-H 5369**BY Ajello****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Shallcross Smith and Ajello.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski,

McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

GUESTS

In recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month, Majority Whip Kazarian is honored to welcome members of the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island to the House. Their dedication to advocacy, education, and support for individuals affected by brain injuries plays a crucial role in improving lives across our state.

Joining us today are:

- Neil Sharpe, Executive Director
- Debra Sharpe
- Colleen McCarthy
- Chris DerVartanian

In recognition of Alzheimer's Association Advocacy Day, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman warmly welcomes representatives and advocates from the Alzheimer's Association, Rhode Island Chapter to the House. Their dedication to advocacy, research, and support services plays a vital role in improving the lives of individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Joining us today are:

- Donna McGowan, Executive Director
- Meredith Sheehan, Director of Public Policy
- Katie Brandt, Advocate, who lost her husband to dementia
- Christine Hawkinson, Advocate, who lost her mother to Alzheimer's disease

Representative Paplauskas proudly welcomes to the House John Fontaine, Principal of Cranston High School West, and his wife Lauren, as well as Justin Erickson, Athletic Director of Johnston Public Schools, and his wife Gina.

John Fontaine is being honored as the 2025 Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrator of the Year, and Justin Erickson is being recognized as the 2025 Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Director of the Year by the Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association.

Speaker Shekarchi extends his congratulations and warmly welcomes them to the House in recognition of their dedication and contributions to student-athletes and school athletics across Rhode Island.

Representative McGaw proudly welcomes Ryan Fontaine, Wendy Becker, Jocelyn Foye, Jodi Glass, Jenn Steinfeld, and Jaye Watts to the House dedicated members of LGBTQIA Action Rhode Island, an advocacy organization committed to securing equality and justice for LGBTQIA individuals across the state. Through their efforts, they continue to drive meaningful policy changes and promote inclusivity for all Rhode Islanders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 Casey announces that the Committee on Municipal Government & Housing will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the next House session will be next Tuesday, March 25, 2025, and Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

On behalf of Speaker Shekarchi and the entire House of Representatives, Majority Leader Blazejewski offers his deepest sympathies to the former House Speaker Gordon Fox and his family on the passing of his beloved brother, Zachary Fox. During this difficult time, we offer our heartfelt condolences and support to the Fox family. May they find comfort in the love of family and friends and in the cherished memories of Zachary's life.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. 6114

BY Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Casimiro, Kennedy, McNamara, Ackerman, Fellela, Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH OF 2025, TO BE "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC1815/1} With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Majority Whip Kazarian requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Majority Whip Kazarian discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Whip Kazarian, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6115

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale, Serpa, Finkelman, Fogarty, Corvese, Casey

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 20, 2025, TO BE "ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2427/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

House Resolution No. 6116

BY Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, Newberry, Kennedy, McNamara, Ackerman, Fellela, Serpa

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANN MARIE RASPALLO {LC2556/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi offers condolences to Justice Richard Raspallo and his family on the passing of his beloved mother, Ann Marie Raspallo.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Corvese, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, Majority Leader Blazejewski, and the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

RULE 7D**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Education-Rhode Island Promise Scholarship Program

Representative Craven-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedure-Courts Courts Secretaries, Court Reporters, and Electronic Court Reporters

Representative McNamara-An Act relating to State Affairs and Government-Eminent Domain

Representative Solomon-An Act relating to Courts and Civil Procedures

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

TRANSMITTAL

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

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

DESK HELD OPEN

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

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

Senate Bill No. 28

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Preservation Society as of September 1, 2025.) {LC293/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 44

BY Sosnowski, Gu, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Grants the town council of the town of South Kingstown the authority to enact a homestead exemption ordinance.) {LC162/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

Senate Bill No. 62

BY DiMario, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Lauria, Kallman, Burke, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance.) {LC601/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 196

BY Murray, Bell, McKenney, Euer, Lauria, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2026.) {LC999/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 473**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Extends coverage for treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome by removing the sunset date of December 31, 2025, and mandating such coverage.)

{LC2078/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Health & Human Services

Senate Bill No. 674**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE

ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER

EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue

bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation,

improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

{LC2237/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Finance

Senate Bill No. 840**BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF LEO'S SERVICE CENTER, INC. {LC2356/1}

03/21/2025 Referred to House Corporations

**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 Innovation, Internet and Technology:****House Bill No. 5291****BY** Spears, Cotter, Donovan, Fogarty, Boylan, Speakman, McNamara, Chippendale, Tanzi, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION ACT (Creates the Rhode

Island Social Media Regulation act, which would not permit a Rhode Island resident who is a minor

to be an account holder on a social media's platform unless the minor has the express consent of a

parent or guardian.) {LC157/1}

03/21/2025 Committee transferred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

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

House Bill No. 6106

BY Fellela, Fascia, Perez, Morales, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- INSURANCE ON MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS -- TENANT RELOCATION INSURANCE (Requires certain landlords to obtain insurance to cover alternate living accommodations for displaced tenants due to fire or disaster.) {LC2440/1}

03/21/2025 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

House Bill No. 5420

(Dept. of Education)

BY McNamara, Cortvriend, Corvese, Azzinaro, Phillips, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Noret, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Amends the definitions of a "pupil transportation vehicle" to a vehicle contrasted to seat not more than ten (10) passengers plus the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.) {LC1268/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2025)

Senate Bill No. 242

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION (Creates the Warwick public schools budget commission consisting of 5 members to oversee the operations of Warwick public schools and to present a preliminary analysis of the school district's financial situation.) {LC955/1}

03/25/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

House Bill No. 5495

(Dept. of Health)

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (Authorizes a midwife, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant attending a newborn to cause that child to be subject to newborn screening tests for conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder.) {LC1423/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2025)

House Bill No. 5427 SUB A

(Dept. of Health)

BY McGaw, Donovan, Kislak, Casimiro, Cotter, Fogarty, Carson, Batista, Potter, Boylan

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

(Includes the COVID-19 immunization under the consent and reporting provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations to individuals between nine (9) and eighteen (18) years of age.) {LC1417/A/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2025)

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. 5081

BY Boylan, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Azzinaro, Giraldo, Casimiro, Abney, Ackerman, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF

TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.) {LC67/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5306

(City of Providence)

BY DeSimone, Biah, Diaz, Slater, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION --

CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION (Repeals legislation establishing the Capital Center Commission, which is a special development district commission for downtown Providence.)

{LC967/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5307

(City of Providence)

BY DeSimone, Biah, Azzinaro, Ajello, Diaz, Slater, Hull

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

(Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.) {LC972/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5694

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Carson, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL

TAXES (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a tax classification plan for residential real estate which divides the class into non-owner and owner-occupied properties with separate tax rates.)

{LC1759/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2025)

COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

House Bill No. 5034

BY Edwards, Cortvriend, Knight, Speakman, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Chippendale, Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.) {LC321/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5273 SUB A

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Lima, Fellela, Corvese, McNamara, Casey, Read, Donovan, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires all lifeguards, and park and forest rangers, who work on a full time basis at any public beach or facility to be trained in administering opioid antagonists.) {LC771/A/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2025)

House Bill No. 5513

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Phillips, Perez, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Noret, Shanley, Read, Dawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Implements a thirty (30) day waiting period following the issuance of a learners permit and the waiting period must expire before the person is permitted to take the road test in order to obtain a full license.) {LC1264/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/25/2025)

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

House Bill No. 5052

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.) {LC44/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

House Bill No. 5460

BY Azzinaro, Hull, Abney, Read, Fellela, Casimiro, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNIFORM AERONAUTICAL REGULATORY ACT (Adds "space force" to many sections of the general laws, listing of military branches.) {LC1288/1}

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar (03/27/2025)

NEW BUSINESS

House Bill No. 6117**BY** Tanzi, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Kislak, Diaz, Casimiro, McGaw, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurance coverage for all community health workers' services to include health and promotion coaching, health education and training, health system navigation and resource coordination services, care planning and follow-up care recommendations.) {LC2543/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6118**BY** Tanzi, Potter, McGaw, Cruz, Morales, Kislak, Diaz, Casimiro, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.) {LC2544/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6119**BY** Fogarty, Spears, McEntee, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Hull, Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

(Adds to the powers and duties of the OHIC the undertaking of analyses, reports, studies, and recommendations with respect to reimbursement and financing for the provision of primary care services to Rhode Islanders.) {LC2320/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

House Bill No. 6120**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --

PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Grants Rhode Island's family court jurisdiction to make findings for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions, including determinations about dependency, parental reunification, and the child's best interest, for minors under twenty-one (21) years.)

{LC2539/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6121**BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Prohibits the civil

arrest of any person who is attending court either on behalf of themselves or a family or household member. Any person who violates this act shall be subject to civil suit, and for contempt of court.)

{LC2540/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6122

BY McNamara, Kislak, Chippendale, Casimiro, Spears, Knight, Potter, Carson, McEntee, Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CIVIL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (Protects against discrimination based on disability in federally funded programs and activities, even if there is a change in the federal law.) {LC2429/1}
03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

House Bill No. 6123

BY Voas, Giraldo, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Defines Class 5 property to include the commercial portion of mixed use properties and fix the tax rate for Class 3 property at thirty-eight dollars and 33 cents (\$38.33) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) {LC2515/1}
03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

House Bill No. 6124

BY Paplauskas, Potter, Baginski, Handy, Fascia, Quattrocchi, Bennett, McNamara, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows the division of motor vehicles to make special motor vehicle registration plates for the not-for-profit entity Cranston Cares provided they meet the minimum order requirements.) {LC2473/1}
03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

House Resolution No. 6125

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, Felix, Hull, Cotter, Blazejewski, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Morales, Potter
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY {LC2398/1}
03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6126

BY Finkelman, Cortvriend, Dawson, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Reforms the composition of the coastal resources management council to seven (7) members.) {LC2481/1}
03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 6127

(General Treasurer)

BY McGaw, Cortvriend, Diaz, Tanzi, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE INVESTMENT COMMISSION (Requires the state investment commission to create a capital access initiative to expand potential investment opportunities for the state's pension fund and engage qualified but traditionally underrepresented investment managers.) {LC1705/1}
03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6128

BY Shallcross Smith, Hull, Corvese, Lombardi, Batista, Solomon, Casimiro, Fellela, Casey, Cruz **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 the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals.) {LC2516/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 6129

BY Noret, Serpa, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC2581/1}

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Chairman Casey, for the Committee on Municipal Government and Housing, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of transfer to the Committee on Education:

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}

03/25/2025 Committee transferred to House Education

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:31 o'clock P.M. on behalf of Speaker Shekarchi, on motion of Leader Blazejewski, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ann Marie Raspallo and Zachary Fox seconded by Majority Whip Kazarian and Minority Leader Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina
Recording Clerk**

APPENDIX

INVOCATION

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD R. FASCIA

Dear Lord, we pray that you bless this House of Representatives. Guide us with your wisdom and help us to resolve our conflicts not with rancor, but with understanding and patience. Amen

APPENDIX**CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025:**

1. **2025-H 5273 SUB A**
BY O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

2. **2025-H 5495**
BY Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

3. **2025-H 5427 SUB A**
BY McGaw
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

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

4. **2025-H 5420**
BY McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Committee on Education recommends passage.

5. **2025-H 5513**
BY Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.

6. **2025-H 5694**
BY Cortvriend
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025:

1. **2025-H 5081**
BY Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS
- Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.
2. **2025-H 5052**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME
- Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
3. **2025-H 5460**
BY Azzinaro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNIFORM AERONAUTICAL REGULATORY ACT
- Committee on Veterans` Affairs recommends passage.
4. **2025-H 5034**
BY Edwards
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS
- Committee on State Government & Elections recommends passage.
5. **2025-H 5306**
BY DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

6. **2025-H 5307**
BY DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

7. **2025-S 242**
BY McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.

Francis McCabe
Clerk of the House

Friday, March 21, 2025

Updated: Tuesday, March 25, 2025