

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Thirteenth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence on Thursday, February 26, 2026, and is called to order at 4:15 o'clock P.M. by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called, and a quorum is declared present with 64 members present and 11 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 11: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Craven, Fogarty, Kazarian, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, Paplauskas, Perez, and Quattrocchi.

## MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi respectfully requests that the entire House pause for a Moment of Silence to remember the three victims of the tragic shooting at Lynch Arena in Pawtucket on February 16<sup>th</sup>: Rhonda Dorgan, her son Aidan Dorgan, and her father, Gerald Dorgan, who passed away last night after fighting for his life in the hospital for more than a week.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative Arthur J. Corvese, 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 invites Angel Gautreaux to perform the United States National Anthem on his trumpet.

### APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, February 11, 2026, is approved.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Representative John J. Lombardi is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 26, 2026.  
Representative Ramon A. Perez is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 26, 2026.  
Representative Kathleen A. Fogarty is unable to attend session today, Thursday, February 26, 2026.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### House Bill No. 7814

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION BENEFIT MANAGER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Requires prescription benefit managers to approve a specific medication prescribed by a doctor when supported by a notarized medical necessity letter and requires that any denial be reviewed and documented by a licensed medical expert.) {LC5681/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

#### House Bill No. 7815

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOLOGOUS OR DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS (Provides for autologous blood donations.) {LC5565/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

#### House Bill No. 7816

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires pharmacy benefit managers to provide medical justification for denying any claim for prescription drug benefits.) {LC5053/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

#### House Bill No. 7817

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Prohibits pharmacy benefits managers from refusing to provide coverage for a prescription drug chosen for a patient by the patient's healthcare provider.) {LC5052/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7818**

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Giraldo, Kislak, Potter, Tanzi, Handy, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Prohibits family court from detaining or committing any youth, 12 years or younger, to training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses there is no other reasonable placement.) {LC5163/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7819**

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE COST RECOVERY (Creates a civil cause of action for any municipality that incurs extraordinary emergency response costs arising from a mass casualty event may bring a civil action in the superior court to recover such costs from a private property owner.) {LC5803/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7820**

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Makes persons who were convicted of crimes forty or more years ago eligible to have their records expunged, with certain exceptions.) {LC5804/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7821**

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Creates the rebuttable presumption that joint legal custody and shared placement is in the best interest of the child and create a mechanism in constructing a parenting plan should the court deviate from equal parenting time.) {LC5067/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 7822**

**BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FORENSIC AUDIT ACT (Requires that an independent forensic audit of the department of transportation be commissioned by the attorney general.) {LC5805/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7823**

**BY** Stewart, Kislak, Potter, Tanzi, Handy, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNIVERSAL AND UNIFIED HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ACT (Establishes a universal and unified healthcare system and reform the current payment system for healthcare coverage in this state.) {LC4382/1}  
02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7824****BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Terminates 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.) {LC5564/1}

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 7825****BY** Stewart, Giraldo, Kislak, Potter, Tanzi, Handy, Boylan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.) {LC5093/1}

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026:****1. 2026-H 7228 SUB A****BY** Handy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Handy.

Chairman Casey discusses the resolution.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, 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, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces, pursuant to Rule 33(e), authorizing Proxy Votes, he has received a request from Chairman Abney to be recorded in the affirmative for item #1.

**Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #2 to be placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There is no objection.**

2.     **2026-H 7043 SUB A**  
       **BY** Azzinaro  
       **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL  
       **LICENSES**

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, placed on the Calendar for Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ADDRESS

Chairwoman Diaz addresses the members in recognition of the 182<sup>nd</sup> 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 celebrating and honoring Dominican Independence Day, proudly welcomes to the House Chamber Moses Brown student Angel Gautreaux, accompanied by his mother, Roxanna and sister, Celine Gautreaux.

Representative Boylan, in honor of the life and legacy of the late Carol Lee Connell, welcomes her son, William J. Connell, Deputy Director of the Legislative Council, to the House. Carol will be remembered for her gentle spirit, unwavering love for her family, and kindness. Representative Boylan extends heartfelt condolences to William and his entire family.

Speaker Shekarchi, on behalf of the entire House of Representatives, extends heartfelt condolences to William and his family.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairwoman Shallcross Smith wishes her youngest grandson, Oliver Patrick Shallcross, a happy 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. She would also like to acknowledge and thank the Department of Public Works crew for their tireless hard work during the blizzard. Speaker Shekarchi wishes Oli a happy birthday and thanks him for his service to the state.

**GUESTS**

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy warmly welcomes Chairman Azzinaro's grandson, Ryan Gulluscio, to the House for his annual visit.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Phillips announces that the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 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 135 of the State House.

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces the next House session will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, and Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Effective next Tuesday's session, all members must give notice under House Rule 7(d) to announce bills on the next legislative day. This rule limits members to three bills. Once the three-bill limit is reached, permission from the Speaker is required 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, or bills introduced on behalf of a study commission as approved by the Speaker.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the celebration of International Women's Day will be held next Tuesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the State Room. All members are invited to attend. Also, on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. in the House Lounge, Rhode Island Energy will present information on the state's electric system and costs and discuss potential areas of collaboration with the General Assembly. Presenters from Rhode Island Energy will include President Greg Cornett.

Majority Leader and Speaker Shekarchi wish Representative Lauren Carson a happy birthday!

Chairwoman McEntee announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in the House Lounge of the State House.

**IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION****House Resolution No. 7826**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese, O'Brien, Kislak, Kennedy, Newberry, Potter, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIVES OF RHONDA DORGAN, AIDAN DORGAN AND GERALD DORGAN, COMMENDING THE HEROISM OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND CITIZENS, AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EVENTS AT THE DENNIS M. LYNCH ARENA IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET {LC5895/1}

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 extends his deepest condolences to the Dorgan family.

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

**House Resolution No. 7827**

**BY** Diaz, Batista, Felix, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Slater, Alzate, Furtado, Ajello  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 182ND ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2026 {LC3508/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Diaz and Representative Batista discuss 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. 7828**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McNamara, Solomon, Shanley, Bennett, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HELEN STASIA TAYLOR {LC5903/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairman McNamara discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his condolences to the family of Helen Stasia Taylor.

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

**House Resolution No. 7829**

**BY** Handy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McNamara, Potter, Baginski, Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CARLO SPIRITO, JR. {LC5890/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Handy discusses the resolution. Speaker Shekarchi extends his deepest condolences to the family of Carlo Spirito, Jr.

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

**House Resolution No. 7830**

**BY** Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, McGaw, Kennedy, McNamara, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Phillips, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF CAROL LEE CONNELL {LC5588/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Boylan discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Boylan, seconded by Speaker Shekarchi, and the entire House of Representatives, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 7831**

**BY** Serpa, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, McNamara, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Phillips, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 23 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2026, TO BE "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3505/1}

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

There is no objection.

Chairwoman Serpa discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7832**

**BY** O'Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Biah, Chippendale, Solomon, Casey, Edwards, Slater, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 1ST THROUGH MARCH 5TH, 2026, AS "PEACE CORPS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC3506/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative O'Brien discusses the resolution.

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

**House Resolution No. 7833**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC5169/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 7834**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC5170/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

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. 2328**

**BY** Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the new coveside dog park, located at Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington "The Christine Conrad Lane Memorial Dog Park.") {LC4377/1}  
02/27/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**Senate Bill No. 2331**

**BY** Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.) {LC4034/1}  
02/27/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 7835**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** DeSimone, Baginski, Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS (Amends how architecture firms and individual architects are registered.) {LC5419/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7836**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows electronic

notifications modernize language for notifications, synchronize renewal dates for certain license-types, streamline licensing requirements across several license-types, and update the unlicensed health care practices statute.) {LC5256/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7837**

(Dept. of Executive Office of Health and Human Services)

**BY** Caldwell, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.) {LC4973/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7838**

**BY** Cruz, Handy, Giraldo, Stewart, Diaz, Batista, Cotter, Sanchez, Morales, Furtado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Allows foreign-trained dentists and dental hygienists to obtain limited licenses if they graduate from reputable dental colleges or universities, work under a supervising dentist, and pass a board-approved exam.) {LC5785/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7839**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (Updates the state's public accountancy act for consistency with the 9th edition of the Uniform Accountancy Act, as issued by NASBA and AICPA in July 2025.) {LC5418/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7840**

**BY** DeSimone, Baginski, Slater

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS (Requires any person in the business of selling, assigning or buying an equitable interest in real estate without taking legal title to such property, to be licensed as a real estate broker or salesperson and to comply with the disclosure requirements.) {LC4880/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7841**

**BY** Cruz, Potter, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Shanley, Edwards, Brien, Cotter, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE (Requires veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug is prescribed and dispensed for that animal patient.) {LC5464/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7842**

(by request)

**BY** Carson, Potter, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- STATE OF RHODE ISLAND INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICE ACT (Enacts the State of Rhode Island interior design practice act to control and regulate the professional practice of interior designers.)

{LC5617/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7843****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND DECENTRALIZED AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION ACT (Establishes the “Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO) Act” that would position Rhode Island as a forward-thinking leader in blockchain innovation by giving DAOs clear legal status as limited liability companies.) {LC5609/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7844****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Requires businesses that conduct business to register and maintain required filings with the secretary of state so that consumers and small businesses may readily identify responsible parties, verify good standing, and effectuate service of process.) {LC5385/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7845**

(by request)

**BY** Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND MARINA USERS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Establishes a marina users' bill of rights allowing recourse through the consumer protection unit of the Rhode Island attorney general's office as well as civil causes of action.) {LC5743/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7846****BY** Voas, Giraldo, Phillips, Slater, Serpa, Caldwell, DeSimone, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SYSTEMS (Prohibits unauthorized placement of merchants on advertising platform order interfaces, and would prohibit third-party restaurant reservation services.) {LC5325/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7847****BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey, Cruz, Casimiro, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Prohibits expiration dates for airline tickets and flight vouchers.) {LC5791/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7848****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires retailers of glucose monitors to provide a free, point of sale replacement for any broken or defective monitor within twenty-four (24) hours of the request.) {LC5618/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7849****BY** Marszalkowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF TRADE NAME (Creates the surveillance pricing and online retailing act that would prohibit algorithmic price increases for online purchases.) {LC5691/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7850****BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY (Allows RI to opt out of the provisions of DIDMCA exempting out of state lenders from interest rate limits which apply to RI lenders. Prevents evasion of statutory interest rate limits and lending rules for loans made in RI.) {LC5403/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7851****BY** Voas, Serpa, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condominium associations to conduct structural surveys and reserve studies, fund reserves at 15%, and plan for repairs.) {LC5571/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7852****BY** Voas, Serpa, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP (Clarifies how condominium insurance deductibles and unpaid losses are divided between associations and unit owners, require owners to insure units if associations do not, and allow boards to manage and use insurance proceeds for repairs.) {LC4927/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7853****BY** Speakman, Boylan, Diaz, Giraldo**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 the condo association's approved annual budget for common expenses where the minority of the units are deed-restricted units.) {LC5570/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7854**

**BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Amends various sections of the condominium law to enhance transparency and establish a condominium ombudsman.) {LC3539/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7855**

**BY** Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Defines a special assessment as an assessment that is not a part of the condominium association budget and would apply to condominiums created before July 1, 1982, but only apply with respect to events and circumstances occurring after that date.) {LC5566/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7856**

**BY** Hopkins, Casey, Brien, Corvese, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Bans advertising of cannabis and cannabis products on any medium that may be visible to minors.) {LC5455/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7857**

**BY** Noret, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EXHAUST SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CLEANING, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION ACT (Establishes the commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and cleaning licensing and certification act. It also requires entities inspecting or cleaning commercial exhaust systems be licensed and insured.) {LC5334/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7858**

**BY** Furtado, McGaw, Donovan, O'Brien, Casey, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate, Messier, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires that any private short-term disability insurance (STD) carrier that bids to provide coverage to Rhode Island state employees must cover all eligible employees, regardless of age.) {LC5396/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7859**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Kennedy, Edwards, O'Brien, Serpa, Azzinaro, Phillips, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES

(Provides an update to certain insurance sections of law to update or eliminate outdated sections of the insurance law.) {LC5413/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7860**

**BY** Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES AND

RESERVES (Establishes minimum limitations standards for structural property damage claims, and voids any policy provision, endorsement, condition, limitation, agreement, or claim practice that shortens those standards.) {LC5386/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7861**

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND

RESERVES (Prohibits the use of genetic information for purposes of determining eligibility, setting premium rates, or imposing preexisting condition exclusions for life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance.) {LC5703/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7862**

(by request)

**BY** Ackerman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Prohibits unilateral modification of healthcare provider contracts.)

{LC5437/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7863**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Provides for mandatory uninsured motorist coverage.) {LC5156/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7864**

**BY** O'Brien, Slater, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL

PROVISION (Requires an insurance company to directly pay the insured's chosen appraiser and the umpire appraiser, if applicable, upon receipt of a "direction to pay" executed by an insured or claimant.) {LC4749/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7865**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Kennedy, Solomon, Edwards, O'Brien, Serpa, Spears, Cotter, Azzinaro, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WEATHER-RELATED LOSSES

(Provides a framework through which the department of business regulation can seek grants to fund a home hardening program.) {LC5410/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7866**

**BY** Baginski, Slater, Casey, DeSimone, Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

PRACTICES ACT (Raises the percentage from eighty percent (80%) to eighty-five percent (85%) regarding declaring a vehicle a total loss.) {LC4758/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7867**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED

ACTIVITIES (Establishes requirements for capital, liquidity, and corporate governance including: audit, risk management, and board oversight, for nonbank mortgage servicers.) {LC5415/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7868**

**BY** Serpa, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- SMALL LOAN

LENDERS (Allows a lender to charge an origination fee, increase interest rates and collect a monthly service fee, on loans up to three hundred dollars (\$300) but not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000).) {LC5707/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7869**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Provides a series of updates to size, weight, and load regulations for commercial and specialized vehicles.) {LC5789/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7870**

(Dept. of Transportation)

**BY** Hull, Bennett, Biah, Shallcross Smith, Azzinaro

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Clarifies when mobile equipment can travel on a public highway as an incidentally permitted practice limited to the active participation in an active work zone.) {LC5111/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7871****BY** Finkelman, Baginski, DeSimone, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES (Allows the state to require utilities to relocate facilities for certain highway projects and to pay the cost of the relocation to the utility as part of the cost of the federally aided highway project.)

{LC5770/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7872****BY** Kennedy, Cotter, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Establishes civil penalties for extended service interruptions by water suppliers. These penalties would be in addition to other available remedies and damages.) {LC5192/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7873**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATE SYSTEM (Updates the RI coordinate system to adopt the most recent system of plane coordinates established by the NGS, a federal agency which is part of NOAA and the USDC. Modifies the meter to foot conversion to adopt the international foot to provide uniformity.) {LC5417/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7874****BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- OVERSIGHT AND REGULATION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES {LC3141/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7875**

(by request)

**BY** Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Charges the office of the health insurance commissioner to incorporate uncompensated care as a formula-driven numeric adjustment in the methodology used to establish any affordability standard or rate cap, applicable to hospital contracts.) {LC5435/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7876****BY** Stewart, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Excludes nuclear power from the office of energy resources and division of public utilities from participation, procuring and entering into long-term contracts.)

{LC5657/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7877**

**BY** Handy, Bennett, Speakman, McGaw, Cortvriend, Kislak, Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, McNamara  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- APPLIANCE AND EQUIPMENT ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ACT OF 2021 (Establishes minimum energy and water efficiency standards for appliance and specified equipment purchased or installed after January 1, 2025.) {LC4495/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7878**

**BY** Speakman, Boylan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ACT (Requires that the electric distribution company and the commission promulgate tariffs to address interconnection of energy storage systems and to provide compensation for at least 100 mega watts of energy storage systems sited in the state.) {LC5687/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7879**

**BY** Cortvriend, Handy, Boylan, McGaw, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- THERMAL ENERGY NETWORK AND JOB ACT (Facilitates the study of thermal energy technology to determine if these goals can be met by the implementation of thermal energy networks in Rhode Island.) {LC4920/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7880**

**BY** Slater, Kislak, Stewart, Ajello, Handy, Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.) {LC5613/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7881**

**BY** Handy, Potter, Ajello, McGaw, Boylan, Read, Giraldo, Dawson, McNamara, Cotter  
**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.) {LC5488/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7882**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT (Requires any public utility company that needs to close any state or municipal roadway for work to provide notice to all residential and business property owners located within 1,000 ft of the closed highway at least 48 hrs before the road closure.) {LC5759/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7883****BY** Handy, Kislak, Cortvriend, Tanzi**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.) {LC4912/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7884****BY** Handy, McGaw, Stewart, Tanzi, Hull, Edwards, Caldwell, Cruz, Potter, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- FEDERAL BACKSTOP LANGUAGE (Establishes federal back stop language for any provisions of federal law relating to any of the energy or water conservation standards issued or approved for publication by the office of the United States Secretary of Energy as of January 19, 2025) {LC4496/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7885****BY** Sanchez, Morales, Fellela, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Defines that a conspicuous display is a visual illustration showing each component of the utility bill and the cost associated with each component of said bill.) {LC5586/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7886****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Requires quarterly reading of electric and gas meters.) {LC5723/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7887****BY** Cotter, Kazarian, Potter, Tanzi, McGaw, Morales, Stewart, Handy, Casimiro, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Directs the public utilities commission to establish a standardized framework for determining authorized common equity ratios and authorized rates of returns on equity for public utilities.) {LC5160/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7888****BY** Cotter, Kazarian, Potter, Tanzi, McGaw, Morales, Stewart, Handy, Casimiro, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Provides that effective July 1, 2026, the profit margin of any electric distribution company or distributor of natural gas, would not exceed four percent (4%), in any given calendar year.) {LC5165/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7889****BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES (Applies to electric generating facilities generating electricity on/after 1/1/25 regarding sale/transmission of electricity/facility restructuring/last-resort service.) {LC5612/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7890****BY** Stewart, Tanzi, Morales, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- THE EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY REGULATION ACT (Creates an intervenor compensation program to provide compensation in the form of grants for legal fees, expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs to an intervenor in both, energy siting board and public utilities commission proceedings.) {LC5168/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 7891****BY** Cortvriend, McGaw, Kazarian, Spears, Boylan**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO TERMINATE GAS LINE EXTENSION ALLOWANCES AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE {LC4821/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7892****BY** Cotter, Kennedy, Chippendale, Spears, Casimiro, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Requires the development of a comprehensive collaborative course that provides students with accurate information and instruction on risks of wildfires while creating action plan to mitigate loss in case of a wildfire in all K-12 schools within the state.) {LC5125/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7893****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Bans preferential treatment to a public or private university applicant because of the student's familial relationship to a previous university attendee.) {LC5666/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7894****BY** Casey, McNamara, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, O'Brien, Read, Biah, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ACCESS FOR CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS (Requires public schools to give congressionally chartered youth organizations limited access for recruitment and brief student presentations with parent notice, while preserving school safety and discretion.) {LC5058/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7895**

**BY** Caldwell, Knight, Read, Casimiro, Cotter, O'Brien, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SAFE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 2026 (Establishes the Safe School Technology Act of 2026.) {LC5717/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7896**

**BY** Cotter, Carson, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, DeSimone, Caldwell, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Permits students diagnosed with asthma, a condition that may lead to bronchospasm or anaphylaxis, or both, to carry and self-administer asthma medication or auto-injectable or intranasal epinephrine, or both.) {LC5420/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7897**

**BY** Solomon, Casey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all schools and educational institutions to develop and implement a school safety plan that would provide for immediate access to school facilities by first responders in an emergency.) {LC5071/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7898**

**BY** DeSimone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires the installation and use of a weapons detection system at every public entrance to any school building, gymnasium, school event facility, sporting event site and any site where a school hosts or participates in an event even if off campus.) {LC5774/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7899**

**BY** Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Requires the names of any noncredentialed school employee who is terminated for good and just cause, to be furnished to the department of education.) {LC5702/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7900**

**BY** DeSimone, Slater, Biah  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Ensures any public school with available seats, after completion of the initial enrollment period for students, shall make all open seats available to other students residing within the same school district.) {LC5669/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7901****BY** Baginski, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires all school districts to designate a certified athletic trainer at each high school within its district.) {LC5542/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7902****BY** Baginski, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Replaces the existing chapter on this subject by requiring school districts to organize concussion oversight teams, develop removal-from-play, return-to-play, and return-to-learn protocols, and develop a concussion brochure.) {LC5541/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7903****BY** Casey, Brien, Hopkins, Messier, Costantino, McNamara, Biah, Azzinaro, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires schools to implement a plan to provide academic accommodation for a student who has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury.) {LC5764/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7904****BY** Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Giraldo, Cortvriend, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Changes the maximum term of employment for a superintendent from three (3) to five (5) years.) {LC5573/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7905****BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE THROUGH VOLUNTARY QUALITY RATING SYSTEM (Would establish certain presumptions pertaining to early childhood education programs operating in RIDE-certified school buildings.) {LC4924/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7906****BY** Casey, McNamara, Edwards, Furtado, Shanley, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro, Voas**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.) {LC5746/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7907****BY** Morales, Kislak, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO 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.)

{LC5678/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7908****BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey, Cruz, Alzate, Casimiro, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Requires BrightStars QRIS ratings for licensed child care facilities to be based on an average of all standards, ensure transparent scoring methods, and preserve automatic five-star ratings for nationally accredited programs.) {LC5553/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7909****BY** O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Alzate, Baginski, Furtado, Voas, Serpa, Biah, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND LITERACY AND DROPOUT PREVENTION ACT (Redefines dyslexia to mean a specific learning disability characterized by difficulties in word reading and/or spelling that involve accuracy, speed, or both and vary depending on the orthography.) {LC5577/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 7910****BY** Bennett, McEntee, Speakman, McNamara, Handy, Hull, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Diaz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT (Creates the extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper program for the recycling of packaging and paper products.)

{LC5309/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7911****BY** McEntee, Spears, Bennett, Knight, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Handy, Speakman, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING AND PAPER ACT (Creates multiple chapters to provide and establish a comprehensive program for extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, and for recycling of beverage containers.) {LC4624/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7912****BY** Cortvriend, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Handy, Tanzi, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT (Creates the Rhode Island clean heat standards act to implement a system of tradeable clean heat credits earned from the delivery of clean heat measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.) {LC3187/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7913****BY** Brien, Casey, Baginski, Hopkins, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS (Allows customers to directly take single-use plastic straws from food service establishments.)

{LC5407/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7914**

(by request)

**BY** Shanley, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- NATURAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT (Protects Rhode Island natural forests by banning extractive and even-age logging on state lands and preserves, allowing only limited safety, invasive removal, or selection management after review, hearings, and fines for violations.) {LC4991/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7915****BY** Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Cotter, Handy, Carson, Tanzi, Noret, Bennett, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- REGULATION OF BOATS (Authorizes the collection of a small additional fee, in addition to the registration fee paid by motorboat owners, to be deposited in a restricted account, in order to fund the newly established freshwater lake management program.) {LC5355/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7916****BY** Place, Fascia**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides for the authorized taking of mushrooms from lands under control of the DEM for personal use.) {LC5745/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7917****BY** Carson, McGaw, Kislak, Boylan, Knight, Speakman, Cortvriend, McEntee, Bennett, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EXECUTIVE CLIMATE CHANGE COORDINATING COUNCIL -- MANDATORY ACT ON CLIMATE COMPLIANCE IN STATE BUDGETING AND PLANNING (Requires that state departments and agencies integrate the recommendations contained in the act on climate strategy report.) {LC5302/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7918****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Requires that a backflow test be performed every ten (10) years, rather than the current yearly inspection.) {LC5756/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 7919****BY** Furtado, Casimiro, McGaw, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Requires the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to publish a statewide guide to the youth behavioral health system.) {LC5812/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7920**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Donovan, Furtado, Boylan, Bennett, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS (Reduces funeral home inspections from twice a year to once a year and removes the practical exam requirement for out-of-state funeral directors and embalmers.) {LC5255/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 7921****BY** McGaw, Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Furtado, Potter, Giraldo, Kislak, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACISTS TEST-AND-TREAT AUTHORITY ACT (Authorizes pharmacists to order, perform and interpret CLIA-waived tests authorized by statewide protocol and prescribe medications, and permits coverage by all health insurance carriers.) {LC5314/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7922**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (Repeals the older of the two existing chapters related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists and makes several amendments to reconcile the two statutes into one.) {LC5260/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7923**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Revises sections of the uniform controlled substances act to remove specific opioid dosage requirements and revise the uniform controlled substances act in accordance with current standards of professional practice.) {LC5258/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7924****BY** Place, Fascia, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Permits and legalize the sale of raw milk.) {LC5744/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7925****BY** Potter, Speakman, Donovan, Ajello, Giraldo, Slater, McNamara, Edwards, Batista, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Amends current law on controlled substances to permit psilocybin to be cultivated within a person's residence for personal use and contingent on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) program, mandates that RI DOH establishes rules regulations.) {LC5740/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7926**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (Removes obsolete language and clarifies asbestos abatement and radon control requirements.) {LC5259/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7927****BY** Knight, Boylan, Alzate, Serpa, Fellela, Corvese, Kislak, McEntee, Cortvriend**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (Requires a nursing and assisted living facility to allow its residents to connect their electronic monitoring devices to its internet service without incurring any extra cost or charges.) {LC5763/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7928****BY** Donovan, Tanzi, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, Ajello, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Establishes, encourages and supports the establishment of family councils and resident councils in managed residential communities providing assisted living services.) {LC5561/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7929****BY** Morales, McNamara, Kislak, Sanchez, Donovan, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter, Carson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Limits the facility's ability to charge rent and fees for a maximum of seven (7) days or until removal of the personal property from the room, whichever occurs first. A violation would constitute a deceptive trade practice.) {LC5668/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7930**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman, Boylan, Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and provides penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.)

{LC5254/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7931****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Amends current law on interpreter services to mandate hospitals provide a certified, interpreter for every non-English speaker, unless there is no national or state certification for a specific language so that a qualified interpreter may be used.) {LC5339/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7932****BY** Handy, Cruz, McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires approval by the Rhode Island commission the deaf and hard of hearing before any reduction in American Sign Language interpreter services in hospitals and other public service facilities.) {LC5822/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7933**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Potter, Donovan, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Clarifies and updates language in the office of state medical examiners statute to address outdated or ambiguous language, outdated practices, outdated position titles/qualifications, and ensure compliance with federal HIPAA requirements.) {LC5257/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7934****BY** McGaw, McEntee, Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Furtado, Casimiro, Potter, Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Includes routine, scheduled or recommended immunizations to individuals between the ages of three (3) and eighteen (18) years, under the consent and reporting provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations.) {LC5659/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7935****BY** Bennett, Edwards, Speakman, McNamara, Handy, Donovan, Hull, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Increases continuing education requirements for physician assistants, removes restrictions of PAs to render charitable care and aid for school and youth programs or cardiac arrest

and removes restrictive covenants as to ownership by a PA.) {LC5604/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7936**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Donovan, Furtado, Ajello, Dawson, Boylan, Roberts, Potter, Giraldo, Carson, Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH DATA  
PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT (Creates the public health data privacy and protection act to  
regulate the reporting of information relating to reportable disease data in the possession of the  
department of health.) {LC5897/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7937**

**BY** Potter, Kislak, Giraldo, Handy, McGaw, Tanzi, Donovan, Morales, Cotter, Bennett  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTING  
UNWARRANTED FACILITY FEES (Prohibits the addition of facility fees when healthcare services  
are not rendered on a hospital campus.) {LC5432/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7938**

**BY** Biah, Hull, Sanchez, Morales, Diaz, Cruz, Batista, Baginski, Alzate, DeSimone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF  
NURSING ASSISTANTS -- QUALIFYING LANGUAGE (Requires the examination for licensing  
of certified nursing assistants by the department of health to be administered in both English and  
Spanish.) {LC5311/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7939**

(OHIC)

**BY** Donovan, Kislak, Furtado, Dawson, Boylan, Bennett, Potter, Carson, Cotter, Caldwell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Raises the age of eligibility for mobile response and stabilization services  
from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) and establishes a minimum rate for commercial health  
insurance reimbursement for such services.) {LC5898/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7940**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Kislak, Ajello, Knight, Potter, Giraldo, Cortvriend, Caldwell, McEntee, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Amends unfair discrimination statutes to encompass more protected  
categories and protect against additional forms of discrimination.) {LC5624/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7941**

**BY** Hopkins, Phillips, Casimiro, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurers to pay electronic claims for healthcare coverage within

14 calendar days of receipt. Permits healthcare providers to dispute claim denials within 60 days and empowers the secretary of EOHHS to establish penalties for violations.) {LC4637/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7942****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC3359/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7943****BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Alzate, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Prohibits health insurance providers from requiring preauthorization for in-network mental health or substance use disorder services.) {LC5811/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7944****BY** Tanzi, Kislak, Alzate, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Cruz, Stewart, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Amends the provisions for insurance coverage of mental health, mental illness, and substance use disorders.) {LC5172/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7945****BY** Tanzi, Cruz, Alzate, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Donovan, Stewart, Kislak, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Provides that for treatment of mental health and substance use disorders, payors would rely upon criteria which reflect generally accepted standards of care when developing coverage.) {LC5615/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7946****BY** Tanzi, Kislak, McGaw, Alzate, Spears, Speakman, Donovan, Cruz, Stewart, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE PROTECT MENTAL HEALTH ACT (Requires health insurers to comply with federal mental health parity laws, prevent discriminatory treatment limits, and ensures meaningful mental health and substance use coverage in all benefit classifications.) {LC5720/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7947****BY** Furtado, Casimiro, McGaw, Donovan, Alzate, Messier, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2027.) {LC5917/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 7948**

**BY** Morales, Donovan, Giraldo, Ackerman, Caldwell, Kislak, McEntee, Stewart, Fellela, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS  
(Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription inhaler,  
prescription device, or prescription equipment to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day  
supply.) {LC4513/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7949**

(DCYF)

**BY** Serpa

**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  
(Authorizes the department of children, youth and families to license mobile response and  
stabilization services (MRSS).) {LC5366/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7950**

**BY** Potter, Kislak, Ajello, Donovan, Giraldo, Morales, Cotter, McEntee, Read, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE  
ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT  
(Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.) {LC5741/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7951**

**BY** Alzate, Casimiro, Place, Stewart, McGaw, Furtado, Boylan, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION  
TO STUDY WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE (Creates a  
17-member legislative commission to study women's reproductive health across the life course, and  
would report back to the House by March 2, 2027, and would expire on May 2, 2027.) {LC5788/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Resolution No. 7952**

**BY** Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Edwards, Donovan, Cruz

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A  
PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND (Amends  
the membership of the permanent legislative commission on child care with twenty-seven (27)  
members to ensure that the state has high quality and affordable childcare and early learning services  
network.) {LC5306/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 7953**

**BY** Spears, Boylan, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Casimiro, McEntee, Potter, McNamara, Read, McGaw  
**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.) {LC5048/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7954**

**BY** Potter, Caldwell, Boylan, Cortvriend, Dawson, Carson, Spears, Voas, McNamara, Speakman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL PLATFORM TRANSPARENCY AND DEMOCRATIC INTEGRITY ACT (Regulates how certain large social media platforms utilize algorithms.) {LC5174/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7955**

**BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS (Expands the definition of operator to anyone who enables customers to purchase virtual currency. Expands the definition of a transaction to include a digital product or application where payment is made in person or through a third party intermediary.) {LC5563/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Resolution No. 7956**

**BY** Casey

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY (Creates a 5 member commission to recommend legislative proposals for blockchain and cryptocurrency, and submit an interim progress report by January 5, 2027, and a final report by January 5, 2028, and would expire on February 5, 2028.) {LC5611/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7957**

**BY** Casey

**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.) {LC5610/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

**House Bill No. 7958**

**BY** Furtado, Donovan, O'Brien, Casey, Casimiro, Alzate, Messier, Cruz, Bennett, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Mandates any contract for capital improvements at any healthcare facility adhere to the requirements of chapter 13 of title 37.) {LC5463/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7959****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Requires the employer, at the time of hiring, to furnish to their employees an itemized list of the terms and conditions of the employment and mandates that each payday a pay stub explaining how their wages were calculated is provided.) {LC5715/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7960**

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

**BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Eliminates prescribed timelines for hearing and determination in certain enforcement actions before the department labor and training to align with reasonable practice.) {LC5370/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7961****BY** Bennett, Corvese, McEntee, Morales, Speakman, McNamara, Handy, Hull, Carson, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Makes construction contractors civilly liable and/or jointly civilly liable for any claims of wage theft or nonpayment from an employee against the contractor, its subcontractors and any subcontractor.) {LC5734/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7962**

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Spears, O'Brien, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (Eliminates the "until June 30, 2026" sunset on the increase in the total amount of earnings a partial-unemployment insurance claimant can receive before being entirely disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits.) {LC5368/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7963**

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

**BY** Furtado, Messier, Cruz, Stewart, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Transfers authority over the examination and licensing of telecommunications professionals to the state board of examiners of electricians and amends the composition of that body to require the inclusion of a telecommunications professional.) {LC5372/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7964**

**BY** Stewart, Potter, Cruz, Kislak, Cotter, Morales, Furtado, McEntee, Tanzi, Donovan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP ACT (Establishes an opportunity for employee ownership where the owner notifies all current full-time and part-time employees and provides them with a 30-day window in which to initiate a process to potentially purchase the business as a workers' cooperative.) {LC5164/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7965**

**BY** Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.) {LC5446/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7966**

**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE EXTREME TEMPERATURE WORKER PROTECTION ACT (Requires employers to protect workers from extreme heat and cold by implementing safety plans, providing paid rest breaks, shade or warmth, drinking water, and protective equipment, ensuring training, and recordkeeping.) {LC5697/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7967**

**BY** Brien, Corvese, Casey, Messier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT--NO LIMITATION ON HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PROVIDERS (Repeals the law that prevents a collective bargaining agreement covering state employees, public school teachers and municipal employees from specifying a particular healthcare provider in it.) {LC5781/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7968**

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Expands the benefit definitions to include a grandchild and care recipient and increases benefits period to 10 weeks for 2027 and 12 weeks for 2028 and provides a TDI/TCI opt-in option for self-employed workers.) {LC5883/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7969**

**BY** Fellela, Serpa, Hull, Edwards, Corvese  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY (Ensures that the State of Rhode Island adopt the protections afforded under the Occupational Safety and Health Act if its scope or enforcement capacity is diminished.) {LC5489/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7970****BY** Furtado, Casimiro, McGaw, Donovan, Alzate, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MECHANICAL TRADES (Requires that locksmiths in Rhode Island must be licensed and have passed a criminal background check.) {LC5817/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7971****BY** Corvese, Read, Dawson, Casey, Solomon, Kennedy, DeSimone, Azzinaro, Phillips, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBTS BY CONTRACTORS (Raises the minimum threshold contract price before public works contractors are required to pay prevailing wages to their employees, from \$1,000 to \$100,000.) {LC5809/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7972****BY** Shanley, Corvese, Cruz, Casimiro, Casey, Solomon, Dawson, Cotter, Spears, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Amends the process for creating and governing project labor agreements ("PLA").) {LC5171/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7973****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS (Excludes from the definition of an "employee" any individual employed in catering, commissary, or food establishment, for purposes of the provisions requiring payment of wages at one and one-half normal rate of pay for work on holidays and Sundays.) {LC5179/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Resolution No. 7974****BY** Shallcross Smith, Cruz, Casimiro, Fellela**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE TEACHER HEALTHCARE PLAN (Creates an 11-member commission to study and make recommendations on a statewide teacher healthcare plan, and would report quarterly as of September 1, 2026, and submit a final report by September 1, 2027, and expires on December 31, 2027.) {LC5673/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 7975****BY** Speakman, Spears, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires licensed retailers authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to provide a lid to a consumer upon request.) {LC5547/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

**House Bill No. 7976****BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, McEntee, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the University of Rhode Island football practice field, located at 5E West Alumni Avenue, Kingston, RI 02881, to the "Mark S. Cruise '81 '84 Football Practice Field.") {LC5599/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

**House Bill No. 7977****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- BALLOT QUESTION ADVOCACY AND REPORTING (Imposes strict identity disclosure requirements for those who incur expenditures for the production of ballot advocacy communications and political advertisements.) {LC5594/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7978****BY** Place, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Redefines "political party" and defines and distinguishes between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of votes a party's candidate received in the previous election.) {LC4347/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7979**

(Board of Elections)

**BY** Messier, Edwards, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Amends the procedures for the marking and certification of mail ballots by prohibiting anyone but the voter or certain persons close to the voter from handling the mail ballot.) {LC5590/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7980****BY** Messier, Alzate, Voas, Fellela, Serpa, Hull, Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases the role of the DMV in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual an application to register to vote.) {LC5393/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7981****BY** Kislak, McGaw, Stewart, Ajello, Knight, Cortvriend, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RANKED CHOICE VOTING (Establishes a system of ranked choice voting whenever a municipality's charter amendment is approved by its voters.) {LC5097/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7982****BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Spears, McGaw, Kislak, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Establishes a performance audit division within the office of the auditor general.) {LC3509/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7983****BY** Cotter, McGaw, Morales, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Establishes a term limit of twelve years for members serving in the general assembly.) {LC5772/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7984****BY** Tanzi, Speakman, McGaw, Alzate, Boylan, Spears, Donovan, Chippendale, Batista, Shanley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- INDEPENDENT PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY AUDIT OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Requires that an independent performance and efficiency audit be conducted for the department of transportation by the auditor general.) {LC5776/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7985****BY** Read, Baginski, Chippendale, Santucci, Noret, Serpa, O'Brien, Fascia, Corvese, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Requires those with a public records request to provide identifying information.) {LC5114/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7986****BY** Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.) {LC4305/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7987****BY** Tanzi, Shanley, McGaw, Potter, Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Batista, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Creates an emergency action plan related to the operation of warming and cooling centers during periods of extreme weather and establishes a statewide notification system with the National Weather Service initiating warming/cooling center alerts.) {LC5820/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government &amp; Elections

**House Bill No. 7988****BY** Boylan, McGaw, Cortvriend, Knight, Handy, Speakman, Spears, Dawson, Carson, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF

MOTOR VEHICLES (Charges a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each battery powered elective motor vehicle safety inspection. It would also require any vehicle, regardless of gross vehicle weight rating, to be subject to emissions inspection.) {LC5783/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7989**

**BY** Baginski, Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Exempts certain vehicles that are not manufactured with the proper front registration plate bracket from the requirement that motor vehicles display a front facing registration plate.)

{LC5266/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7990**

**BY** Handy, McGaw, Cortvriend, Kislak, Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- TIRE EFFICIENCY STANDARDS (Establishes efficiency standards for tires intended to increase efficiency and improve emissions standards.) {LC5402/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7991**

**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, Bennett, Handy, Spears

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESILIENCE -- NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR EROSION CONTROL, WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, AND EXPEDITED PERMITTING (Provides that DEM regulations and CRMC in consultation with the chief resilience officer shall update to prioritize nature based solutions for coastal resilience projects that would be coordinated by DEM using an expedited permitting process.) {LC3490/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Resolution No. 7992**

**BY** Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Cotter, Handy, Carson, Tanzi, Noret, Bennett, Edwards

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO STUDY AND REGULATE THE IMPACT OF WAKE BOATS ON RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC WATERWAYS (Urging the Rhode Island department of environmental management to study and regulate the impact of wake boats on Rhode Island public waters.) {LC5411/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7993**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Morales, Stewart, Cotter, Potter, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL (Establishes a bureau of public protection within the department of attorney general.) {LC5623/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7994**

**BY** Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Tanzi, Stewart, Dawson, Fogarty, Caldwell, Donovan, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES -- THE POWERS AND SCOPE OF  
ACTIVITIES (Expands the DCYF powers by overseeing and administer comprehensive behavioral  
health services for children with serious emotional disturbances and children with developmental or  
functional disabilities.) {LC4977/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7995**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE  
OF THE ELDER ADVOCATE (Establishes the office of the elder advocate to promote the rights of  
older adults in Rhode Island.) {LC4804/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7996**

**BY** Edwards, Cortvriend, Carson, Bennett, Cotter, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Donovan, Spears, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Reorganizes the coastal resources  
management council under the department of environmental management and create the bureau of  
coastal resources management.) {LC4941/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7997**

**BY** Slater, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES (Recognizes the Seaconke Wampanoag tribe  
as a Native American Indian tribe for the limited purpose of assisting this tribe in establishing  
eligibility for federal benefits and privileges.) {LC5405/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7998**

**BY** Tanzi, Boylan, McGaw, Alzate, Speakman, Cortvriend, Donovan, Batista, Shanley, Stewart  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON  
CLIMATE (Requires the governor, when presenting his proposed budget articles for each fiscal year  
to set forth the climate considerations that were undertaken to move the state towards the mandated  
goals set forth in the 2021 Act on Climate.) {LC5426/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 7999**

**BY** Cortvriend, Kazarian, Spears, Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE  
PURCHASES (Allows for food and food supplies procurement by the state of less than \$25,000 in  
aggregate under the small purchase regulations.) {LC5181/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 8000****BY** Shekarchi, Speakman, Spears, Voas, DeSimone, Biah, Noret, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS (Provides certain procedures that must be followed before an encampment can be removed or relocated.)

{LC5661/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8001****BY** Shekarchi, Voas, DeSimone, Biah, Noret, O'Brien**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 SAFE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.) {LC5591/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8002****BY** Speakman, Cortvriend, Diaz, Giraldo, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Permits the construction of residential buildings that are up to four (4) stories and sixteen (16) dwelling units with a single staircase under certain conditions.) {LC5911/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8003****BY** Noret, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends various provisions relative to adaptive reuse projects on state-owned property and certain conditions applied thereto.) {LC5726/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8004****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Provides technical amendments relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land, zoning ordinances and moderate-income housing.) {LC5900/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8005****BY** Giraldo, Voas, Cruz, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends the standards and limitations on permitted parking requirements for dwelling units.) {LC5899/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8006****BY** Slater, Baginski, Casey, Speakman, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Provides cities and towns with the authority to tax properties considered qualifying affordable housing at a rate higher than otherwise permitted.) {LC5578/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8007****BY** Casey, Brien, O'Brien, Dawson, Caldwell, McEntee, Read, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Provides that minor subdivisions include single family infill subdivisions and establishes procedures for single family infill subdivisions within the subdivision of land chapter of the general laws.) {LC5909/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 8008****BY** Speakman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT CONDOMINIUM LAW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONGOING AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUMS IN RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 16-member commission to study current condominium law and provide recommendations for improvements, and who would report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027, and would expire on March 15, 2028.) {LC5529/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8009****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Voas, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TEMPORARY EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS (Authorizes temporary periods for extended service hours under existing liquor licenses for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, subject to limitations or opt out by a municipality via council resolution.) {LC5706/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8010****BY** Tanzi, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B or Class B-H liquor license for the property located at 349 Main Street in the town of South Kingstown.) {LC5830/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8011****BY** Casey, Brien, O'Brien, Read, Azzinaro, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Repeals § 3-7-19 which prohibits retail liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools and religious institutions.) {LC5749/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8012**

**BY** Biah, Hull, Chippendale, Fascia, Baginski, DeSimone, Shallcross Smith, O'Brien, Slater, Boylan  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT (Creates the RI Pedestrian Safety Act allows cities and town to use automated safety monitoring which a civil fine of \$50 for violations.) {LC5406/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8013**

**BY** Speakman, Cortvriend  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES (Gives mobile home residents a right of first refusal to buy or lease their park, requiring owners to notify the residents' association and the Department of Business Regulation of bona fide offers and allow time to match the terms.) {LC4800/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8014**

**BY** Read, Baginski, Noret, Santucci, Cotter, Brien, Place, Corvese, Bennett, Casey  
**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 for the extension of any water utilities past the property and from imposing any connection fee.) {LC5115/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8015**

**BY** Speakman, Giraldo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 -- COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING PRODUCTION AND REHABILITATION ACT OF 2004 (Affordable housing includes an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) where it's a long-term rental unit in a municipality with no ordinance requiring a minimum lot size for ADUs.) {LC5769/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8016**

**BY** Fellela, Costantino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Allows the town of Johnston to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.) {LC5483/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8017**

**BY** Morales, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Changes the assessment for residential property where forty percent (40%) of the dwellings are below eighty percent (80%) of statewide median income and thirty percent (30%) are below sixty percent (60%).) {LC4889/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8018****BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Requires that any new residential construction shall have a minimum of two means of egress consisting of standard exterior doors.) {LC5558/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8019****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Increases the additional permit fee cap on residential construction that supports electronic permitting and residential construction workforce training from one hundred dollars (\$100) to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).) {LC5835/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8020****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

(Allows for building inspectors to conduct "virtual inspections" or utilize photographic evidence, at the building official's discretion, from time to time during and upon completion of the work for which the building official has issued a permit.) {LC5761/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8021****BY** Stewart, Tanzi, Handy, Cruz, Morales, Potter, Speakman, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE --

RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT (Addresses any single-family construction, townhouse construction, and multi-family construction complying with the Standards for Visitable Units of the ANSI' Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.) {LC4864/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8022****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY EXEMPT (Exempts the real

and tangible personal property of Higher Ground International, located at 7 Ninigret Avenue, within the city of Providence.) {LC5825/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8023****BY** Fellela, Fascia, Azzinaro, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Authorizes the Johnston town council to set tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution for qualified individuals defined in the act.) {LC5487/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8024****BY** Noret, Serpa, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Project Hand Up, located in the town of West Warwick.) {LC5882/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8025**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the town of Tiverton to authorize, by ordinance, a real estate tax credit for seniors over the age of sixty-five (65) years.) {LC5670/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8026**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Repeals the Tiverton tax credit for totally disabled veterans and includes a veteran's unmarried widow or widower for a tax credit in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) or greater.) {LC5732/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8027**

**BY** Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Handy, Morales, Potter, Speakman, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS (Requires a municipality to disclose on their official website the specific issues, details and costs of any legal action of which the town or city is a named defendant within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.) {LC5790/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8028**

**BY** Place, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- DAM MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (Exempts property that consists of the lake bed and Wilson's Reservoir in the town of Burrillville from taxes.) {LC4797/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8029**

**BY** Edwards

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY (Adds the town of Tiverton to those towns specifically named to tax any person for either a mobile or manufactured home and automatically lien the a mobile or manufactured home.) {LC5865/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8030**

**BY** McEntee, Spears, O'Brien, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (Require criminal background checks for applicants for employment or volunteering for the South Kingstown fire department or fire district.) {LC5747/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

**House Bill No. 8031****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Allows municipalities to request a one-time, state-approved extension to update comprehensive plans if they show active progress, while keeping the existing plan in effect during the extension period.) {LC5091/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8032****BY** Cotter, Kennedy, Chippendale, McGaw, Casimiro, Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Eliminates mandated housing densities/density bonuses for public drinking water supply watersheds/groundwater. Requires densities not exceed water availability, introduce pollution, stay within public water or sewer system capacity limits.) {LC5780/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8033****BY** Fellela, Fascia, Hull, Messier, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits Johnston to require 2 parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.) {LC5485/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8034****BY** Fellela, Fascia, Serpa, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Authorizes the town of Johnston, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250) or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.) {LC5484/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8035****BY** Santucci, Chippendale, Nardone, Newberry, Costantino, Place, Roberts, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PROPERTY TAX/RENT FREEZE BILL (Prohibits cities or towns that implement a rent control ordinance from raising property taxes and such prohibition would last for as long as the rent control ordinance is in effect.) {LC5468/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8036****BY** Speakman, Diaz, Giraldo, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RESTORING OPTIONS IN OCCUPANCY MODELS (ROOM) ACT (Expands access to inherently affordable housing by re-legalizing co-living/single-room occupancy (SRO) and shared dwelling models of many types.) {LC5110/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8037****BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

(Reduces the newspaper advertising notice requirements for amendments to zoning ordinances and planning board meetings from three (3) weeks to two (2) weeks.) {LC5750/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8038****BY** Furtado, Dawson, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Authorizes East

Providence to issue licenses to any business seeking to engage in the business of operating a hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse, or catering and that business first obtains approval from chief of police, building inspector and the mayor.) {LC5395/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8039****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Clarifies the means by which attached single-family dwelling units may be created, recorded, and regulated as subdivisions of an existing lot under current zoning ordinance law.) {LC5671/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8040****BY** Speakman, Edwards, Giraldo, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Prohibits any city or town from enacting any zoning ordinance that would place restrictions on residential recovery houses that are not applicable to other residential homes.) {LC5798/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8041****BY** Fellela, Fascia, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Allows the town of Johnston to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.) {LC5486/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Resolution No. 8042****BY** Speakman, Carson, Boylan, Cortvriend, McGaw, Diaz, Casey, Giraldo, Voas, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

TO STUDY THE RHODE ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ACT (Creates a special legislative commission to study the Rhode Island condominium act.) {LC5916/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Resolution No. 8043****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FOLLOW THE FIRST SOURCE HIRING ORDINANCE MANDATES {LC5889/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8044****BY** Baginski, Read, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD (Makes offenses against gift card holders subject to the penalties for larceny.) {LC5602/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8045****BY** Kislak, Cruz, Ajello, Tanzi, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS-- FAMILY COURT (Requires that the chief judge of the family court in appointing magistrates do so in accordance with the judicial selection and nomination process set forth in chapter 16.1 of title 8.) {LC5523/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8046****BY** Corvese, Read, Dawson, Casey, Kennedy, DeSimone, Azzinaro, Noret, Phillips**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Establishes a set service rate of seventy dollars (\$70.00) for the service of all writs, citations or subpoenas.) {LC5810/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8047****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.) {LC5150/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8048****BY** Kislak, Cruz, Ajello, Tanzi, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Permits RI Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, in consultation with RI Bar Association and its Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, to appoint members of JNC and requires judicial candidates to disclose political donations.) {LC5512/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8049****BY** Kislak, Tanzi, Cruz, Handy, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Requires the JNC to establish standardized merit-based selection process and that applications be evaluated according to uniform, job-related criteria adopted in advance and published on the commission's website.) {LC5514/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8050**

(Judiciary)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Spears, O'Brien, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides immunity for mediators and staff employed by the family court in the family court mediation program from financial liability for certain claims arising out of their participation in the program.) {LC5103/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8051****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Tolls the statute of limitations for causes of action arising out of business activities conducted in this state by a person or entity required to register with the secretary of state but failing to do so, until such person or entity becomes registered.) {LC5383/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8052****BY** Carson, Caldwell, Knight, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY--CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides a civil cause of action for individuals injured by artificial intelligence.) {LC5548/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8053****BY** Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides that for purposes of all civil actions, the fair and reasonable charge for certain medical and dental services is the amount billed by the licensed healthcare provider.) {LC5140/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8054****BY** Batista, Kazarian, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE (Provides that evidence of life or work expectancy be based on statistical data using blended statistics and provides a chart with "completed age" and "expectation" which shall be used by courts as evidence and not be based on race, ethnicity or sex.) {LC5360/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8055****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS (Makes assault with intent to commit murder punishable by no less than ten years and not more than forty years and the person would not be afforded the benefit of suspension or deferment of sentence or probation.) {LC4891/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8056****BY** Solomon, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Requires courts and bail commissioners to issue no contact orders against any person arrested for cruelty or neglect of a child, child abuse or child endangerment and to issue orders upon any finding of guilty. Violations of order would be a misdemeanor.) {LC3356/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8057****BY** Ajello, Cruz, Place, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Decriminalizes certain commercial sexual activity. It would also include human trafficking as a racketeering activity and would allow expungements of certain convictions in § 11-34.1 after one year.) {LC4438/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8058****BY** Caldwell, McEntee, Casimiro, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Spears, Dawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME (Makes it unnecessary to prove that a person's transmission of electronic communications be for the sole purpose of harassment before being found guilty of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.) {LC5714/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8059****BY** Casey, Phillips, Hopkins, O'Brien, Dawson, Read, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows nonprofit organizations to participate in permitted games of chance upon registering with the state police on an annual basis. The nonprofit would be exempt from any required background checks by local law enforcement.) {LC5754/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8060****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IMPERSONATION AND IDENTITY FRAUD (Protects individuals and businesses from those who knowingly impersonate an entity with the intent of facilitating fraud. This act would also protect individuals and businesses from digital forgery.) {LC5466/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8061**

(DCYF)

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia, Brien, Corvese, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- JAILS AND PRISONS

(Prohibits individuals from conveying items to or from the training school for youth without prior consent by the executive director of the division of youth development at the department of children, youth and families.) {LC5363/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8062****BY** Dawson, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HAZING (Enlarges definitions of prohibited acts that constitute hazing, make principals, coaches, athletic directors and others responsible for knowingly failing to take reasonable measures to prevent hazing and punishes serious injury.) {LC5603/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8063****BY** Roberts, Hull, McNamara, Edwards, Bennett, Casey, Solomon, Serpa, Azzinaro, Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Requires that court sentencing a person for first degree sexual assault of first degree child molestation, have the approval of the victim before imposing any negotiated sentence upon the offender.) {LC5198/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8064**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Read, Noret, Corvese, Fascia, Serpa, Casey, Spears, Solomon, Hopkins, Santucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Provides that violations of § 11-37.1-10 relating to failing to register as a sex offender are subject to the duration and frequency of registrations pursuant to § 11-37.1-4.) {LC5629/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8065****BY** Fascia, Noret, Read, Solomon, Brien, Chippendale, Hopkins, Nardone, Roberts, Place**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.) {LC5173/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8066****BY** Baginski, Casey, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM (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.) {LC4635/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8067**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Furtado, Boylan, Tanzi, Donovan, Alzate, Casimiro, Caldwell, Messier, Stewart, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.) {LC5626/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8068**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Boylan, Tanzi, Furtado, Ajello, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, Diaz

**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.) {LC5625/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8069**

**BY** Donovan, Boylan, Tanzi, Alzate, Speakman, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires shooting ranges to post signs in any area in which shooting occurs that contain the following language:

“WARNING: If you or a loved one is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline or text “HOME” to 741741”.) {LC5207/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8070**

**BY** Hopkins, Casimiro, Casey, Noret, Brien, Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Makes it permissible for any student, professor, or other employee of any public or private college or university, to carry, possess and have in their custody, possession and/or under their control, a stun-gun or pepper spray for purposes of self-defense.) {LC5454/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8071**

**BY** Caldwell, Potter, Boylan, Knight, Carson, McEntee, McGaw, Voas, Casimiro, Furtado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits the sale or transfer of ammunition unless the purchaser successfully undergoes a background check.) {LC5712/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8072**

**BY** Casey, Chippendale, Hopkins, Brien, Costantino, Corvese, O'Brien, Dawson, Read, Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Allows a person over 18 to purchase a stun gun or electronic dart gun and prohibits the sale of a stun gun or electronic dart gun to a person under 18 and criminalizes using a stun gun or electronic dart gun in a crime or against a police officer.) {LC5748/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8073**

**BY** Tanzi, Boylan, Alzate, Stewart, Kislak, Handy, Ajello, Giraldo, Morales

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF PROHIBITED FIREARMS (Restricts the possession of prohibited firearms.) {LC5614/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**(For Co-sponsorship removals request, see Journal of 3-5-2026, page 3, and 3-24-2026, page 2.)**

**House Bill No. 8074**

**BY** Morales, Kislak, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMISSION ON PARDONS (Establishes a commission to promulgate rules, regulations and make recommendations to the governor as to petitions for pardons under Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution of Rhode Island.) {LC5682/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8075**

**BY** Caldwell, Potter, Boylan, Knight, Carson, McEntee, McGaw, Casimiro, Furtado, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires individuals who own firearms to obtain and continuously maintain a policy of liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 dollars and exempts active duty law enforcement and military from this requirement.) {LC5713/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8076**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE -- MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION (Increases the minimum claim amount necessary to require a matter involving motor vehicle liability be submitted to mandatory arbitration.) {LC5143/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8077**

**BY** Dawson, Boylan, Furtado, Casey, Stewart, Cortvriend, Speakman, Spears, McGaw, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers and identify what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.) {LC5807/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8078**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Bennett, Spears, O'Brien, Shanley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES (Permits grand juries to issue reports and provides for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.) {LC5631/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8079**

**BY** Potter, Alzate, Cruz, Batista, McEntee, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Amends the jury list and jury qualification statutes to add individuals receiving public assistance benefits.) {LC5771/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8080**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Fogarty, Alzate, Diaz, Casimiro, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Cortvriend**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.)

{LC5632/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8081**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Edwards**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.) {LC5627/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8082**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS (Amends existing expungement laws to be consistent with the new 10-year lookback period required for DUI charges.) {LC5621/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8083****BY** Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Sanchez, Morales, Casimiro, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years from the date of conviction.) {LC5813/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8084****BY** Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Morales, Casimiro, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS (Makes persons convicted of simple possession of controlled substances, eligible to have their records expunged three (3) years after imposition of their sentence.)

{LC5814/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8085****BY** Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Sanchez, Casimiro, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS (Makes persons convicted of petty misdemeanors eligible to have their records expunged one year after imposition of their sentence.) {LC5816/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8086**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Bennett, McNamara, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Read, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Provides that the statute of limitations for second-degree sexual assault shall be 10 years from the date of the offense, or, in the case of a victim who is under the age of 18, ten years from the victim's eighteenth birthday, whichever is later.) {LC5630/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8087**

(Dept. of Public Safety)

**BY** Hull, Noret, Fascia, Bennett, Biah, Corvese, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

(Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.) {LC5041/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8088**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS

(Authorizes judges to issue electronic warrants for DUI offenses under certain conditions.)

{LC5620/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8089****BY** Stewart, Casimiro, Ajello, Cruz, Potter, Kislak, Handy, Morales, Alzate, Caldwell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --

PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Permits the family court to retain jurisdiction over juveniles and allow the family court to order juveniles detained in the training school until the age of twenty-one if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child.) {LC5184/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8090****BY** Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Batista, Cotter, Morales, Giraldo**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.) {LC3751/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8091**

(Dept. of Human Services)

**BY** Caldwell, McEntee, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS (Aligns the implementation date of youth camp licensing within the operational, and statutory framework of the Rhode Island department of human services and department of children, youth and families.) {LC5322/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8092**

(DCYF)

**BY** Caldwell, McEntee, Spears, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Adds staff of day camps and residential camps for youth to the definition of "person responsible for a child's welfare" within the chapter on abused and neglected children.) {LC5361/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8093**

(Attorney General)

**BY** McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Bennett, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Potter, Casey, Read

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Expands the definition of "educational program" for purposes of the abused and neglected children general law to include charter schools, parochial schools, after school programs, camps and various other programs involving children.) {LC5628/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8094**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Restores law enforcement discretion, allowing officers to issue a verbal warning when appropriate or pursue misdemeanor or felony charges in more egregious cases where a child is left unattended in a motor vehicle.) {LC5622/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8095**

**BY** Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Clarifies that a magistrate or sentencing judge sitting in a court with jurisdiction over alcohol-related offenses shall, upon request, immediately grant a conditional hardship license after imposing a ninety (90) day hardship loss of license.) {LC5775/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8096**

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OFFENSES AGAINST REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE LAWS (Increases the fines for certain traffic offenses to one hundred dollars (\$100) and adds fines of one hundred dollars (\$100) for

offenses required by law but omitted from the schedule.) {LC5166/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8097**

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Adds criminal penalties for operation of a motor vehicle after a suspension for lack of physical or mental fitness, or as a result of frequency of offenses pursuant to § 31-11-7 (a)(1)(i) or as result of a court ordered suspension.) {LC5450/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8098**

**BY** Casimiro, Kislak, Donovan, Spears, Read, Potter, Alzate, Slater, Knight, Stewart

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUPER SPEEDER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Establishes the Super Speeder Accountability Act to be used as a sentencing option or enhancement for drivers charged with certain driving violations.) {LC5919/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8099**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 -17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost.) {LC5585/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8100**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.) {LC5619/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8101**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY (Amends the definition of abandoned property by imposing the requirement that the building owner be notified of the violation and has failed to address such violations in the timeframes set forth in the notice of violation or court order.) {LC5686/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8102**

**BY** McGaw, Speakman, Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Furtado, Stewart, Potter, Giraldo, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CAPACITY TO HOLD REAL ESTATE (Precludes a legal entity from owning property whose value is over \$25,000,000. If the property value exceeds \$25,000,000, then the entity must divest a graduated yearly amount over the next 10

years, until value is less than \$25,000,000.) {LC5477/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8103**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Increases the time that mortgage foreclosure notices are required to be provided to active military service members, from nine (9) months to one year, after completion of their active duty.) {LC5799/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8104**

**BY** McEntee, Spears, Caldwell, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY (Limits the provisions related to prepayment of real estate mortgages to those mortgage loans made for real estate containing owner occupied dwelling houses of not more than four dwelling units.) {LC5422/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8105**

**BY** Ajello, Slater, Handy, Potter, Kislak, Cruz, Diaz, Speakman, Donovan, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICE ACT (Amends the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act to clarify housing-status enforcement, ban discriminatory housing notices, align state law with federal standards and remove a ban on public discussion of fair housing cases.) {LC5777/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8106**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY** Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.) {LC4778/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8107**

**BY** Cortvriend, McNamara, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.) {LC4284/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8108**

**BY** Potter, Cruz, Handy, DeSimone, Alzate, Stewart, Morales, Kislak, Giraldo, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits rent increases to 4% annually, but allows an additional increase for taxes, insurance, or health and safety costs if the landlord gets an exemption from the secretary of housing, and provides tenants civil remedies for violations.) {LC5773/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8109**

**BY** Cruz, Tanzi, Handy, Ajello, Potter, Stewart, Batista, Cotter, Sanchez, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT -- JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS (Prohibits a landlord from removing a tenant from any housing accommodation, or attempt such removal or exclusion from possession.) {LC5792/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8110**

**BY** Cortvriend, Kazarian, Spears, McGaw  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords who rent shoreline property to provide their tenants, before the start of the tenancy, with a detailed, written disclosure regarding their shoreline access rights.) {LC5380/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8111**

**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides for the sealing of eviction records under certain circumstances.) {LC5674/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8112**

**BY** Baginski, Casey, Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Adds a provision that allows a tenant to pay the last month's rent or any other prepaid rent. It also increases the amount that a security deposit can be requested from one to two (2) months of rent.) {LC4634/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8113**

**BY** Cruz, Handy, Potter, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Shanley, Cotter, Giraldo, Kislak  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.) {LC5286/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8114**

**BY** Hopkins, Casimiro, Casey, Cotter, McGaw, Place, Fascia  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires the DCYF director to disclose to the school nurse where a child is enrolled, when that child has been placed in foster care.) {LC4877/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8115**

**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Requires the corrections director to adopt body camera policies by January 1, 2027, after stakeholder consultation, setting standards for activation, recording, access, retention, notice, and training.) {LC5683/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8116**

**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT (Requires correctional staff to wear and activate body cameras, set rules for recording and access, create an independent oversight board, mandate training and reporting, and establish a grant funded pilot program.) {LC5688/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8117**

**BY** Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals 42-56-38.1 and requires the department of corrections to provide free communication services to inmates and juveniles held in residential placement or detention centers and requires that those facilities provide in-person contact visits.) {LC3853/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8118**

**BY** Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' DUE PROCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT (Amends the Law Enforcement Officers' Due Process, Accountability, and Transparency Act" by changing the provision for payment of legal fees.) {LC5452/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8119**

**BY** Potter, Knight, Ajello, Morales, Dawson, Batista, McEntee, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- WARRANTLESS PURCHASES OF PERSONAL DATA -- THE 4TH AMENDMENT IS NOT FOR SALE ACT (Prohibits warrantless purchases of personal data in connection with any criminal, civil, or other investigatory or enforcement activity.) {LC5399/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8120**

**BY** Chippendale, Place, Santucci, Fascia, Brien, Newberry, Nardone, Roberts, Hopkins

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION (Allows the personal representative of a decedent's estate to discharge the estate tax lien by recording with decedent's municipality, a statement stating decedent's gross estate does not require a state or federal estate tax filing pursuant to §44-22-1.1.) {LC5327/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 8121**

**BY** Stewart, Alzate, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Diaz, Giraldo, Dawson, Morales, Furtado

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING THE IMMIGRANT IMPACT TASK FORCE

(Creates an 11-member task force to track and oversee immigration enforcement and support actions in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the General Assembly House no later than January 5, 2027, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2027.) {LC5505/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 8122**

**BY** Serpa, Fellela, Cotter, Messier, Corvese, Knight

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS 2025 AND 2026 (Amends the House rules to mandate that all lobbyists vacate the House floor twenty (20) minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled House session.) {LC5457/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Rules Committee

**House Bill No. 8123**

(Rhode Island National Guard)

**BY** Azzinaro, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.) {LC5434/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 8124**

**BY** Donovan, McGaw, Tanzi, Speakman, Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, Ajello, Giraldo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE

ISLAND VETERANS HOME STAFFING SUPPORT ACT OF 2026 (Creates The Rhode Island Veterans Home Staffing Support Act of 2026.) {LC5742/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 8125**

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, Fellela, Santucci, Phillips, Costantino, Read, Solomon, Noret, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY

CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.) {LC5801/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 8126**

**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Cruz, Voas, Giraldo, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter

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

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and help control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).)

{LC5672/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8127**

**BY** Tanzi, Cortvriend, Chippendale, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak, Cruz, Hull, Handy  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Amends the Rhode Island Transit Authority (RIPTA) board composition by adding the Rhode Island Climate Community to the groups given due consideration for appointment to the board.) {LC5433/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8128**

**BY** Casey  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY (Updates the state's public accountancy act for consistency with the 9th edition of the Uniform Accountancy Act, as issued by NASBA and AICPA in July 2025.) {LC5945/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8129**

**BY** Caldwell, Furtado, DeSimone, O'Brien, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Spears, Read  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Ends transaction fees for school lunches in all districts. This act requires at least one no-fee payment method for school lunches and a full disclosure whether fees will be charged by a payment platform.) {LC5567/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 8130**

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Morales  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Allows municipalities participating in the state prekindergarten program to accept students from outside the municipality under certain conditions and establishes a lottery for enrollment in the program.) {LC5704/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Resolution No. 8131**

**BY** Edwards, Casey, Bennett, Diaz, Fellela, Potter, Cotter, McNamara, Messier, Furtado  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S METHOD OF FUNDING CHARTER SCHOOLS (Creates a 13-member joint commission to study Rhode Island's method of funding charter schools, and would report back to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2027, and would expire on July 1, 2027.) {LC5782/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

**House Bill No. 8132**

**BY** Cortvriend, Speakman, Boylan, Carson, McGaw, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DECARBONIZATION DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2026 (Creates the multi-unit residential decarbonization initiative program to provide funding for feasibility studies to convert large, multi-family residential units to non-emitting renewable geothermal energy.) {LC3520/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 8133****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING (Assesses a fee of one cent (\$0.01) per every ten thousand (10,000) gallons of wastewater treatment facility effluent discharge.) {LC5918/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 8134****BY** Casimiro, Tanzi, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Stewart, McGaw, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Permits licensed providers to accompany emergency medical services and treat patients within the community for mental health disorders, including substance use disorders.) {LC5024/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 8135****BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Hopkins**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- EQUAL PAY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (Requires the state and private health insurers to reimburse claims for healthcare services provided by nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the same amount as the reimbursement paid to a physician performing the service in the area served.) {LC5473/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 8136****BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey, Cruz, Alzate, Giraldo, Fellela**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS (Eliminates fingerprinting fees for licensed childcare hires, require background checks for youth activity instructors, and allow active TS/SCI clearance to satisfy criminal background check requirements.) {LC5121/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health &amp; Human Services

**House Bill No. 8137****BY** Donovan, Tanzi, Alzate, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Casimiro, Cruz, Diaz, Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE ACT OF 2026 (Creates a publicly funded program for uninsured individuals requiring on an appropriation of \$53,200,000 for fiscal year 2027 and an appropriation of 109,600,000 for fiscal year 2028 and every fiscal year thereafter.) {LC5206/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8138****BY** Tanzi, McGaw, Alzate, Boylan, Speakman, Donovan, Cruz, Batista, Stewart, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (In effect repeals the provisions of the newly enacted law prohibiting smoking in pari mutual facilities with the exception for businesses operating as a pari mutual facility smoking lounge.) {LC5821/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 8139****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Provides the state would cover dialysis for the treatment of end stage renal disease ("ESRD") and kidney transplants for persons who do not qualify for full Medicaid due to their immigration status.) {LC5690/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8140****BY** Furtado**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LIMITATIONS ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION (Bars state and local police from joining federal immigration enforcement programs, limits holding people on detainer without judicial warrants, and requires tracking and reporting of requests.) {LC5913/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8141****BY** Cruz, Tanzi, Potter, McGaw, Donovan, Handy, Ajello, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL TENANT'S RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION ACT (Creates the division of civil representation within the department of housing and require civil representation by a Designated Legal Organization to provide legal representation to all tenants who qualify in eviction proceedings.) {LC5808/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8142****BY** Speakman, Diaz, Giraldo, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESIDENTIAL REUSE INCENTIVE ACT (Creates a state program and fund to finance adaptive reuse and mixed-use housing projects, requires affordable units and labor standards, and provides oversight to expand housing until 2035.) {LC5308/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8143****BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Read, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Provides for the re-employment of public safety retirees under certain conditions.) {LC5478/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

**House Bill No. 8144****BY** Cotter, Carson, Kennedy, Chippendale, McGaw, Boylan, Handy, Hopkins, Speakman, Spears**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program relating to green bonds requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling \$60,000,000 for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.) {LC5568/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8145****BY** Stewart, Alzate, Diaz, Giraldo, Dawson, Kislak, Cruz, Carson, Morales, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Establishes a restricted receipt account for the benefit of the Rhode Island public transit authority funded by sales taxes collected from ride-share companies; and provided further, the account would be exempt from indirect cost recovery provisions.) {LC5430/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8146****BY** Marszalkowski, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET--PROGRAM PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT (Provides additional oversight and reporting measures related to audits and capital projects.) {LC5730/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8147****BY** Serpa, Fellela, Cotter, Messier, Shallcross Smith, O'Brien, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Costantino, Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides that retirees in the state pension system receive cost of living adjustments compounded into the retiree's total retirement benefits each year beginning January 1, 2026. This act would be prospective only.) {LC5039/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8148****BY** Solomon, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Directs the RITBA design a safety barrier or netting system on the several bridges within its authority. Any newly constructed bridges with a deck height of over one hundred feet (100 ft) would be required to have safety barriers of safety netting.) {LC3354/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8149****BY** Santucci, Chippendale, Costantino, Nardone, Newberry, Read, Noret, Place, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Provides for distribution of payment of certain civil penalties for violations of overweight vehicle laws.) {LC5802/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8150****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UTGR MASTER CONTRACT AND THE TWIN RIVER -- TIVERTON MASTER CONTRACT -- CONSOLIDATED MARKETING PROGRAM (Restates the UTGR Master Contract and the Twin River-Tiverton Master Contract and consolidates the marketing program of each into the Consolidated Marketing Program.) {LC5607/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8151**

**BY** Spears, McEntee, Cortvriend, Boylan, Casimiro, McGaw, Azzinaro, Potter, Kennedy, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE BLUE WAVE BOND FOR COASTAL PREPAREDNESS -- 2026 BOND REFERENDUM (Proposes a bond measure authorizing the State of Rhode Island to issue up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to fund coastal preparedness and resilience projects.) {LC5824/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8152**

**BY** Corvese, Serpa, Casimiro, Hull, McEntee, Fellela, Costantino, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT (Establishes sales and use tax exemptions for commercial forest product operations. Also creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles".) {LC5133/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8153**

**BY** Cotter, Casimiro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Requires the state to reimburse the Exeter fire and rescue departments for seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of any call made to state property) {LC5689/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8154**

**BY** O'Brien  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- NON-CHARITABLE BINGO (Creates a new chapter to provide for non-charitable bingo by the state lottery division.) {LC5605/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8155**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Diaz, Giraldo, Alzate, Stewart, Kennedy, Fellela, Furtado, Kislak, Ajello, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Under the emergency fund for victims, increases the share of a victim's total award that may be used for relocation related expenses but not increase total compensation available to a victim.) {LC4642/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8156**

**BY** Tanzi, Casimiro, Alzate, Boylan, Furtado, Cortvriend, Donovan, Stewart, Kislak, Hull  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Creates the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivor Services Fund in Rhode Island to provide state funding for nonprofit organizations that deliver direct services to survivors of domestic violence.) {LC5784/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8157**

**BY** Caldwell, Knight, Boylan, Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Amends the determination of the state's share statute by amending the calculation for the poverty loss stabilization fund.) {LC5710/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8158**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5758/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8159**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local education 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.) {LC5767/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8160**

**BY** Casey, Phillips, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.) {LC5768/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8161**

**BY** Cortvriend, Spears, Donovan, Handy, Carson, Boylan, Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.) {LC4423/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8162**

**BY** Messier, Alzate, Voas, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ONWARD WE LEARN SCHOLARSHIP ACT (Requires any remaining funds in the enacted budget from the RI promise scholarship program or the RI hope scholarship program, after Rhode Island college has satisfied all eligible scholarships to be reimbursed to onward we learn.) {LC5739/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8163**

**BY** McNamara, Cotter, Solomon, Potter, Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Establishes guidelines, rules and regulations for the implementation and expansion of prekindergarten education programs for children ages 3-4 to increase children's school readiness statewide.) {LC5823/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8164****BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Enhances and further defines the role of the board of trustees of the University of Rhode Island. This act would also provide a more efficient procurement process for the university.) {LC5600/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8165****BY** Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Provides the board of trustees with tort claim protections and calls upon the board to undertake a feasibility study related to operations of the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center and the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission.) {LC5601/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8166****BY** Sanchez, Morales, Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID (Establishes a statewide

"Healthy School Meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.) {LC5428/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8167****BY** Cortvriend, Boylan, Kazarian, Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY

(Directs the department of education to develop and adopt regulations for energy capable school buildings.) {LC3188/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8168****BY** Cortvriend, Finkelman, Kislak, Edwards, McGaw, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (Increases

reimbursement caps promulgated in 2018 and applies to eligible costs for library projects incurred from June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2031, or ending earlier if the Office of Library Information Services amends the regulations.) {LC5722/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8169****BY** Cortvriend, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RESIDENTIAL AND

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Residential and

Commercial Property Acquisition Program Act to implement residential or commercial property acquisitions, paired with funding for relocation costs within or proximate to the current community.)

{LC5575/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8170**

**BY** O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Alzate, Baginski, Furtado, Voas, Serpa, Biah, Dawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Restore the rights of school administrators and staff members, who have retired to exceed the ninety-day (90) cap on post-retirement employment and work up to one hundred eighty (180) days during a school year.) {LC5313/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8171**

**BY** Caldwell, Slater, Kislak, Spears  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD-AS-MEDICINE PILOT PROGRAM (Establishes a food as medicine pilot program and task force to be administered by the executive office of health and human services.) {LC5424/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8172**

**BY** Tanzi, Giraldo, Handy, Alzate, Spears, Stewart, Kislak, Hull, Ajello, Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAVINGS AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026 (Establishes the "Prescription Drug Savings and Transparency Act of 2026.") {LC5496/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8173**

**BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Amends current law so that private side lead service replacement costs, financed by the water supplier's customers that may be eligible for reimbursement from the state, would no longer be subject to appropriation by the general assembly.) {LC5698/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8174**

**BY** Stewart, Tanzi, Voas, Giraldo, Furtado, Alzate, Cruz, Casimiro, Edwards, Diaz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires Rhode Island Medicaid to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives and to collect utilization and cost data, while allowing limits consistent with Medicaid rules.) {LC5521/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8175**

**BY** Stewart, Tanzi, Voas, Giraldo, Furtado, Alzate, Cruz, Casimiro, Edwards, Diaz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires Medicaid to cover services by licensed certified lactation counselors and EOHHS to oversee and implement the program and track related costs and use. It also ensures reimbursement consistent with similar providers.) {LC5545/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8176**

(Dept. of Human Services)

**BY** Furtado, Alzate, Messier, Cruz, Stewart, Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Adds a new category to the eligibility of childcare assistance to include a "protective services category" which would include foster or kinship children served through DCYF.)

{LC5320/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8177**

**BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey, Cruz, Solomon, Casimiro, Fellela, Messier, Dawson, Ajello, Biah

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- 988 CALL CENTER FUNDING AND OPERATIONS ACT (Establishes a fund and the operations necessary for a hotline for suicide prevention and behavioral health crisis management. Also instates a monthly surcharge on telephone lines to fund the 988 call center.) {LC5379/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8178**

**BY** Cortvriend Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Casey, Cruz, Solomon, Alzate, Fellela, Serpa, Messier, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND DEBT REDUCTION ACT OF 2011 (Effective July 1, 2026, annually allocates twenty percent (20%) of available proceeds in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account to RIPTA for operating expenses.) {LC5429/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

(Added to as Prime sponsor is Representative Cortvriend)

**House Bill No. 8179**

**BY** Cortvriend, Boylan, Kislak, Handy, McGaw

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Requires oil spill responsible fee from 5 cents to 10 cents. Funds to support climate change initiatives.) {LC3486/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8180**

**BY** Casimiro, Tanzi, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Stewart, McGaw, Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILDREN'S MOBILE RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SERVICES (Establishes a statewide mobile response and stabilization services program to provide rapid crisis response and short-term stabilization for children and youth in their natural environments.) {LC5248/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8181**

**BY** Edwards, Chippendale, Voas, Casey, Place, Potter, Cotter, Kennedy, Cortvriend, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE FUND -- EXEMPTIONS FROM TOLLING FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT VEHICLES (Exempts trucks engaged in waste management collection at the central landfill from tolls operated by the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge authority.) {LC5684/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8182****BY** Alzate, Casimiro, Stewart**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT OF 2008 (Requires Medicaid to provide coverage for fertility medication, care, and services, for at least 3 cycles of fertility treatment, and intrauterine insemination.) {LC5376/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8183****BY** Shanley, Spears, Casimiro, Slater, McNamara, Bennett, Potter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Provides for an additional \$117,600 to fund the rate increase recommended by the health insurance commissioner.) {LC5456/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8184**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Cortvriend, Handy, Fellela, Ajello, Bennett, Spears, Tanzi, Boylan, Kislak**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 the death of the designated beneficiary.) {LC4641/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8185****BY** Baginski, Casimiro, Solomon, Read, Casey, DeSimone, O'Brien, Brien**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.) {LC5378/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8186****BY** Dawson, Corvese, Slater, Read, O'Brien, Voas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY, GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Redefines sports wagering sections specifically change the percent the host facilities receive on sports wagering.) {LC5778/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8187****BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Provides that credits issued pursuant to § 44-11-2.3 relating to pass through entities would be refundable.) {LC5766/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8188****BY** Baginski, Slater, Finkelman, Read**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM PRODUCTS (Defines an alternative nicotine product as any noncombustible product without tobacco leaf but nicotine from another source and also taxes alternative nicotine products at \$2.00 per container up to 20 units.) {LC4756/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8189****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EMPLOYER TAX CREDITS FOR RETIREMENT PLAN ESTABLISHMENT, PARTICIPATION AND AUTO-ENROLLMENT (Establishes employer tax credits for establishing a retirement plan for employee participation with auto-enrollment.) {LC5303/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8190****BY** Phillips, Corvese, Noret, Newberry, Santucci, Hopkins, Casey, Voas, Azzinaro, Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increase the estate exemption to \$5,000,000 for January 1, 2027, \$7,500,000 for January 1, 2029, \$10,000,000 for January 1, 2031. This act would eliminate the estate tax for decedents whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2033.) {LC5779/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8191**

(Health Source of Rhode Island)

**BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Donovan, Morales**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Provides proper authority for the division of taxation to provide HSRI with contact information for Rhode Islanders who report they were uninsured on their RI state income tax return.) {LC5896/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8192****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides a tax upon the endowment of a private institution of higher education equal to two percent (2%) upon each dollar over \$1,000,000,000.) {LC5665/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8193****BY** McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Furtado, Stewart, Potter, Kislak, Knight, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Allows a municipality to set its own conveyance tax rate for residential properties sold in excess of \$900,000.00 at \$10 per \$500. Provides collected taxes to be in a restricted account and distributed within 2 years for affordable housing.) {LC5328/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8194****BY** Messier, Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Requires that the tax imposed be paid to the same municipalities.) {LC5582/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8195****BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LOCAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT ACT (Provides a tax credit to a taxpayer that makes a qualified investment in a qualified business.) {LC5427/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8196****BY** Read, Noret, Baginski, Dawson, Potter, Fascia, Corvese, Alzate, Serpa, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from sales tax the amount paid for a parking space to a patron for one hour or less, in or on a parking facility on which a commercial establishment is located.) {LC5414/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8197****BY** Handy, Chippendale, Alzate, Boylan, McGaw, Cortvriend, McNamara, Cotter, Tanzi, Place**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts new or used bicycles and bicycle parts from sales and use taxes.) {LC4910/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8198****BY** Cortvriend, Tanzi, Kazarian, Boylan, Cruz, Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Imposes a sales tax on digital advertising services.) {LC3713/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8199****BY** Solomon, Brien, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Creates a sales tax holiday on August 8 and 9, 2026.) {LC3350/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8200****BY** Tanzi, Alzate, Potter, McGaw, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak, Handy, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- WEALTH PROCEEDS TAX (Imposes a tax equal to four percent (4%) on net investment income, such as interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, capital gains and rental income, of high-income households, estates and trusts, based upon federal guidelines.) {LC5085/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8201****BY** Slater

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO HIGHER GROUND INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT THEIR CRITICAL WORK SUPPORTING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEE POPULATIONS (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to Higher Ground International, to support their mission of supporting immigrants and refugee populations.) {LC5685/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8202****BY** Tanzi, Cortvriend, Batista, Shanley, Stewart, Kislak, Cruz, Hull, Handy, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION TO ISSUE BONDS RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.) {LC5431/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8203****BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A CONDITION PRECEDENT BE PLACED ON ALL FUTURE STATE FUNDING OR GRANT ASSISTANCE TO BROWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF THE NEWPORT HOSPITAL BIRTHING CENTER (This resolution would condition the distribution of any state funds to Brown University Health on the continued operation of a birthing center in the city of Newport.) {LC5147/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8204****BY** Messier, Alzate

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SAMUEL SLATER MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES, OR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$22,500,000 CITY BONDS, CITY NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR (Authorizes bonds to finance school construction in the city of Pawtucket.) {LC5667/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8205****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS (Amends the Medicaid section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.) {LC5307/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8206****BY** Cotter, Chippendale, Kennedy, McGaw, Spears, Casimiro, Cruz**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) FOR NEW FORESTRY HOSES (Appropriates the sum of \$50,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM).) {LC5786/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8207****BY** Giraldo, Alzate, Chippendale, Cruz, Morales**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FOR THE RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION ON PREJUDICE & BIAS (This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Commission on Prejudice and Bias.) {LC5705/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8208****BY** Shallcross Smith, Casey, Alzate, Casimiro, Fellela, Ajello**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE HOUSING NETWORK: THE RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING DEVELOPERS, DBA HOUSING NETWORK OF RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$ 200,000 to the Housing Network of Rhode Island.) {LC5658/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8209****BY** Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE REFUGEE DREAM CENTER (RDC) (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Refugee Dream Center (RDC).) {LC5676/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8210****BY** Solomon**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,300,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (DEM) TO TRANSPLANT QUAHOGS INTO NARRAGANSETT BAY AND ESTABLISH A SHELLFISH HATCHERY PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,300,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the transplantation of quahogs and the establishment of a shellfish hatchery program.) {LC3352/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 8211**

**BY** Kislak, McGaw, Cruz, Ajello, Donovan, Alzate, Diaz, Furtado, Cortvriend, Tanzi  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER INITIATIVE (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$10,000,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Health Community Health Worker Initiative.) {LC5331/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8212**

**BY** Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEE RESTRICTION ACT (Creates the interchange fee restriction act prohibiting interchange fees on sales and use tax or excise tax when payment is made with a credit or debit card.) {LC5310/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8213**

**BY** Serpa, Fellela, Read  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.) {LC5026/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 8214**

**BY** Serpa, Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (Imposes a moratorium on the issuance of new home care provider, home nursing care provider and hospice provider licenses prior to 7/1/2031, and provides for health systems planning specific to these provider licenses during the moratorium by the DOH.) {LC5107/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

**House Bill No. 8215**

**BY** Serpa, Fellela, Read, Ackerman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Tenants with disabilities may request to keep an emotional support animal.) {LC4751/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 8216**

**BY** Serpa, Fogarty, Fellela  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires the coastal resources management council to conduct a review of certain water classifications and existing policies and regulations to properly account for sea level rise.) {LC3247/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**House Bill No. 8217****BY** Serpa, Fellela, Potter, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS, RACING, AND ATHLETICS -- DOG RACING IN BURRILLVILLE, LINCOLN, AND WEST GREENWICH (Prevents anyone from wagering money or any other thing of value on the outcome of a greyhound race or other dog race, or accept or facilitate such wagering, regardless of the location at which the race takes place.) {LC4893/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 8218****BY** Serpa, Fellela, Read

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE-- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Establishes the Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates set by the general assembly as the rate floor for Medicaid managed care by home care, home nursing care and hospice providers.) {LC5106/1}  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**TRANSFER OF BILLS****COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

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

**House Bill No. 7689****BY** Handy, Stewart, Alzate, Slater, Kislak, Kazarian, Caldwell, Giraldo, Ajello, Cruz

**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 and increases the monthly cash benefit to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level effective July 1, 2026.) {LC4698/1}  
02/27/2026 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND 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 Finance:

**House Bill No. 7631****BY** Alzate, Morales, Furtado, McGaw, Shanley, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MEDICARE ENROLLMENT (Requires the EOHHS to disregard an individual's assets or resources, when determining an individual's eligibility for any Medicare beneficiary program, contingent on federal approval.) {LC4349/1}  
03/02/2026 Committee transferred to House Finance

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

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

**House Bill No. 7373**

**BY** Felix, Stewart, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Cruz, Tanzi, Furtado, Kazarian, Spears, Potter  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION  
(Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center located in the city of Pawtucket.) {LC4487/1}

02/27/2026 Placed on House Calendar (03/03/2026)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:00 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Helen S. Taylor; on motion of Representative Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rhonda, Aidan and Gerald Dorgan; on motion of Representative McNamara and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Helen S. Taylor; on motion of Representative Handy, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Hon. Carlo Spirito, Jr.; on motion of Representative Boylan and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Carol Lee Connell; on motion of Representative Messier, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Catherine A. "Kate" Sadlier; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

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

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ARTHUR J. CORVESE**

Dear God, we ask you to send your healing spirit to the Dorgan family in their hour of need. Please hold them in your heart and cover them with your mercy and compassion so that someday they may find a way to heal from this senseless tragedy. Amen

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026:**

- 1. 2026-H 7373**  
**BY Felix**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026:**

- 2. 2026-H 7043 SUB A**  
**BY Azzinaro**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

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

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**  
**Updated: Monday, February 23, 2026**