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Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Sixth Legislative Day

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, at 4:13 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 37 Senators present and 1 Senator absent as follows:

PRESENT –37: Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

ABSENT – 1: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio.

INVOCATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator de la Cruz to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Honorable President Pro Tempore, by unanimous consent, presents Senator de la Cruz, to lead the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Fourth Legislative Day of the 2025 proceedings is read in part.

Upon suggestion of Senator de la Cruz and by unanimous consent, further reading of the Journal is dispensed with and the Journal approved as recorded.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication from His Excellency, The Governor, transmitting the following appointments and requesting the advice and consent of the Senate thereto:

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

David Corsetti

Vice
Vacant

For a term expiring April 1, 2027

To this Appointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Ernest Almonte

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2028

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



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February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Michele L. Brais

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2027

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Michelle R. DeRoche

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2027

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE

February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Jina N. Petrarca, Esq.

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2026

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Lisa M. Andoscia

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2026

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE

February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Leonard L. Lopes

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2026

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Christine M. DiBiase

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2026

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

Mario G. Carlino

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2026

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

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Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
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February 10, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 42-75-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment to the Narragansett Bay Commission:

James S. Bennett

Reappointed

For a term expiring April 1, 2028

To this reappointment, I respectfully request your advice and consent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. McKee".

Daniel J. McKee
Governor


Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, Senate Majority Leader
Honorable Jessica de la Cruz, Senate Minority Leader

RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable President Pro Tempore presents the following communication:

<p>SENATOR LAMMIS J. VARGAS District 28</p> <hr/> <p>Room 209 Rhode Island State House Providence, Rhode Island 02903</p> <p>OFFICE: 401-276-5584 sen-vargas@rilegislature.gov</p>	<p>State of Rhode Island</p>  <p>Senate Chamber</p>	<p>SECRETARY Committee on Environment & Agriculture</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Finance</p> <hr/> <p>Committee on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies</p>
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February 11, 2025

The Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio
President of the Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mister President,

Please be advised that due to illness I will be absent from the chamber on Tuesday, February 11th. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/
Lammis J. Vargas
Senator – District 28

Placed on file.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION**Senate Resolution No. 224**

BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Tikoian, Mack, Acosta

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AS "THE 2ND RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT/BLACK REGIMENT RECOGNITION DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK SOLDIERS DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR
{LC150/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ujifusa requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ujifusa moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Ujifusa and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Col. Joanne Breslin Commander of Varnum's Regiment, President of Varnum Continental Patrick Donovan Executive Director of the Varnum Armory Museum East Greenwich, Jason Roomes First Rhode Island Regiment and descendent of Caesar Rome Caretaker Curator a First Rhode Island Soldier, and John Harvey of the Varnum House.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 225****BY** Vargas, Acosta**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7TH THROUGH THE 14TH OF 2025, TO BE "CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC550/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Acosta requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Acosta moves passage, seconded by Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 226**BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARIE T. NESSELBUSH
{LC845/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Kallman requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Kallman moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 227**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RUFINA DELIZO RICE

{LC757/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Senate Resolution No. 228**BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HILDING T. MUNSON

{LC758/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Sosnowski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Sosnowski moves passage, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025:**

1. **2025-S 164**
BY E Morgan
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2025, AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2025-S 218**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE MARTELL EGAN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2025-S 219**
BY Murray
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE OZANIAN FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF JAMES W. OZANIAN

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

4. **2025-S 223**
BY Mack
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING RANDALL ASHE FOR HIS EXCELLENCE AS A JAZZ MUSICIAN, THEATER PERFORMER, AND FOR HIS LONG CAREER OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, the following measures on Today's Consent Calendar, by unanimous consent, are read and passed, upon a roll call vote:

YEAS – 35: Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

TRANSMITTAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Mack and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Randall Ashe.

Senator Sosnowski announces that the Senate Committee on Commerce will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 212.

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 211 and on Thursday, February 13th at 4:00pm in Room 211.

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Judiciary will meet today at the rise of the senate in Room 313.

Senator Tikoian announces that the deadline to introduce new legislation will be extended until Tuesday, February 25th.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Lawson, the Senate stands in Recess at 4:41 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Marie T. Nesselbush, Rufina Delizo Rice, and Hilding T. Munson.*

FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House of Representatives transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

House Bill No. 5035**BY** Kazarian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ryan Kenny and Brenna Sorkin to join Simran Bhajan Nebhnani and Louis Charles Miyara in marriage on April 26, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC38/1}

Referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 229****BY** Quezada, Thompson, Bissaillon, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

{LC645/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 230**BY** Quezada, Bell, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Authorizes the school administration to issue an out-of-school suspension to students if they are a threat to the safety of others.)

{LC647/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 231**BY** Valverde, DiPalma, Acosta, Patalano, Zurier, DiMario, Lauria, Thompson, Murray, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Establishes a task force managed by the children's cabinet to develop recommendations to improve access to early intervention and early childhood special education services.)

{LC1253/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 232**BY** Valverde, Gallo, Zurier, DiMario, McKenney, Mack, Quezada, Murray, Appollonio, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.)

{LC1205/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 233**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Repeals the establishment of statewide academic standards for core subjects and the implementation into the curriculum of all public schools.)

{LC380/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 234**BY** Quezada, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a “504” plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).)

{LC648/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 235**BY** Appollonio, Gallo, Vargas, Bissaillon, Patalano, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Burke, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS (Requires the school board or committees of cities and towns to establish a safety and behavioral health committee and also lays out the representation requirements committee responsibilities to ensure a stable learning environment for all students.)

{LC798/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 236**BY** LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Dimitri, Felag, Tikoian, Burke, Appollonio, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates the use of a soft-shell helmet cover that adds a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of a traditional football helmet, for students participating in Rhode Island interscholastic league football.)

{LC1200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 237**BY** Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF STUDENTS ACT

(Provides protections for students and parents against discrimination on the basis of a religious viewpoint or religious expression in schools. Allows students to pray or engage in religious activities before, during or after school.)

{LC381/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 238**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Gallo, Gu, Lawson, Tikoian, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT

(Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.)

{LC1099/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 239**BY** Urso, Acosta, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Appollonio, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY

EDUCATOR COMPENSATION STABILIZATION ACT (Directs the departments of human services and education to work together to sustain and strengthen existing workforce development and compensation programs for educators working in licensed child care and early learning programs statewide.)

{LC1430/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 240**BY** Vargas, Mack, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo, Urso, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND

CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Childcare Assistance Program that governs both family eligibility for the state's childcare subsidy program and expands eligibility for the program to meet the federal eligibility benchmark.)

{LC920/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 241**BY** Felag, Sosnowski, DiMario, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Prohibits a manufacturer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale or distributing for use in the state any firefighting personal protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS as of January 1, 2027.)

{LC976/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 242**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET COMMISSION (Creates the Warwick public schools budget commission consisting of 5 members to oversee the operations of Warwick public schools and to present a preliminary analysis of the school district's financial situation.)

{LC955/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 243**BY** Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Ciccone, Vargas, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires all state licensed healthcare facilities to convert the powering of their operations from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. DOH promulgates rules and regulations to implement the requirements.)

{LC461/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 244**BY** Felag, Acosta, Murray, Sosnowski, Mack, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Britto, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the Rhode Island earned-income credit to twenty percent (20%) on January 1, 2026. Such credit would not exceed the amount of state income tax.)

{LC1432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 245**BY** Morgan, de la Cruz, Felag, Raptakis, Rogers, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income for all social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.)

{LC368/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 246**BY** DiMario, DiPalma, Mack, Sosnowski, Britto, Vargas, Acosta, Valverde, Zurier, Euer
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.)

{LC1189/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 247**BY** Valverde, DiPalma, Lawson, Acosta, Appollonio, Pearson, Lauria, Gallo, DiMario, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS- EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INFANTS (Provides that the early intervention program for developmentally disabled infants be under the jurisdiction of the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS).)

{LC1170/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 248**BY** Ujifusa, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES (Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.)

{LC1396/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 249**BY** Sosnowski, Ciccone, DiPalma, Murray, Gu, Valverde, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT

(Increases monthly minimum benefit for a spouse, domestic partner, former spouse. Grant a 2.89% COLA for eligible retirees. Provided a modification reducing federal AGI for public pension benefits from the RI employees retirement system.)

{LC1005/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 250**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, Murray, Pearson, Valverde, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Mandates public schools (K-12) have one full-time certified social worker for every 250 students and allocates \$2 million in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for school districts and municipalities to hire additional social workers.)

{LC137/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 251**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES (Prohibits the state, municipalities, or courts from attempting to collect any motor vehicle violation fines or costs, after more than seven (7) years of the fine becoming final.)

{LC373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 252**BY** Quezada, Bell, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO

THE ELISHA PROJECT (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Elisha Project.)

{LC658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 253**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM (Establishes a new program where the per pupil funding, calculated annually by RIDE, would be transferred into a newly created educational funding account run by the children's scholarship fund to pay for educational expenses.)

{LC374/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 254**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Urso, Acosta, DiPalma, Lawson, Valverde, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Would provide children up to age three (3) with continuous coverage eligibility for RIte Track/RIte Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.)

{LC1375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 255**BY** McKenney, Sosnowski, Bissaillon, Zurier, Tikoian, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Establishes Medicaid fee-for-service reimbursement rates set by the general assembly as the rate floor for Medicaid managed care by home care, home nursing care and hospice providers licensed by the DOH and continue the EEOHH.)

{LC897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 256**BY** Murray, Thompson, Acosta, Bell, Urso, Lauria, Zurier, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Mandates additional state education funding for the mental and behavioral health of students equal to 2% of the district's total expenditures, and require those funds be used to hire staff such as school social workers, and behavioral specialists.)

{LC783/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 257

BY Felag, LaMountain, Gallo, Britto, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Murray, Ciccone, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION (Changes the teacher and state employees'
retirement benefit calculations' cutoff date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2012, for all retirement
members eligible to and who retire on or after the new July 1, 2012, cutoff date.)

{LC1172/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 258

BY LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Burke, Raptakis, Dimitri, Britto, Felag, Lawson, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY -- VICTIMS OF CRIME TRAUMA INFORMED
MOBILIZATION ACT (Establishes VICTIM Fund grant program to support nonprofit
organizations providing victim services in Rhode Island with the state allocating \$30,000,000 per
year to fund the program and staffing within the department of public safety.)

{LC1171/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 259

BY Acosta, Gallo, Lawson, Valverde, DiMario, Zurier, Appollonio, Felag, Murray, Ciccone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that a student's enrollment in Medicaid would be
included in calculating and determining the student success factor for use in the foundation
education-aid formula.)

{LC722/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 260

BY DiMario, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES (Amends the definition of a "houseboat" to include motorized or non-motorized
vessels.)

{LC1013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 261**BY** Valverde, Felag, DiMario, Gu, Euer, Kallman, Murray, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax behind-the-meter batteries interconnected with a solar photovoltaic system.)

{LC923/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 262**BY** Murray, Thompson, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Felag, Britto, Mack, Vargas, Bissaillon, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.)

{LC1149/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 263**BY** DiMario, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Valverde, Bissaillon, Lawson, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.)

{LC1160/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 264**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM INDEMNIFIED (LIABILITY-FREE) PRODUCTS ACT (Prohibits mandating indemnified products to consumers in certain circumstances.)

{LC383/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 265**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Amends the law on nursing home minimum staffing requirements in order that any penalty incurred during calendar years 2022, 2023, and 2024 would be abated.)

{LC334/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 266**BY** DiMario, Valverde, Sosnowski, Appollonio, Thompson, Lawson, Urso, Ujifusa, Lauria, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (Repeals the examination requirement in order to qualify for a clinical social workers license.)

{LC600/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 267**BY** Ujifusa, Murray, Lauria, Valverde, DiMario, Zurier, Urso, Thompson, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES (Seeks to promote increased consumer access to Medicare supplement health insurance policies.)

{LC513/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 268**BY** Euer, DiMario, Urso, Lauria, Kallman, Valverde, Quezada, Lawson, Mack, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2026, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.)

{LC242/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 269

BY Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria, LaMountain, McKenney, Bissailon, Acosta, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS (Repeals the required HIV testing for an individual convicted under chapter 34.1 of title 11 and allows the option for HIV testing for any person convicted under this chapter.)

{LC1002/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 270

BY Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND'S CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT -- MINOR'S GENDER TRANSITION (Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds, discipline for health care providers, a 30 year statute of limitation, after reaching age of majority, and right to a civil action for damages.)

{LC385/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 271

BY Urso, DiMario, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Rogers, Appollonio, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)

{LC1161/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 272

BY Lauria, Pearson, Acosta, Lawson, Kallman, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY KIDS ACT (Mandates that all restaurants offering children's meals offer at least two (2) children's meals that complies with certain detailed nutritional standards set forth in the act.)

{LC1553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 273**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (Allows the commissioners of the water and sewer commission for the town of Jamestown to limit its public water system's obligation to supply water only within designated and described area as opposed to the entire land area of the town.)

{LC245/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 274**BY** Quezada, Acosta, Bissaillon, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits a landlord from inquiring about the immigration status of a tenant subject to any federal laws or regulations, but may request financial information or proof of identity.)

{LC660/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 275**BY** Bell, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Bissaillon, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Quezada, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT (Establishes a new article in the state building code that provides that certain new housing construction contain at least one floor that meets the requirements for a Type C "ANSI" Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.)

{LC267/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 276**BY** Bell, Murray, Valverde, Urso, Bissaillon, Mack, Quezada, Kallman, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES-- PROMOTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER AND SMART GROWTH (Amends several sections of chapter 24 of title 45, entitled "zoning ordinances," also known as the "Rhode Island zoning enabling act of 1991," with the intent of preserving neighborhood character and promoting smart growth.)

{LC266/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 277**BY** Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BORN-ALIVE INFANT PROTECTION ACT (Provides equal Medicare for infants born-alive as a result of abortion procedure/natural delivery with violations subject to criminal penalties for medical personnel/loss of license/civil action for damages.)

{LC376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 278**BY** Murray, McKenney, Bissaillon, Pearson, Acosta, Burke, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY (Under certain circumstances, provides immunity from arrest and prosecution for prostitution, procurement of sexual conduct for a fee, loitering for prostitution and soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes.)

{LC1009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 279**BY** Valverde, Raptakis, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

{LC1206/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 280**BY** Rogers, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Replaces state marshals with capitol police as to those law enforcement officers being exempt from certain firearm restrictions.)

{LC388/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 281**BY** Quezada, Bissaillon, Bell, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.)

{LC666/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 282**BY** Morgan, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires verification of an applicant's date of birth and either a Rhode Island driver's license number or state identification number on all applications seeking mail ballots and emergency mail ballots.)

{LC371/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 283**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Requires that only the mail ballot voter/spouse/court appointed guardian/cohabitant/or adult person related to the voter by blood or marriage, be allowed to physically mail the voted mail ballot.)

{LC372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 284**BY** Morgan, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.)

{LC378/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 285**BY** Quezada, Bell, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees, asking questions about the applicant's financial past during interviews or including credit history questions in their job applications.)

{LC646/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 286**BY** McKenney, DiPalma, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Prohibits purchases of more than one firearm in any thirty (30) day period.)

{LC940/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 287**BY** Mack, Euer, Dimitri, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Lauria, Valverde, Quezada, Acosta, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Provides for a residency requirement of at least six (6) months rather than one year for the Rhode Island family court to have jurisdiction over a divorce complaint.)

{LC262/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 288**BY** Bell, Lawson, Mack, Tikoian, Gallo, Ruggerio, Ujifusa, Ciccone, Felag, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL STATE OFFICERS (Provides that, for the general officers of the state, no person could be elected to the same general office more than twice.)

{LC292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 289**BY** Zurier, McKenney, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Sets a mandatory retirement age of 75 for all justices and magistrates of the superior, district, workers' compensation, family and traffic tribunal courts and provide that no pension or retirement benefits be affected thereby.)

{LC555/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 290**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Felag, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Grants an affirmative defense for certain privileged communications, including communications made by an individual, without malice, regarding an incident of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.)

{LC595/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 291**BY** Kallman, Acosta, Lauria, Mack, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Prohibits the civil arrest of any person who is attending court either on behalf of themselves or a family or household member. Any person who violates this act shall be subject to civil suit, and for contempt of court.)

{LC174/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 292**BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE (Requires one elector of the parole board to be a person directly impacted by the criminal justice system who has completed the probation/parole process three (3) or more years prior to selection with a professional background in certain enumerated areas.)

{LC669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 293**BY** Quezada, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Provides for release of misdemeanor arrestees without financial conditions, except for domestic violence or flight risk or obstruct of justice risk.)

{LC665/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 294**BY** Valverde, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Appollonio, LaMountain, Raptakis, Murray**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 cyberharrasment.)

{LC605/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 295**BY** Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Bell, Kallman, Lauria, Valverde, Britto, Ujifusa, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DETENTION FOR FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS (Prohibits state and municipal officials or body from entering into and renewing any agreements that will be used to detain individuals for federal civil immigration violations.)

{LC1290/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 296**BY** Murray, Bell, McKenney, Euer, Lauria, LaMountain, Bissailon, Acosta, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals provisions that assess costs for women in the community corrections program for women offenders.)

{LC995/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 297**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990 (Defines "anti-Semitism" for the state human affairs commission to use while investigating and working to resolve complaints of discrimination and for the commission against prejudice and bias to use in defining hate crimes.)

{LC379/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 298**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Sosnowski, McKenney, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Thompson, Felag, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

{LC1140/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 299**BY** Bell, Bissaillon, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Mack, Euer, Quezada, Kallman, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION (Prohibits members of law enforcement from engaging in sexual penetration with individuals in their custody. The act also provides that a person convicted of custodial law enforcement sexual penetration would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.)

{LC270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 300**BY** Bell, Valverde, Ujifusa, DiMario, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOREST CONSERVATION ACT -- COMPOSITION OF STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, AND QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (Removes appointees of state boards, commissions, public authorities and quasi-public who have a corporate/business interest in the subject matter of the board or commission.)

{LC281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 301**BY** Quezada, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS--CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE (Provides that prisoners who committed offenses prior to age 18 and sentenced as adults would be eligible for parole after completing 15 yrs of their sentence/does not lengthen their eligibility should prisoner be eligible for parole earlier than 15 yrs.)

{LC657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 302**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT (Prohibits noncompete agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.)

{LC411/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 303**BY** Zurier, Euer, LaMountain, McKenney, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.)

{LC1431/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 304**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Categorizes women by their biological identity at birth rather than their gender identity for purpose of organized sports.)

{LC384/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 305**BY** Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL ETHICS DEFENSE ACT (Establishes the right of a medical practitioner, healthcare institution, or healthcare payer not to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or service this violates their conscience.)

{LC377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 306**BY** Morgan, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Criminalizes the knowing and intentional failure of a physician, nurse, or other licensed medical person to provide reasonable medical care and treatment to an infant born alive as a felony.)

{LC375/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 307**BY** Quezada, Bell, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Amends the comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015 to require an annual study by an outside agency chosen by the department.)

{LC644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 308**BY** Raptakis, de la Cruz, Sosnowski, Burke, Tikoian, Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE -- REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO (This proposed amendment to the Constitution would provide the governor with a line item veto on the budget and other bills for the appropriation of money.)

{LC483/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 309

BY Euer, Quezada, Pearson, Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, Ujifusa, DiMario, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CORROSION PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations of the laws relating to corrosion prevention and mitigation work requirements. This act would also add civil monetary penalties for violations of those laws.)

{LC244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 310

BY Quezada, Ciccone, Urso, Thompson, Mack, Patalano, Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Sets the minimum wage for 2026 at \$16 per hour, 2027 at \$17 per hour, 2028 at \$18 per hour, 2029 at \$19 per hour and for 2030 at \$20 per hour.)

{LC863/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 311

BY Vargas, Britto, Acosta, Appollonio, Dimitri, Mack, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (Requires the department of administration to provide a list of certified minority and women-owned business enterprises to each prospective contractor of a construction project.)

{LC549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 312

BY Kallman, Lauria, Acosta, Mack, Pearson, DiMario, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day.)

{LC171/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 313

BY LaMountain, Lawson, Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, DiPalma, Dimitri, McKenney, Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Authorizes and funds the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate and former presidents of the senate who may be living to be hung in the state house.)

{LC418/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 314

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)

{LC145/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 315

BY McKenney, Tikoian, Patalano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRODUCER LICENSING ACT (Clarifies what a contract modification is, namely any change in producer compensation.)

{LC887/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 316

BY Zurier, Pearson, Britto, de la Cruz, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Requires a seventy-five percent (75%) supermajority vote by the board of directors to establish a quorum and to approve any action taken by the commerce corporation.)

{LC551/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 317**BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES (Increases the maximum fees payable to sheriffs, sergeants, and constables for the service of writs, citations, or subpoenas, from \$45.00 to \$70.00.)

{LC1519/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 318**BY** Tikoian, Lawson, Dimitri, Burke, Urso, Britto, Sosnowski, Rogers, LaMountain, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY (Allows for the procurement of nuclear power.)

{LC979/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 319**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Urso**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.)

{LC1566/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 320**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Urso**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.)

{LC1561/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 321**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Urso, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS (Requires certified athletic trainers to be trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens) and would require such professionals to be equipped with the medication while performing professional activities.)

{LC1564/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 322**BY** Euer, McKenney, Sosnowski, Kallman, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CHILDREN'S CARDIAC SAFETY ACT (Establishes "The Children's Cardiac Safety Act", and provide for childhood cardiac screening based on modules that incorporate current best practices.)

{LC933/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 323**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso, Gu, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Directs all local education agencies to select one of the identified high-quality curricula and materials for science and technology no later than June 30, 2026.)

{LC699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 324**BY** DiMario, Dimitri, Mack, Sosnowski, Britto, Vargas, Acosta, Valverde, Zurier, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Creates a public education program on methods to recycle textiles.)

{LC959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 325**BY** Britto, DiMario, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Raptakis, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

ANIMAL CARE (Amends the definition of “hobby breeder” to limit the sale or offering for sale to no more than two (2) litters of dogs or cats, or a combination thereof, in a three hundred and sixty-five (365) day period.)

{LC1480/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 326**BY** Ujifusa, Euer, Bell, Kallman, Valverde, Gu, Britto, DiMario, Mack, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE

ISLAND CLIMATE SUPERFUND ACT OF 2025 (Establishes the Rhode Island Climate Superfund Act cost recovery program.)

{LC1316/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Resolution No. 327**BY** Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Euer, McKenney, Kallman**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE

ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – GREEN

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

{LC865/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 328**BY** Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Reinstates

general revenue sharing of state aid among the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island. The initial amount is based upon population, and increased annually thereafter based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers.)

{LC144/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 329

BY Murray, Gu, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Lawson, Felag, Bissaillon, Urso, Acosta, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Creates an additional tax rate of 3% on taxable income over \$625,000 in 2025 dollars. Applies to tax years 2026 and thereafter and not retroactively.)
{LC980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 330

BY Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows the waiver of interest on overdue taxes for commercial properties.)
{LC1374/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 331

BY Zurier, Acosta, Bell, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to propose, by October 1, 2025, funding alternatives to increase state aid for districts with high poverty, with recommendations on funding levels and their impacts.)
{LC723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 332

BY LaMountain, Britto, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Felag, Murray, Lawson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT (Exempts individual retirement accounts as a countable resource for public assistance. This act also prohibits the state as a creditor against an ABLE account in the event of death of a beneficiary.)
{LC974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 333

BY Gu, DiPalma, Lawson, Bissaillon, Murray, Valverde, DiMario, Tikoian, Acosta, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
(Requires EOHHS to establish a 1-year pilot program for nutritional assistance and medically
tailored meals, groceries and produce for peoples with diet-related diseases or food insecurity,
and other interventions where there is a clinical need.)
{LC1069/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 334

BY E Morgan, Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Britto, Zurier, Bissaillon, McKenney,
Burke, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that a school district could elect and choose to not
spend money on any mandate that is not fully funded through the state education aid formula.)
{LC873/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 335

BY LaMountain, Murray, Bissaillon, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES --
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Removes the exemption from the state hotel tax for
residences rented in their entirety. Effective 1/1/2026.)
{LC1153/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 336

BY Gu, E Morgan, Murray, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde, Bissaillon, Mack, Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL
PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS (Allows an individual school district that can
utilize its own buses or vendors at a lower cost than the statewide system, to obtain
reimbursement for these costs from state funds.)
{LC1022/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 337**BY** Zurier, Murray, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (Allows Ukrainian parolees residing in Rhode Island under the federal Uniting for Ukraine program, who have been granted temporary parole, to qualify for in-state tuition at Rhode Island state colleges and universities.)

{LC553/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 338**BY** Sosnowski, Euer, McKenney, Kallman, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ECONOMIC AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE ACT OF 2025 (Establishes a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island and establishes a fund to disburse the collected funds.)

{LC465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 339**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Pearson, Euer, Urso, Acosta, DiPalma, Lawson, Valverde, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THUNDERMIST FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM (Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to fund the Thundermist family medicine residency program during fiscal year 2026 and every fiscal year thereafter.)

{LC1477/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 340**BY** Valverde, Murray, Britto, Kallman, Pearson, Thompson, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Imposes the sales tax on the purchase of animals from a breeder.)

{LC1180/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 341

BY Raptakis, Felag, LaMountain, Patalano, Sosnowski, McKenney, Burke, Appollonio, Thompson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides a full property tax exemption for a veteran's real property used as the veteran's primary residence.)

{LC1381/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 342

BY McKenney, Zurier, Britto, Bissaillon, Appollonio

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$32,594,799 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$32,594,799 to the RI Public Transit Authority to continue services, hire and train more bus operators, and implement the State's Act on Climate goals.)

{LC1271/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 343

BY Tikoian, Urso, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires all lifeguards, and park rangers, to be trained in administering opioid antagonists, and would require all public beaches to keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.)

{LC1195/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 344

BY DiMario, Lawson, DiPalma, Mack, Thompson, Valverde, Lauria, Euer, Murray, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS (Requires EOHHS to develop a budget and seek funding to establish an early childhood mental health hub program to improve access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under six (6) years and their families.)

{LC1155/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 345**BY** McKenney, Gallo, Bissaillon, Murray, Gu, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT (Allows for the enactment of the dietitian licensure compact permitting a licensed dietitian from another state to become licensed within the state, and also permitting a dietitian licensed by the state to become licensed in another compact state.)
{LC769/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 346**BY** Bell, Ujifusa, Murray, Valverde, Lawson, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Quezada, Kallman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (Establishes a single-payer health care insurance system, consolidating public and private payments into a more efficient Medicare-for-all style program, funded by progressive taxes, to reduce health care costs.)
{LC271/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 347

(General Treasurer)

BY Urso, Murray, Lauria, Thompson, LaMountain, Appollonio, DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Allows internationally trained physicians to practice at healthcare facilities in rural and underserved communities and provides a mentorship alternative to the residency requirement.)
{LC617/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Resolution No. 348**BY** Ujifusa, Lauria, Urso, Euer, Pearson, Valverde, Mack, Sosnowski, Quezada, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL DELEGATION TO DEMAND REVERSAL OF ACTIONS HARMING CRITICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS
{LC1501/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 349**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Euer, Sosnowski, DiMario, Tikoian, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS

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

{LC1390/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 350**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Lawson, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING

CODE (Defines a quorum of the building code standards committee be a majority of the current board members and amends the state building code to require that sections provide that dwelling units from one to four (4) units use the international residential code.)

{LC1151/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 351**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

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

{LC603/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 352**BY** Dimitri, LaMountain, Thompson, Murray, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Burke, E Morgan, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION

AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Requires superior court clerk to automatically seal cases/individual counts of a criminal complaint/indictment that were dismissed, upon request of the defendant and serve it upon bureau of criminal identification, police department and counsel of record.)

{LC408/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 353**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --
PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION (Extends time for a party to
apply for stay of arbitration to 180 days; invalidates any provision that penalizes a party for
seeking legal representation; requires arbitrator to provide notice of default to a party for failure
to pay fees.)
{LC1504/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 354**BY** Dimitri, Vargas, DiMario, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --
COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS
(Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.)
{LC1187/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 355**BY** Dimitri, Vargas, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING
DEVICES (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another
person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.)
{LC1186/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 356**BY** LaMountain, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO
TRUSTS (Provides that a communication between an attorney and client acting as a trustee or
other fiduciary, is privileged and protected from disclosure to the same extent as if the client was
acting in his, her, or its individual capacity.)
{LC1328/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 357

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, Sosnowski, McKenney, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson, Rogers, Felag, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires persons convicted of driving under influence or refusal to submit to chemical test, to have an ignition interlock system installed in vehicle as part of sentence and to pay an assessment to pay for the systems for indigent defendants.)
{LC1141/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 358

BY Gu, Zurier, DiPalma, Burke, Bell, Kallman, Bissaillon, Euer, Tikoian

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.)
{LC784/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 359

(Governor)

BY DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Felag, Murray, Vargas, McKenney, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- RHODE ISLAND ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT OF 2025 (Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.)
{LC1183/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 360

BY Appollonio, Burke, Vargas

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS EDUCATION MODULES FOR DIVORCING PARENTS (Creates a nine (9) member commission to the study and assess the most effective module for divorcing parents, and would report back by January 27, 2026, and expire on March 27, 2026.)
{LC970/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 361

BY Urso, Sosnowski, Murray, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Felag, DiPalma, Tikoian, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Updates and expands the current law to include menopause and
menopause related conditions in the law on fair employment practices pertaining to pregnancy
and pregnancy related conditions.)
{LC1376/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 362

BY Appollonio, McKenney, Burke, Valverde, LaMountain, DiMario, Euer, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'
AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Exempts foster care individuals from drivers education fee
at community college of Rhode Island.)
{LC1586/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 363

BY Felag, Raptakis, Appollonio, Burke, Euer, Bissaillon, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY
CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student", "advance enrollment" and "open
enrollment" to give them flexibility in choosing a school district.)
{LC1234/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 364

BY Bell, Felag, Bissaillon, Murray, Urso, Ujifusa, Lawson, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
(Provides that exemptions to the prohibition of liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of
schools or places of worship do not eliminate neighboring property owners' remonstrance rights
to object to the license.)
{LC279/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 365**BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2025, TO BE "NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC1647/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 366**BY** Raptakis**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", THE FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE
{LC1792/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution No. 367**BY** Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, Appollonio, Rogers, Patalano, LaMountain, Sosnowski, McKenney, Thompson**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT EDWARD KENAHAN ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025
{LC1278/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE**

Chairwoman Britto, from the Committee on Commerce, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Appointment of Michael F. Sweeney, Esq. VICE Susan Leach DeBlasio to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2026.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of David M. Langlais (Public Member) to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2027.

Placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairwoman LaMountain, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measure:

Senate Bill No. 63

BY Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Kallman, LaMountain, Vargas, Bissaillon, Euer, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS
(Further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)
{LC216/1}

Placed on the Calendar.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo, Senate President Pro Tempore, on Tuesday, February 25th at 4:13 o'clock P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix**INVOCATION****SENATOR JESSICA DE LA CRUZ**

Dear Heavenly Father, We come before You today with gratitude for the opportunity to serve our community and our nation. Grant us wisdom to lead with integrity, courage to make just decisions, and humility to listen to those we represent. May our discussions be guided by fairness, compassion, and a commitment to the common good. Bless this assembly with unity and purpose, that our work may bring justice, prosperity, and peace to all. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025:

1. **2025-S 365**
BY Gallo
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2025, TO BE "NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. **2025-S 366**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FOUR CHAPLAINS", THE FOUR MEN OF GOD WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

3. **2025-S 367**
BY Raptakis
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT EDWARD KENAHAN ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025:

1. *The Appointment of Michael F. Sweeney, Esq. VICE Susan Leach DeBlasio to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2026.*

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

2. *The Reappointment of David M. Langlais (Public Member) to the Quonset Development Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2027.*

Committee on Commerce recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

3. **2025-S 63**

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.