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Seventh 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 4:37 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 Mack to deliver the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Tikoian and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Aaron Guckian – Executive Director, RI Dental Association, Marie Jones-Bridges – United Health, Rite Smiles, Dr. Andrew Gazerro – President of RI Dental Association, Dr. Fotini Dionisopoulos – President Elect, and Dr. Sam Zwetchenbaum – Dental Director of DOH.

Upon suggestion of Senator Sosnowski and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber from Harmony Hospice: Shauni-Lee Medeiros, Lisa Bora, Lisa Hazard, Marissa Murphy, Roy Harley, and Robert Lancia.

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 17, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE:

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the provisions of Section 42-17.7-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following reappointment as Chief Hearing Officer in the Division of Administrative Adjudication in the State Department of Environmental Management:

David Spinella, Esq.

For a term expiring March 1, 2030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee", is positioned above the printed name of the Governor.

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggerio, Senate President
Honorable Valerie 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 18, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 20-3-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council:

Coral Aiello
(Representative of Commercial Fishing)

Vice
Jasper Coutu

For a term expiring April 1, 2028.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McKee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

Cc: Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, Senate President
Honorable Valerie 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 18, 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SENATE,

I have the honor to inform you in accordance with the provisions of Section § 20-3-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I have made the following appointment to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council:

Russell Sylvestre
(Representative of Commercial Fishing)

Vice
Jason Jarvis

For a term expiring April 1, 2026.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee
Governor

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

RIHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 368****BY** Acosta, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION WELCOMING SCOUTING AMERICA, NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL, TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND JOYFULLY CELEBRATING SCOUTING MONTH IN FEBRUARY {LC1231/1}

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, 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Acosta and Senator Dimitri and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Mike Conley, Seth Klaiman, Mike Mailhot, Timothy Mailhot, Armani Rodriguez, Christian Guzman, Alan De Palo, Massimo De Palo, Luca De Palo, Stacy DiCola, Logan DiCola, Alexis Markowski, Maggie Markowski, Charlie Markowski, Laura Catherine Olack, Andrew Olack, Margaret Olack, Kyle Olack, David Gould, Katie Hall, Gabriel Mehl, Aaron Perrone, and Ethan Smith.

Senate Resolution No. 369**BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CALLING FOR THE END OF STIGMA AND EMPOWERING RECOVERY THROUGH LANGUAGE IN RHODE ISLAND {LC1220/1}

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, 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 370

BY Mack

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2025, AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
{LC818/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Mack requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

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

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 371

BY Quezada, Acosta, Bell

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 181ST ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2025
{LC662/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Quezada requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Quezada moves passage, seconded by Senators 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 372**BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE MURPHY FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOHN M. MURPHY
{LC620/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Britto requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Britto moves passage, seconded by Senators Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, 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.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Britto and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President Pro Tempore, welcomes to the Chamber Kevin Murphy, Daniel Murphy, Robert Poirier, Joan Murphy, and John "Jay" Murphy Jr.

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.

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

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Britto moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 38 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 38: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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.

NAYS – 0:

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.

Senator Britto moves that the advice and consent of the Senate be given this appointment, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Quezada, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

The advice and consent of the Senate is given, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote, with 37 members voting in the affirmative, and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 37: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and 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, Raptakis, Rogers, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 0:

3. **2025-S 63**

BY Acosta

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

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Acosta moves passage of the act, seconded by Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Quezada, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

Senators de la Cruz, Acosta, and Morgan discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 32 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 32: The Honorable President Dominick Ruggerio, and Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Sosnowski, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas and Zurier.

NAYS – 5: Senators de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis, and Rogers.

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

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 27th at 4:00pm in Room 211.

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

Senator Britto announces that the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture will meet tomorrow at 4:00 pm in Room 211.

Senator Lauria announces that the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today at the rise of the senate in the Senate Lounge.

Senator Gallo announces that the Senate Committee on Education will meet tomorrow at 4:00 pm in Room 313.

Senator Tikoian wishes a Happy Birthday to Senators Felag, LaMountain, and Lauria.

RECESS

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Lawson, the Senate stands in Recess at 5:29 o'clock P.M. *in memory of Honorable John M. Murphy.*

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Chairwoman LaMountain, from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation 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}

Placed on the Calendar.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator DiPalma, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Finance to the Committee on Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 188

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Felag, Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, Gu, Vargas, McKenney, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (This act would repeal the exemption granted to pari mutual
facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement contained in the Public Health
and Workplace Safety Act.)

{LC135/1}

Read and referred to the Committee on Labor and Gaming.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**TRANSFER OF BILLS**

Senator Murray, in accordance with Senate Rule 6.14, moves to transfer the following bill from the Committee on Health and Human Services to the Committee to on Judiciary.

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}

Read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Resolution No. 373****BY** DiPalma, Bell, Burke, Gu, Murray**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, 2026, and a final report by January 5, 2027, and would expire on February 5, 2027.)

{LC1216/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies.

Senate Bill No. 374**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AMENDMENTS (2022) (Implements technical corrections to the transition rules for transactions governed by 2024 Public Laws Chapters 65 and 66 regarding security interests in emerging technologies.)

{LC987/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies.

Senate Bill No. 375**BY** DiPalma, Bell, Burke, Gu, Murray**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.)

{LC1221/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies.

Senate Bill No. 376**BY** DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- DEFINITIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (Amends the definition of "regulated institution", to include non-depository trust companies organized under the law of any state or the United States Government.)

{LC1882/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 377

BY Ujifusa, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Paolino, Kallman, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Quezada, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT (Establishes the "2025 Rhode
Island Broadband Transparency and Consumer Protection Act.")

{LC1576/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 378

BY Acosta, Mack, Euer, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION (Establishes an intervenor support program to provide
compensation for an intervenor who makes a substantial contribution to a proceeding resulting in
a decision favorable to the interest of utility consumers.)

{LC1800/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 379

BY Gu, Sosnowski, Britto, Vargas, Zurier, Euer

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.)

{LC1646/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 380

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the public utilities commission (PUC) to produce a report
by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability for the current electric grid to
handle the electrification load need to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes.)

{LC348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 381**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows mobile salons to visit the houses of individuals with special needs or sensory-related disorders or differences in order to provide haircuts or hairdressing services.)

{LC1427/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 382**BY** Bissaillon, Gu, Britto, DiPalma, Kallman, McKenney, Lawson, Burke, Vargas, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- THE COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS ACT (Establishes the commuter transportation benefit chapter. Employers with five hundred (500) or more employees would be required to establish a pre-tax commuter transportation fringe benefit program.)

{LC1770/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 383**BY** Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Requires the director of the Rhode Island emergency management agency and the Rhode Island commerce commission to develop and implement a plan to assist businesses in obtaining flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance program.)

{LC2132/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 384**BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)

{LC1790/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 385

BY Ujifusa, Murray, Felag, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Kallman, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- 2025 UTILITY COMPANY BILLING TRANSPARENCY ACT (Impose requirements and actions that certain electric distribution and gas distribution companies must meet prior to implementing rate changes.)

{LC1809/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 386

BY Murray, Thompson, Acosta, Sosnowski, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, DiMario, Mack, Valverde
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.)

{LC1168/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 387

BY Appollonio, Dimitri, Urso, Bissaillon, Tikoian, DiPalma, Burke, Euer, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Requires the installation of universal changing stations in all newly constructed, reconstructed, or remodeled public buildings and places of public accommodation.)

{LC1229/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 388

BY Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

{LC366/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 389**BY** Murray, DiPalma, Thompson, McKenney, Kallman, Pearson, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Provides that no new network charter school application shall be granted.)
{LC1387/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 390**BY** McKenney, Dimitri, Vargas, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Would provide for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving special education services.)
{LC1881/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 391**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Lawson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL TRAUMA KIT ACT (Requires every elementary and secondary school within the State of Rhode Island to provide and maintain clearly visible and easily accessible trauma kits within the school. It also provides immunity if assistance is rendered.)
{LC1405/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 392**BY** Tikoian, Patalano, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, each year for the next 3 years, be trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation/Heimlich maneuver/bleeding control.)
{LC1388/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 393**BY** Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT
{LC370/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 394**BY** Gallo, Lawson, LaMountain, Pearson, Zurier, Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Vargas, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND
PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT (Establishes guidelines for the expansion of high-
quality public prekindergarten education programs for children ages three (3) and four (4) to
increase children's school readiness.)
{LC719/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 395**BY** Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that any
school teaching sexual education to students shall provide the sexual education curriculum to
every parent or guardian of a student, and the parent or legal guardian shall consent to the
teaching of such sexual education curriculum.)
{LC1971/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 396**BY** Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS OF PARENTS AND
GUARDIANS IN PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION ACT (Enables parents to review
public school learning materials/object if the parent decides that the material is harmful. Also a
parent may withdraw their student from the activity or class where the material is used and
request an alternative assignment.)
{LC1967/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 397**BY** Ujifusa, Zurier, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Reduces the course time required to become a school bus driver for applicants who have a valid commercial driver's license.)

{LC1825/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 398**BY** Murray, Urso, DiMario, Gallo, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- PSITTACINE BIRDS (Bans the sale of parrots at pet stores from a breeder or broker. The pet store may sell parrots obtained from animal care facilities or animal rescue organizations. The sale would also be prohibited at any outdoor markets or retail parking lots.)

{LC1878/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 399**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE CHANGE (Requires the executive climate change coordinating council to evaluate and make recommendations for the use of carbon emissions removal technology as an alternative to reducing carbon emissions and meeting climate goals.)

{LC2146/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 400**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- 2021 ACT ON CLIMATE (Repeals the 2021 Act on Climate which established a statewide greenhouse gas emission reduction mandate in its entirety.)

{LC1634/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 401**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY OF MOTOR VEHICLE NON-EXHAUST PARTICLE EMISSIONS (Requires the department of transportation, in consultation with the department of environmental management also to conduct an environmental impact study of motor vehicle non-exhaust particle emissions.)

{LC2145/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 402**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Makes several amendments relative to the affordable clean energy security act establishing the act's priority over chapter 6.2 of title 42 (2021 act on climate).)

{LC349/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 403**BY** Gu, DiMario, Britto, Valverde, Zurier, Euer, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS (Prohibits force-feeding to create a force-fed poultry product or the hiring of another to engage in force-feeding of a poultry product. Violations would be subject to a civil penalty of \$500 per violation.)

{LC197/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 404**BY** Paolino, Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Requires the PUC to make public notification of any changes in eligibility or production of energy, and would direct the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to allow and facilitate the prompt public disclosure of this information.)

{LC365/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 405**BY** Morgan, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN AIR PRESERVATION ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Clean Air Preservation Act that establishes a regulatory process to prohibit polluting atmospheric experimentation.)

{LC1781/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 406**BY** Vargas, Lawson, Mack, Euer, Gu, DiPalma, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MICROPLASTICS REDUCTION ACT (Creates the Microplastics Reduction Act to prohibit the sale or distribution of products containing synthetic polymer micro particles.)

{LC1453/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 407**BY** Zurier, DiMario, Euer, Kallman, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN HEAT STANDARD ACT (Created 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.)

{LC1164/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 408**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, DiPalma, Ciccone, Raptakis, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT (Increases the membership of the energy facility siting board from 3 to 5 members and would revise the process of energy facility siting to mandate inclusion/participation of the host community of the facility as well as of the public and cities and towns.)

{LC344/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 409

BY Patalano, Tikoian, LaMountain, Dimitri, Appollonio, Felag, Gallo, Burke, Raptakis, Vargas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Includes payment of social security benefits to the modification reducing federal adjusted gross income on personal income taxes.)

{LC2250/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 410

BY LaMountain, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Changes the retirement allowance based on accrued benefits.)

{LC1728/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 411

BY LaMountain, Murray, Vargas, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Affords an option for police and firefighters to receive retirement allowances, without reduction, who seek retirement after twenty (20) years of service upon reaching age fifty-seven (57).)

{LC1275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 412

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Burke, Lawson, Patalano, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson, Gu

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

{LC1761/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 413

BY Tikoian, Patalano, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Increases the LLC organization fee to \$500. Exempts the LLC from filing an annual tax return, paying the minimum tax and obtaining a letter of good standing from the division of taxation in order to dissolve.)

{LC1556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 414

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Dimitri, Appollonio, Britto, McKenney, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Permits paid members on the state labor relations board to continue to receive their retirement benefits.)

{LC1718/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 415

BY Paolino, Raptakis, Morgan, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FIRST TIME HOME BUYER SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the first time home buyer savings program act. Allows modifications to federal adjusted gross income for \$50,000 in contributions and \$150,000 of interest and dividends included in federal adjusted gross income.)

{LC387/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 416

BY Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, Morgan, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Phases out the local meals and beverage tax by January 1, 2029.)

{LC363/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 417**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian, Lawson, de la Cruz, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX (Reduces the cigarette tax imposed by 75% for any modified risk tobacco product as defined in § 21 U.S.C. 387 k as a tobacco product sold/distributed to reduce the harm/risk of tobacco-related disease associated with commercially marketed tobacco products.)

{LC1406/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 418**BY** Gu, Sosnowski, Valverde, DiPalma, Zurier, Euer, Lawson, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Includes "hosting platform" under the definition of "room-seller" and imposes a tax of 5% on the rental of a house or condominium with the tax used exclusively for infrastructure improvements, riverine and coastal resiliency and housing.)

{LC1645/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 419**BY** Britto, McKenney, Bissaillon, Gu, Tikoian, Urso, Kallman, Vargas, Dimitri, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Establishes a restricted receipt account for the benefit of the Rhode Island public transit authority, funded by sales taxes collected from ride-share companies, which said sales taxes would be exempt from indirect cost recovery provisions.)

{LC1791/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 420**BY** Bissaillon, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Quezada, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS', MUNICIPAL AND STATE EMPLOYEES EARLY RETIREMENT PENALTY (Reduces the current varying percentages for early retirement penalty for teachers, municipal and state employees to a cumulative annual reduction of 3% and monthly reduction of .25%.)

{LC1301/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 421**BY** Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Murray, Acosta, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$450,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOOD BANK (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$450,000 to the Rhode Island Food Bank.)

{LC1858/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 422**BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM TO FINANCE ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island General Laws§ 16-7-44 in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

{LC978/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 423

(by request)

BY Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.)

{LC934/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 424**BY** Gallo, LaMountain, Pearson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Provides that the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with a workgroup composed of various stakeholders, develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside their district.)

{LC711/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 425**BY** Bell, Murray, Mack, Euer, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.)

{LC265/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 426**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, Ciccone, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Allows any peace officer working in a Rhode Island school as a full or part-time resource officer to work in excess of the seventy-five (75) working days in a calendar year, and not have an interruption in their benefits.)

{LC2142/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 427**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Murray, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Ujifusa, Appollonio, Urso, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Requires the EOHHS to amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for outpatient clinical pediatric services.)

{LC1678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 428**BY** McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Raptakis, Lawson, Vargas, Appollonio, Felag, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE (Amends the pension benefits for both current and former Rhode Island state police members, and would extend the time period a member may serve in the Rhode Island state police.)

{LC2002/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 429

BY Bissaillon, Murray, DiMario, DiPalma, McKenney, Lawson, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CHILDREN'S MOBILE
RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SERVICES ACT (Establishes a statewide standalone
children's mobile response and stabilization services to address the behavioral health needs of
children and youth ages 2 to 21. DCYF to oversee implementation of the program.)
{LC1507/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 430

BY Vargas, Acosta, Lauria, Kallman, Quezada, LaMountain, Lawson, Mack, Gu, Appollonio
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)
{LC1758/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 431

BY Mack, DiPalma, DiMario, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION (Exempts certain urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and
personal property taxes and income taxes. Also defines urban and small farmers and urban
farmland.)
{LC1529/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 432

BY Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis, Pearson, Lauria, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--
LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax firearm safety equipment,
storage devices, gun safes, gun cabinets, gun vaults, gun cases, strong boxes, cable locks, trigger
locks and biometric locks.)
{LC2138/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 433**BY** Paolino, Morgan, Rogers, Raptakis, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- AUDITOR GENERAL

(Requires the auditor general to conduct performance audits of all state agencies.)

{LC2134/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 434**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Ciccone, Dimitri, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES --

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts the trade-in value of pickup trucks under eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) gross weight, used exclusively for personal use, from sales tax.)

{LC1723/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 435**BY** Paolino, Rogers, Raptakis, Pearson, Lauria, Gallo, Appollonio, Tikoian, Acosta, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES --

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax eligible school supplies, costing less than \$30.00, purchased within one week prior to the commencement of the academic year.)

{LC2136/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 436**BY** DiPalma, DiMario, Sosnowski, Felag, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Establishes an agricultural restricted receipt account within the department of environmental management. An advisory committee would be established to determine suggested uses of the funds in said account.)

{LC1202/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 437**BY** Kallman, DiMario, Lauria, Mack, Valverde, Pearson, Gallo, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- NON-OWNER OCCUPIED

PROPERTY TAX ACT (Imposes a non-owner occupied property tax on residential properties assessed in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) at variable rates dependent on values assessed by local tax assessors.)

{LC295/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 438**BY** Raptakis, Felag, Sosnowski, Morgan, Murray, de la Cruz, Thompson, Bissaillon, Britto, McKenney**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.)

{LC1805/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 439**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Lawson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

LOCAL TAXES (Establishes that a renewable energy resource shall pay \$5.00 per kilowatt hour of alternating current nameplate capacity for tangible property and \$3.50 per kilowatt hour of alternating nameplate capacity for real property.)

{LC1672/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 440**BY** Sosnowski, DiMario, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

(Enhances and further define the role of the board of trustees of the University of Rhode Island.)

{LC1974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 441**BY** Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Repeals the act authorizing toll facilities on state roads.)

{LC2148/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 442**BY** McKenney, Felag, Dimitri, Britto, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Adds the workers' compensation administration fund to those restricted receipt accounts not subject to indirect cost recoveries.)

{LC1851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 443**BY** Sosnowski, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS (Increases the maximum amount of the Kingston water district bonding authority from four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).)

{LC2021/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 444**BY** DiPalma, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Dimitri, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of the retirement system who served in the national guard or reserves and qualify as veterans, to purchase retirement service credits based on their years of service in the National guard or reserves.)

{LC1225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 445

BY Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Sosnowski, Lauria, Britto, DiMario, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT ACT (Allows an individual, who is a first-time homebuyer, to contribute funds to a first-time homebuyers saving account with Rhode Island Housing to pay for eligible costs to purchase a home.)

{LC1581/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 446

BY Vargas, Kallman, Quezada, McKenney, Mack, Gu, Appollonio, Britto, Bissailon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA (Submits 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to the voters for approval at the November, 2026, general election.)

{LC1292/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 447

BY Vargas, Lawson, DiPalma, Murray, Acosta, Gu, Appollonio, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CHILD TAX CREDIT (Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.)

{LC546/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 448

BY Murray, Urso, DiPalma, Kallman, Thompson, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)

{LC1007/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 449**BY** Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, McKenney, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Requires a reamortization of the state pension fund for 2026.)

{LC2099/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 450**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Allows teachers, state and municipal employees to retire upon the earlier of reaching age sixty (60) with thirty (30) years of service or the employee's retirement eligibility date under present state statutes.)

{LC1400/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 451**BY** Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts the sale of Bitcoin from state income tax, if such sale is valued at less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

{LC583/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 452**BY** Acosta, Vargas, Valverde, Mack, Britto, Lawson, Gu, Quezada, Bell, Lauria**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.)

{LC1591/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 453

BY McKenney, Britto, Burke, LaMountain, Appollonio, Sosnowski, Murray, DiMario, Dimitri, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

(Requires that the state's share to public libraries be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated by the city or town in their budgets for fiscal year 2026.)

{LC1335/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 454

BY Gallo, Tikoian, LaMountain, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS RETIREMENT (Gives

teachers who takes an unpaid parental or medical leave during the year credit for a year of service for that school year if they served a minimum of 135 days.)

{LC1558/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 455

BY Paolino, Gallo, Pearson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES--

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Increases the net taxable estate exemption to \$3,600,000 on January 1, 2026 and increases the exemption by \$1,000,000 on January 1, 2027, and every year thereafter.)

{LC362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 456

BY Paolino, Quezada, Pearson, Acosta, Ciccone, LaMountain, Mack

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

ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Establishes a revolving fund to assist first-time home buyers and veterans to purchase a home in Rhode Island by issuing grants of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)

{LC367/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 457**BY** McKenney, Murray, Vargas, Gu, Lawson, Quezada, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION (Provides funding to establish a dual language program within the department of elementary and secondary education. It also describe how to implement he Support and Access to Bilingual Education “SABE Act” for all Local Education Agencies “LEA” recipients.)

{LC1219/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 458**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS (Makes the provisions of §§ 45-19.1-3 and 45-19.1-4, benefits for firefighters with cancer, effective regardless of any general, special or specific law, or any charter and/or municipal ordinance to the contrary.)

{LC1786/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 459

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT (Amend a provision in the general laws relative to additional benefits payable to retired judges and their surviving spouses.)

{LC1670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 460**BY** Bissaillon, Murray, DiMario, DiPalma, McKenney, Lawson, Burke**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.)

{LC1513/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 461

BY Murray, Lauria, Lawson, Thompson, McKenney, Ujifusa, Bissaillon, Kallman, Sosnowski, DiPalma

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.)

{LC1373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 462

BY Murray, Lauria, Lawson, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, DiMario, Felag, Mack, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM (Removes the sunset provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of harm reduction centers and creates a permanent program for harm reduction centers.)

{LC1372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 463

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Ujifusa, Appollonio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT (Requires each healthcare entity/network plan to compile/report to health insurance commissioner a summary of how the healthcare entity/network plan requires its contracted providers to submit claims for in-network outpatient behavioral health services.)

{LC1807/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 464

BY Murray, DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Mack, Thompson, Acosta, Urso, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 (Requires every college in RI to train staff members in the student residential department, including RAs, to administer of opioid antagonists with protection from liability and prosecution.)

{LC773/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 465

BY Bell, Mack, Kallman, Burke, Euer, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta, Ujifusa, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Prohibits a person from being denied life insurance for preexisting conditions or previous denials.)

{LC289/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 466

BY Thompson, Pearson, Murray, Quezada, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Allows executive office of EOHHS to review current methodology for Medical payments to nursing facilities.)

{LC975/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 467

BY DiPalma, Ujifusa, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada, to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

{LC1213/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 468

BY DiPalma, Ujifusa, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

{LC1215/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 469**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Rogers, Ciccone, Burke, Raptakis, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- "THE RHODE ISLAND INFORMED CONSENT PROTECTION ACT" (Requires written consent by recipient or parent before vaccine and prohibits discrimination against those who don't vaccinate and fines up to \$25,000 for violation. Also prohibits DCYF from investigating their for failure to vaccinate their child.)

{LC342/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 470**BY** Ujifusa, Lauria, Mack, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta, DiMario, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CONTRACT WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (Amends the current law in order that a health insurer would not require a physician, to participate in "capitation," or any other "alternative payment model" that creates a financial incentive for a physician to limit medically necessary care.)

{LC1563/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 471**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.)

{LC1528/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 472**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Morgan, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2025. Also restores access to telemedicine for all Rhode Island residents and allows treatment by out-of-state providers who register with DOH.)

{LC2140/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

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

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

{LC2078/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 474**BY** Lawson, Lauria, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Britto, DiMario, Valverde, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE

ADVISORY COUNCIL (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health to provide guidance and recommendations to educate healthcare providers and the citizens of the state.)

{LC2079/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 475**BY** Dimitri, Ciccone, Thompson, Britto, LaMountain, Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED

EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.)

{LC1384/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 476**BY** Kallman, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, Murray, Ujifusa, Bell, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.)

{LC1476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 477

BY Britto, Zurier, DiPalma, Tikoian, Urso, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, McKenney, DiMario
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, 2026.)

{LC1403/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 478

BY Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, Urso, Valverde, Quezada, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS
(Establishes the scope of a certified professional midwife's authority relating to prescribing medication to patients.)

{LC1583/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 479

BY Mack, Vargas, Kallman, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, Urso, Valverde, Quezada, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health insurance plans to cover services provided by licensed certified professional midwives. Insurers must report utilization and cost data annually. Certain limited benefit policies are exempt.)

{LC1585/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 480

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Euer, Lawson, Sosnowski, Murray, DiMario, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates health insurance coverage for FDA approved contraceptive drug, device or therapeutic equivalent.)

{LC1284/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 481

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, DiMario, Dimitri **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.)

{LC1532/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 482

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Felag, DiMario, Pearson, Thompson, Urso, Acosta **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT (Amends the types of less expensive generic products which pharmacists may prescribe to include "devices and supplies" and "therapeutically equivalent products" and requires the director to provide a list of therapeutically equivalent products.)

{LC2044/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 483

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Felag, DiMario, Bissaillon, Thompson, Urso, Acosta **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes pharmacists to dispense a one-time refill, for up to one hundred days under certain specified conditions.)

{LC1776/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 484

BY Mack, Murray, Lauria, Acosta, Valverde, Quezada, Thompson, Kallman **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.)

{LC2042/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 485

BY Mack, Lauria, Acosta, Valverde, Thompson, Kallman, DiMario, Pearson, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES -- REGULATE HEALTH INSURANCE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR REHABILITATIVE AND HABILITATIVE SERVICES ACT (Limits
prior authorization requirements for rehabilitative and habilitative services. Also prohibits prior
authorization for the first twelve (12) visits of a new episode of care and for ninety (90) days
following a chronic pain diagnosis.)
{LC1680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 486

BY Lauria, DiPalma, Murray, Valverde, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Ujifusa, Appollonio, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE
RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE
OVERSIGHT (Establishes a process whereby large drug manufacturers, may be penalized for
prescription drug price increases where there is no, or inadequate, new evidence to support the
price increase.)
{LC1879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 487

BY Lauria, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Prohibits any personnel, in any healthcare facility, from asking
the legal immigration status of any patient.)
{LC1451/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 488

BY Bell, Ujifusa, Thompson, Quezada, Ciccone, Mack, Kallman, Burke, Euer, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID
ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION ACT (Establishes that Medicaid eligibility in RI can only be
determined using state-controlled data, prohibit private entity data in eligibility decisions, and
ensure terminations are made by human employees rather than automated systems.)
{LC288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 489**BY** Kallman, Britto, Mack, Bell, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CAPACITY TO HOLD REAL ESTATE (Precludes any legal entity from possessing, controlling or otherwise claiming legal title to real property exceeding an aggregate value of twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in single-family dwellings or multi-family dwellings.)

{LC1380/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 490**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Requires landlords of residential properties built before 1978 to register lead hazard mitigation information with the department of health and the information would be private and only accessible by specific entities.)

{LC1737/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 491**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Substitutes "housing resources commission" with "department of health" for lead hazard mitigation purposes. It also makes it easier for a property owner to release funds put into an escrow account, if needed to make required repairs or improvements.)

{LC1739/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 492**BY** Vargas, Bissaillon, Zurier, Acosta, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Allows municipalities to enact ordinances that would permit municipalities and water suppliers to enter properties to perform lead service line replacements and permit tenants to request and schedule private side lead service line replacements.)

{LC1280/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 493**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Allows a landlord that did not obtain a lead certificate pursuant to the lead mitigation laws of chapter 128.1 of title 42 due to the fact that the state lacks the adequate resources to conduct inspections.)

{LC2147/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 494**BY** Burke, Tikoian, McKenney, Pearson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES (Allows unpaid fines for violations of municipal ordinances to be recorded as alien in the land records, where the violating real property is located. The lien would be added to amount of real estate taxes owed on the property at issue.)

{LC1554/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 495**BY** Gu, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (Authorizes the establishment of a RI housing champion designation program. This program would make qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.)

{LC1644/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 496**BY** Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, McKenney, Pearson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Provides that the "meetings" requirements from § 34-36.1-3.08 be applicable to condominiums created before July 1, 1982, and would permit remote participation in condominium meetings.)

{LC2185/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 497**BY** Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Kallman, Gu, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Center for Southeast Asians.)

{LC1156/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 498**BY** Mack, Bissaillon, Bell, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the non-commercial real and tangible personal property of Southside Community Land Trust, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in Providence, Rhode Island.)

{LC844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 499**BY** McKenney, Lawson, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Establishes the assessed value of owner-occupied low- and moderate-income housing as the most recent sales price of the property.)

{LC2188/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 500**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- WATER SUPPLY (Provides that water utility companies be responsible for all costs associated with maintenance, operation and delivery of water pumping stations to individual parcels of land and schools with no pumping stations on the property.)

{LC1864/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 501**BY** Bissaillon, Britto, Mack, Acosta, Rogers, Quezada, Lawson, Burke, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Authorizes municipalities to make an emergency declaration under limited circumstances to allow for the construction and use of SAVE Units on a temporary basis which have specialized requirements and exemptions from the state fire and building codes.)

{LC971/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 502**BY** Tikoian, Patalano, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Specifies that low and moderate income housing exists when a city or town has adopted an inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring that all housing developments include at least fifty percent (50%) low or moderate income housing units.)

{LC1871/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 503**BY** Dimitri, Tikoian, Ciccone, Patalano, Morgan, Raptakis, de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Create a process to establish a low- or moderate-income housing that exceeds sixty (60) units.)

{LC1859/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

Senate Bill No. 504**BY** Kallman, Thompson, Zurier, Mack, DiPalma, Murray, Bissaillon, DiMario, Bell **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Requires cities and towns to permit attached single-family dwellings in any residential zoning districts and each such dwelling would be entitled to its own parcel thorough subdivision regardless lot size or base zone standards.)

{LC1475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 505**BY** Pearson, Thompson, DiMario, Sosnowski, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Permit but not mandate, a municipality to allow certain requirements as exceptions to statewide treatment of ADUs to max of 800 sq. ft., owner, family member and caretaker occupation.)

{LC1589/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 506

(by request)

BY Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee, and would also repeal the provision that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee.)

{LC1527/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 507**BY** McKenney, Britto, LaMountain, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires

associations to provide unit owners within thirty (30) days notice of any increase in the deductible application to the association's policy.)

{LC1449/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 508**BY** McKenney, Britto, LaMountain, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Creates

process for condominium associations to give notice to and obtain approval from unit mortgage holders for certain association actions by mailing a written request for approval to the unit mortgagees via regular and certified mail.)

{LC901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 509**BY** McKenney, Britto, LaMountain, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Allows condominium unit owners to participate in association meetings remotely through the use of digital platforms such as zoom, provided that such remote meetings are authorized by condominium declarations or bylaws.)

{LC900/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 510**BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Authorizes and empower the department of transportation to plant pollinator friendly native species of trees, shrubs, grasses and plants within limits of a roadway, including state highways.)

{LC1460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 511**BY** Mack, Murray, Kallman, Gu, Bell, Britto, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Removes the five (5) year waiting period for filing a motion to seal an eviction court file. It also deletes the numerical limitation on filing seal requests.)

{LC1173/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 512**BY** Mack, Euer, Gu, Bell, Acosta, Zurier, Bissaillon**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.)

{LC836/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 513

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate 3,000 to 3,500 and provide for existing polling places that exceed the maximum number of voters, not be required to be changed until the next decennial redistricting.)

{LC2178/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 514

BY Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, McKenney, Pearson, Appollonio **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION (Requires the state retirement board to publish online all archived video or audio recordings and all future recordings of meetings of the board.)

{LC2097/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 515

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone **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.)

{LC1955/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 516

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Appollonio, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone, Felag **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Permits non-sworn public safety officers/security guards at private colleges/universities to detain individuals for no longer than 30 minutes within the campus's jurisdiction if the officer or guard believes the person committed a criminal offense.)

{LC1958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 517**BY** Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Gu, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Allows citizens of a city or town who are at least sixteen (16) years of age to register to vote and to vote in school committee elections in municipalities where school committees are elected entities.)

{LC830/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 518**BY** Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Gu, Britto, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF BAIL REFORMS ON BLACK RHODE ISLANDERS AND THE STATE (Creates an 11 member commission to analyze the impact and potential economic benefits of bail reforms on Black Rhode Islanders, and would report back by February 5, 2026, and expire on April 5, 2026.)

{LC802/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 519**BY** Mack, Acosta, Ujifusa, Gu, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.)

{LC804/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 520**BY** Bissaillon, Pearson, Gu, Lawson, Burke, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)

{LC2175/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 521**BY** Burke, Pearson, Bissailon, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING

AUTHORITIES (Establishes a process by which vacancies in a municipal election office and local canvassing board are filled.)

{LC2176/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 522**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Requires all write-in votes, regardless of qualification, to be reported and published by the state board of elections, on its website.)

{LC2179/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 523**BY** Thompson, Dimitri, Patalano, Raptakis, LaMountain, Pearson, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE

ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT (Provides that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.)

{LC1428/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 524**BY** Quezada, LaMountain, Euer, Acosta, Vargas, McKenney, Lauria, Burke, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN

GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT (Requires state use actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the division of statewide planning, to be utilized for redistricting.)

{LC1627/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 525

(Judiciary)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Euer, McKenney, Lauria, Burke, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Requires submission of a domestic violence/sexual assault reporting form when the domestic violence response or investigation involves a verbal argument or dispute.)

{LC1665/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 526

(Judiciary)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Euer, Vargas, McKenney, Lauria, Burke, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.)

{LC1669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 527**BY** LaMountain, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION (Denies the right of footway, except within one hundred (100) yards of the Pawtuxet River in the cities of Warwick and Cranston and excepts in connection with a right to pass with carriages, to be acquired by prescription or adverse use.)

{LC412/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 528

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY (Amends the general law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians to reference the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in § 31-41.1-4.)

{LC1666/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 529

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.)

{LC1663/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 530**BY** McKenney, Gu, Murray, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Precludes a person who pled nolo contendere or convicted of a misdemeanor offense and sentenced in accordance with the hate crime sentencing enhancement act for such misdemeanor, from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting or having possession firearm)

{LC1714/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 531**BY** Acosta, Mack, Britto, Gu, Quezada, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Makes several amendments to the cannabis act relating to applications for licensure, the social equity assistance program and the application of cannabis tax revenue.)

{LC2236/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 532**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS (Allows boats and marine assets to utilize the overweight oversize annual blanket permit that was in effect until 2022, and for the resumption of the prior practice of permitting for boats and marine asset transportation.)

{LC1639/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 533**BY** Acosta, Mack, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE CONFINEMENT OVERSIGHT ACT (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee ("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing ("solitary confinement"), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.)

{LC1643/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 534**BY** Gu, Tikoian, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island.)

{LC1512/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 535**BY** Bell, Mack, Kallman, Euer, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATE CRIME LABORATORY COMMISSION (Increases number of members of the state crime laboratory commission 9, changes makeup of commission to include individuals with expertise in law enforcement, criminal defense, scientific research, makes chair of department of physics executive secretary.)

{LC1773/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 536**BY** Gu, DiMario, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Britto, Vargas, Zurier, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES (Modifies the real estate sales disclosure form to include the disclosure of "blower door diagnostic air leakage testing" and advises that air leakage testing is recommended prior to purchasing a residential unit.)

{LC1956/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 537**BY** Bissaillon, Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Lawson, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --THE PROTECTED SPACES ACT (Limits the ability for any federal immigration authority to investigate, detain, apprehend or arrest any individuals for potential violations of federal immigration laws without a judicial warrant within certain protected locations.)

{LC1377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 538**BY** Bissaillon, Zurier, LaMountain, McKenney, Euer, Quezada, Burke, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT (Provides a remedy for any harm caused due to deprivation or violation of rights secured by the Rhode Island Constitution due to acts of the State of Rhode Island.)

{LC1277/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 539

(Judiciary)

BY Patalano, LaMountain, Dimitri, Tikoian, Thompson, Gallo, Appollonio, Pearson, Burke, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.)

{LC1668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 540

(by request)

BY Gallo, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD (Allows lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.)

{LC1526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 541**BY** Lauria, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Vargas, Pearson, Ujifusa, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Increases from 7 days to 9 days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections and no certificates of election may be issued until the recount, if any, is completed.)

{LC1710/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 542**BY** Bell, Mack, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- OFFENCES AND PENALTIES (Reduces penalties for non-violent drug offenses and provide for terms of imprisonment of not more than 10 years for any drug offense and would repeal certain other offenses.)

{LC597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 543**BY** DiPalma, Thompson, Dimitri, Murray, Mack, Bell, Britto, Appollonio, de la Cruz, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX (Defines a vape shop and exempt it from the prohibition of selling electronic nicotine-delivery system products.)

{LC1147/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 544**BY** Raptakis, Tikoian, Patalano, Appollonio, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Increases the penalty for anyone found guilty of reckless driving while eluding police to a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and subject to a loss of license from 1 to 2 years and a possible forfeiture of their motor vehicle.)

{LC495/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 545**BY** Bell, Mack, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION (Provides for tiered and reduced penalties for offenses of larceny, and shoplifting. Further provides that offenses of shoplifting or larceny would not be misdemeanors, repeals habitual offender provisions and other fraudulent offenses.)

{LC263/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 546**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis, Morgan, Quezada, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE (Requires DCYF to implement recommendations made by the child advocate and child fatality review panel within 6 months and provide a report of the measures taken to address the recommendations.)

{LC2200/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 547**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Zurier, Dimitri, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES (Allows school bus drivers in Massachusetts and Connecticut who have a valid CDL license in good standing be exempt from the licensing requirements in Rhode Island to transport school children.)

{LC1892/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 548**BY** Bell, Ciccone, Mack, Kallman, Burke, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RETAIL LICENSES -- ADULT SEX VENUES (Authorizes municipalities to license facilities being used as adult sex venues. The department of health would regulate the health safety standards.)

{LC930/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 549**BY** Dimitri, Ciccone, Burke, Thompson, Murray, LaMountain, DiMario, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT (Requires hotel employees and short-term rental property operators to annually receive human trafficking awareness training. The operator of the premises shall maintain records of the completed training.)

{LC1712/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 550**BY** Urso, Ciccone, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Murray, DiMario, Sosnowski, Patalano, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS (Increases penalties for animal abuse under this chapter.)

{LC1544/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 551**BY** Urso, Ciccone, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, DiMario, Sosnowski, Patalano, Britto, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Allows seizure and rehoming of animals prior to criminal charges being heard.)

{LC612/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 552**BY** DiPalma, Tikoian, Dimitri, Appollonio, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER (Makes it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the department of attorney general.)

{LC1226/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 553**BY** Gallo, LaMountain, Patalano, Tikoian, Valverde, Gu, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Tenants with disabilities may request to keep an emotional support animals.)
{LC1685/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 554**BY** LaMountain, McKenney, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT (Makes certain personal watercraft violations a misdemeanor.)
{LC1506/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 555

(Judiciary)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Distinguishes, in two separate subsections, a first offense for reckless driving, which is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense for reckless driving, which is a felony.)
{LC1671/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 556

(Judiciary)

BY Dimitri, Tikoian, Patalano, Appollonio, Raptakis, de la Cruz, Rogers, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (Adds five (5) driving violations to the statute that defines aggressive driving.)
{LC1664/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 557**BY** LaMountain, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime on a military installation located in the State of Rhode Island.)

{LC1724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 558**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Raptakis, Paolino, Ciccone, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING (Adds a rebuttable defense if any person shall die or sustain a personal injury while committing robbery of the owner, lessor, or occupant of a motor vehicle and that the owner or occupant of the vehicle acted in self-defense.)

{LC389/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 559**BY** Dimitri, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon, Patalano, Ciccone, Burke, Murray, Urso, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases imprisonment penalties and adds mandatory community service for violations of § 4-1-9.)

{LC1233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 560

(Judiciary)

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

{LC1662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 561**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Morgan, Paolino, Ciccone, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING

{LC357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 562**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT

(Increases minimum sentence for first degree sexual assault and provides first 10 years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault not be subject to a suspension or deferment of sentence.)

{LC1623/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 563**BY** de la Cruz, Morgan, Rogers, Burke, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.)

{LC338/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 564**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Burke, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DCYF FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT COMPLIANCE AND IMPACT REPORT

(Requires DCYF to submit a one-time, detailed report on the effectiveness of EBPs in keeping children out of foster care, providing valuable data on the programs' impact on high-risk families, reunification outcomes, and program availability.)

{LC2149/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 565**BY** Rogers, Ciccone, Burke, Raptakis, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS (Provides for a 10 year statute of limitations for the violation of second degree sexual assault.)

{LC345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 566**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Burke, Dimitri, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides for a cause of action against an individual or entity that prohibits the possession of firearms on real property, except residences, by an individual that is authorized and licensed to carry a firearm.)

{LC347/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 567**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires healthcare facilities that perform abortions meet the license requirements of similar healthcare facilities and allows the department of health to conduct unannounced inspections.)

{LC339/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 568**BY** Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson, Gu, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (Requires that all new school buses be equipped with live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems as of July 1, 2027. All buses, new and used, must have the monitoring systems installed by July 1, 2032.)

{LC1744/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 569**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Adds early voting to the fifty (50) foot buffer prohibitions against politicking on election day voting.)

{LC1429/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 570**BY** Paolino, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS -- SCHOOL BUS SPEED LIMIT (Establishes a speed limit for school buses being driven on a limited access highway to ten miles per hour (10mph) less than the posted speed limit.)

{LC369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 571

(Judiciary)

BY Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Patalano, Quezada, Tikoian, Paolino, Appollonio, Sosnowski, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES--VIOLATIONS (Amends the section of law relative to violations for driving after denial, revocation or suspension of a license and expands the list of offenses for which an unlicensed motorist would be in violation.)

{LC1657/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 572

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS (Simplifies the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from small claims and consumer matters adjudicated by the district court.)

{LC1661/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 573

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.)

{LC1660/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 574

(Judiciary)

BY Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Patalano, Tikoian, Quezada, Paolino, Appollonio, Sosnowski, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Provides that a hearing required before a judge or magistrate may adjudge a motorist in contempt for failure to comply with the court's orders regarding a conditional hardship license, and defines penalties for violation of a hardship/interlock order.)

{LC1659/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 575**BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or older eligible for exemption from jury service.)

{LC1897/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 576

(Judiciary)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Tikoian, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

{LC1658/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 577**BY** Acosta, Quezada, Valverde, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Bell**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.)

{LC1638/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 578**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Mack, Euer, Lawson, Sosnowski, Murray, DiMario, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROTECTIONS OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ACT (Provides that the prescription label for medication abortion prescription drugs shall include the name of the dispensing health care practice instead of the name of the dispenser.)

{LC1735/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 579**BY** Burke, Ciccone, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF (Requires nonprofit, as a condition for requesting state funds from the general assembly, to submit & post on their website, a list of 10 of their highest paid director, officer & employee salaries & any forms of compensation provided to those individuals.)

{LC2186/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 580**BY** Mack, Acosta, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Limits rent increases to no more than 4% annually unless the landlord is granted exemption by the secretary of housing. Provides tenants with a civil action to recover damages, including award of attorneys' fees and punitive damages, for any violations.)

{LC2032/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 581

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.)

{LC1656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 582**BY** Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS--COST (Provides that fees for costs charged for search, retrieval or copying of public records shall be waived for members of the general assembly who certify that they are acting in their official capacity.)

{LC1972/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 583**BY** Bell, Kallman**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.)

{LC268/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 584**BY** Gallo, LaMountain, Patalano, Tikoian, Valverde, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SANITATION IN FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (Establishes a restricted receipt account at the DLT for hospitality industry workforce training grants, funded by an annual \$50 dollar fee to be charged by RIDOH to food service establishments.)

{LC1875/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 585**BY** Raptakis, Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE (Establishes the E-Verify compliance program which would require all non-governmental employers within the state with 3 or more employees to apply to participate in the federal E-Verify program and to agree to participate in the program, if accepted.)

{LC497/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 586**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Mack, Lawson, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (Requires employers to protect employees from extreme temperatures through rest breaks, PPE, training, and equipment, and mandates quarterly supervisor training, to recognize and mitigate heat- and cold-related risks.)

{LC1587/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 587**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Dimitri, Appollonio, Britto, McKenney, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- BENEFITS (Allows unemployment benefits for workers who are on strike or are locked out of their workplaces by their employer due to a labor dispute.)

{LC1926/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 588**BY** Thompson, Raptakis, Dimitri, Pearson, LaMountain, Murray, Quezada, Bissaillon, Valverde, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGANIZATION LEAVE ACT (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ. The duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.)

{LC1012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 589**BY** Kallman, Euer, Mack, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa, Ciccone, Acosta, Bell, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES--OVERTIME (Requires small employers with one to fifty (1-50) employees and large employers with fifty (50) or more employees to pay overtime wages to exempt workers if their salary exceeds varying multipliers of minimum wage for a forty (40) hour workweek.)

{LC460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 590**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Reduces the number of times the director of the lottery has to confer with the permanent joint committee on state lottery from nine (9) times per year to four (4) times per year or at the call of the chair and vice chair of the committee.)

{LC1801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 591**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet Bridge as the "Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet Bridge.")

{LC2126/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 592**BY** Dimitri, Tikoian, Ciccone, McKenney, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special license plate for the charity Real Access Motivates Progress, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.)

{LC1872/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 593

BY Euer, Urso, Sosnowski, DiMario, Murray, Gallo, Acosta, Ciccone, Britto, McKenney
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.)
{LC2199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Resolution No. 594

BY McKenney
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE RULES OF THE SENATE FOR YEARS 2025-2026
{LC2312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight.

Senate Resolution No. 595

BY Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu, DiMario
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE MATUNUCK OYSTER BAR ON BECOMING ONE OF USA TODAY'S 2025 RESTAURANTS OF THE YEAR AND ON BEING AWARDED WINE SPECTATOR'S TWO-GLASS BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
{LC2217/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURE

Chairwoman Sosnowski, from the Committee on Environment and Agriculture, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

The Reappointment of Ernest Almonte to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Lisa M. Andoscia to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of James S. Bennett to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Michele L. Brais to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2027.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Mario G. Carlino to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Christine M. DiBiase to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Michelle R. DeRoche to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2027.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Leonard L. Lopes to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

Placed on the Calendar.

The Reappointment of Jina N. Petrarca, Esq. to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.

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, March 04th at 4:16 o'clock P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Lawson, seconded by Senator de la Cruz, and the Senate adjourns at 4:17 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR TIARA T. MACK

Almighty God, we ask today that You help us to live wisely, to fight for justice and truth, and to always try to live up to the expectations of our constituents. Amen.

Appendix

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2025:

1. 2025-S 595

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE MATUNUCK OYSTER BAR ON BECOMING ONE OF USA TODAY'S 2025 RESTAURANTS OF THE YEAR AND ON BEING AWARDED WINE SPECTATOR'S TWO-GLASS BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Appendix
CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2025:

- 1. *The Reappointment of Ernest Almonte to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 2. *The Reappointment of Lisa M. Andoscia to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 3. *The Reappointment of James S. Bennett to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2028.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 4. *The Reappointment of Michele L. Brais to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2027.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 5. *The Reappointment of Mario G. Carlino to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

- 6. *The Reappointment of Christine M. DiBiase to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.***

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

7. *The Reappointment of Michelle R. DeRoche to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2027.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

8. *The Reappointment of Leonard L. Lopes to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

9. *The Reappointment of Jina N. Petrarca, Esq. to the Narragansett Bay Commission for a term expiring April 1, 2026.*

Committee on Environment & Agriculture recommends that the Senate give its Advice and Consent to this nomination.

10. **2025-H 5035**

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

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2025-S Consent Calendar

(Bill Number)

(Advice & Consent, Order of Business, or Amendment Number)

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Respectfully Submitted,

Dominick J. Ruggiero

Date 02/25/2025

Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Senate District 4

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island

County of Providence

On this 25th day of February, 2025, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

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Appointment of Daniel M. Langlais

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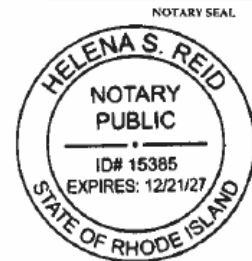
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