

## State of Rhode Island

# Journal of the Senate

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Fourth Legislative Day

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### CALL TO ORDER

The Senate meets pursuant to recess and is called to order by The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, at 4:15 o'clock P.M.

### ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 33 Senators present and 5 Senators absent as follows:

**PRESENT –33:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**ABSENT – 5:** Senators DiPalma, Euer, Mack, Raptakis, and Sosnowski.

### INVOCATION

The Honorable President, by unanimous consent, presents Senator Burke to deliver the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable President of the Senate presents the following communications:

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**State of Rhode Island**



**Senate Chamber**

VICE CHAIR  
Committee on Special Legislation &  
Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Judiciary

January 15, 2026

The Honorable Valarie Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I am unable to attend Senate Session today, January 15, 2026.

I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Sincerely,



Leonidas P. Raptakis  
Senator – District 33

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR  
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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

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Artificial Intelligence &  
Emerging Technologies

Committee on  
Education

January 14, 2026

The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson  
President of the Senate  
318 State House  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President,

Please be advised that I will be absent from the chamber on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Louis P. DiPalma

Senator – District 12

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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Committee on Finance

## Senate Chamber

January 15, 2026

The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

*V. Susan Sosnowski*

V. Susan Sosnowski  
Senate District - 37

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

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## State of Rhode Island



## Senate Chamber

Committee on Commerce

Committee on Education

Committee on  
Housing & Municipal Government

January 15, 2026

The Honorable Valerie Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Lawson:

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I would appreciate your recording my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Tiara Mack".

Tiara Mack  
Senator District 6

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

SENATOR  
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Special Legislation &  
Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Rules,  
Government Ethics & Oversight

## Senate Chamber

January 15, 2026

The Honorable Valarie J. Lawson  
President of the Senate  
State House, Room 318  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear President Lawson:

Please be advised and let the record reflect that I will be absent from the Chamber today, Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Please record my letter in the appropriate Senate Journal. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Euer  
Senator - District 13

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

## IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS

### **Senate Resolution No. 2070**

**BY** Ciccone, Lawson, Tikoian, Felag, Burke, Raptakis, Appollonio

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING KATHY NADEAU ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE  
{LC3123/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Ciccone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Ciccone moves passage, seconded by Senator Tikoian.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

### **Senate Resolution No. 2071**

**BY** Morgan

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JANUARY OF 2026, AS "RHODE ISLAND SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
{LC3280/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Paolino requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Paolino moves passage, seconded by Senator Rogers.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

**Senate Resolution No. 2072****BY Urso****ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING  
OF THE HONORABLE THOMAS E. HODGE  
{LC4041/1}**

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Urso requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Urso moves passage, seconded by Senator Tikoian.

The resolution is read and passed upon a rising vote.

**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2069****BY Pearson****ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES  
ON THE PASSING OF BARBARA DENNEN**

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

Upon motion of Senator Ciccone, 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 – 33:** The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Britto, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, McKenney, Morgan, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

**NAYS – 0:**

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senate Majority Whip Tikoian announces that the Rhode Island Blue Ribbon School Formula Foundation will meet at the Rise of the Senate.

**NEW BUSINESS****Senate Bill No. 2073**

**BY** Bell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Community MusicWorks located in the city of Providence.)

{LC3970/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2074**

**BY** Ciccone, Burke, Urso, Acosta, Tikoian, Felag, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Defines that a conspicuous display is a visual illustration showing each component of the utility bill and the cost associated with each component of said bill.)

{LC4183/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2075**

**BY** Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires the PUC to produce yearly reports beginning on January 1, 2027 on the ability of the current electric grid to handle electrification loads needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state.)

{LC3270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2076**

**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, Pearson, Zurier, E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COUNCILS AND GOVERNING BODIES (Requires a corporation created under this statute to be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation.)

{LC3917/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

**Senate Bill No. 2077**

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Zurier, McKenney, Lauria, Pearson, Quezada  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION** (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.)

{LC3641/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2078**

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT** (Creates the School Libraries Act.)

{LC3794/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2079**

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, McKenney, Paolino, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Murray, Patalano, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS** (Expands the requirement that all high schools and middle schools, whether they are publicly or privately run to maintain on site a functional AED while establishing and implementing a cardiac emergency response plan in these schools.)

{LC3168/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

**Senate Bill No. 2080**

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan  
**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.)

{LC3287/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

**Senate Bill No. 2081**

BY Acosta, Mack, Zurier, Gallo, Valverde, McKenney, Thompson, Quezada, Kallman  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SHORTAGE TEACHING FIELDS** (Creates a postsecondary tuition assistance for shortage teaching fields.)

{LC3801/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2082**

BY Paolino, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Raptakis, Patalano, Dimitri, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION** (Phases out the local meals and beverage tax by January 1, 2030.)

{LC3305/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2083**

BY Acosta, Lawson, Vargas, DiPalma, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Gallo, Valverde, McKenney

**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.)

{LC3833/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2084**

BY LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Tikoian, McKenney, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Murray, Vargas, Bell

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE** (Increase the personal needs allowance of nursing facility residents from \$75.00 to \$100 per month.)

{LC3999/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2085**

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Kallman, Acosta, Vargas, Lauria, Quezada

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM** (Eliminates the sunset on the provision of funding, modify eligibility requirement to 85% of state median income and expand funding to at least 20 hours per week.)

{LC4022/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2086**

BY Paolino, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Tikoian, Kallman, Lauria, Murray, Urso  
**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.)  
{LC3309/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2087**

BY Acosta, Mack, Vargas, Zurier, Quezada, Bell, Bissaillon, Kallman  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID**  
{LC3803/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2088**

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION** (Provides the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with a workgroup composed of various stakeholders, develops a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside their district.)  
{LC3780/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2089**

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Ciccone, McKenney, Appollonio, Bell, Famiglietti  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFITS** (Permits paid members on the state labor relations board to continue to receive their retirement benefits.)  
{LC3842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2090**

BY LaMountain, Felag, McKenney, Tikoian, Patalano, Britto, Dimitri, Appollonio, Thompson, Famiglietti

**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.)

{LC4004/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2091**

BY LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Ciccone, McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT** (Exempts individual retirement accounts as a countable resource for public assistance. This act also prohibits the state as a creditor against an ABLE account in the event of death of a beneficiary.)

{LC4006/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2092**

BY Kallman, Lawson, Urso, Valverde, Zurier, Pearson, Mack, Ujifusa, DiPalma

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIDESHARE OR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY VEHICLE SURCHARGE** (Imposes a seventy-five cent (0.75) surcharge on fares charged by rideshare companies as well as an account to benefit RIPTA from the payment of sales taxes collected from rideshares.)

{LC3689/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2093**

BY Gu, DiPalma, Murray, Gallo, Vargas, Felag, Valverde, Urso, Thompson, Bell

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP** (Makes students in workforce-ready certificate programs at the community college of Rhode Island eligible to receive the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship.)

{LC4032/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2094**

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ONWARD WE LEARN SCHOLARSHIP ACT**  
{LC3792/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2095**

BY Zurier, McKenney, Gu, Acosta, Bissaillon, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman, Vargas, Quezada  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT AND DEBT REDUCTION ACT OF 2011 (Gives 20% of proceeds in RI Highway Maintenance Account to RIPTA.)**  
{LC3700/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2096**

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Paolino  
**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.)**  
{LC3314/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2097**

BY Acosta, DiPalma, DiMario, Vargas, Felag, Zurier, Valverde, Thompson, Quezada, Murray  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS (Requires quarterly financial reporting to the executive office of health and human services beginning on October 1, 2026.)**  
{LC3824/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2098**

BY Zurier, Ujifusa

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM PRODUCTS** (Includes menthol as a flavored electronic nicotine-delivery system product.)

{LC3424/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2099**

BY Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, de la Cruz

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SURPLUS FUNDS TAX CREDIT ACT** (Mandates that any surplus state tax revenue received in any fiscal year would be refunded to the taxpayers of this state on a proportional basis in relation to the personal income tax liability incurred by the taxpayers in that fiscal year.)

{LC3285/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2100**

BY LaMountain

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (Requires that all monies received from the payment of fines under the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking be deposited into the violent crimes indemnity account within the general fund.)

{LC4000/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2101**

BY Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

{LC3656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2102**

BY LaMountain, Felag, McKenney, Patalano, Tikoian, Britto, Dimitri, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Thompson

**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).)  
{LC4010/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2103**

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET** (Requires that the governor submit a zero-based budget to the general assembly with the zero-based budget phased in over a five (5) year period, commencing with the fiscal budget year of July 1, 2027.)  
{LC4059/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Resolution No. 2104**

BY Tikoian

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF HEALTHY AGING FOR THE ALLIANCE FOR BETTER LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM** (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Office Of Healthy Aging for the RI Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.)  
{LC4270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2105**

(by request)

BY Ujifusa

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RELOCATION OF UTILITY SERVICES** (Utility relocation costs related to highway construction to be partially or fully paid for by the state.)  
{LC3262/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

**Senate Bill No. 2106**

BY de la Cruz, Ciccone, Valverde, Rogers

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

(Provides medical assistance coverage for medical services provided qualifying eligible recipients for community based care.)

{LC3345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2107**

BY Bissaillon, Murray, McKenney, DiMario, Famiglietti

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE**

**WORKER PLATFORM ACT** (Establishes the healthcare worker platform and would require platforms offering healthcare shifts to register with the department of health by June 1, 2027, while, specifically, exempting them from being classified as nursing service agencies.)

{LC3846/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2108**

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Murray, DiMario

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS**

**INSURANCE POLICIES** (Prohibits insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.)

{LC3844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2109**

BY Urso, DiMario, Kallman, Murray, Acosta, Rogers, Gu, Britto

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

{LC3217/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2110**

BY Lauria, Lawson, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS IN CHILDREN RELIEF FUND** (Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.)

{LC3655/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2111**

BY Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES** (Allows advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and physicians who are and are not licensed in Rhode Island to provide telemedicine services to patients who are in the state when those services are rendered.)

{LC3652/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2112**

BY Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES** (Requires health plans that provide prescription benefits to cover at least one type of glucagon auto-injector, nasal spray, or formulation that does not require reconstitution to treat hypoglycemia. No copayment or deductible would be required.)

{LC3653/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2113**

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

{LC3659/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2114****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE** (Requires that an individual's caregiver be present when healthcare decisions are discussed with the hospice team. It would also prevent a denial of home hospice care because of age or income.)

{LC4008/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2115****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY** (Requires hospitals to have a notary on staff all hours of the day and week.)

{LC4009/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2116****BY** Urso, McKenney, Ciccone, Murray, Valverde, Bell, Vargas, Lawson, de la Cruz**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES**

(Permits a certified foot care nurse or a certified foot care specialist, to provide certain at-home foot care, including routine foot and nail care including nail clipping. DOH determines fair and reasonable license and renewal fees nurses providing svcs.)

{LC3721/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2117****BY** Urso, Lauria, Murray, Mack, Gu, Kallman, E Morgan, Euer, Quezada, Acosta**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCT SAFETY AND TOXIC METAL REMOVAL ACT OF 2026** (Sets a clear and enforceable standard for reducing the presence of harmful metals in personal care products, prioritizing public health through testing, labeling, and the development of safer alternatives.)

{LC3909/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2118**

**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM** (Allows the office of health insurance commissioner (OHIC) as the state agency that has the authority to designate patient-centered medical home (PCMH) care to obtain maximal health outcomes.)  
{LC3665/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2119**

**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
{LC3832/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Resolution No. 2120**

**BY** Murray  
**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SAFE STAFFING RATIOS IN HOSPITALS** (Creates a 15 member commission to study and provide recommendations for safe staffing ratios in hospitals, who would report back to the General Assembly by March 31, 2027, and would expire on June 30, 2027.)  
{LC3968/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**Senate Bill No. 2121**

**BY** de la Cruz, Ciccone, Dimitri, Burke, Patalano, Rogers  
**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.)  
{LC3330/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2122**

BY Gu, Zurier, Vargas, Kallman, Valverde, Urso, Thompson, 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.)

{LC4024/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2123**

BY Urso, Kallman, Britto, Acosta

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION** (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center located in the city of Pawtucket.)

{LC3218/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2124**

BY Zurier, McKenney, Gu, Acosta, Bissaillon, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman, Vargas, Quezada  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT ACT** (Requires that an independent efficiency and performance audit of the department of transportation be commissioned by the department of administration.)

{LC3682/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

**Senate Bill No. 2125**

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Ciccone, McKenney, Kallman, Famiglietti

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT** (Removes the mandatory certification for an individual 16 years or older who was found delinquent for having committed 2 offenses after the age of 16 which would render the person subject to an indictment if the person was an adult.)

{LC3840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2126**

BY DiMario, Lawson, Valverde, Murray, Zurier, Lauria, Acosta, Vargas, Quezada  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM** (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance.)  
{LC3643/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2127**

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS** (Requires superior court clerk to automatically seal cases/individual counts of a criminal complaint/indictment that were dismissed, upon request of defendant and serve it upon bureau of criminal identification, police department and counsel of record.)  
{LC3974/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2128**

BY Zurier, McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION** (Requires individuals seeking a judicial nomination to reapply to JNC every 3 years and make those individuals selected as finalists, eligible only for the court in which they applied and were chosen during the five years following their selection.)  
{LC3432/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2129**

BY LaMountain, Murray, Gu, Burke, McKenney, Britto, Urso, Acosta, Bissaillon, Vargas  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE HEALTH DATA PRIVACY ACT** (Classifies, research, intent and interest in healthcare services as protected healthcare data. Adds responsibilities for regulated entities that seek to collect and share consumer data including a requirement for specific and conspicuous consumer consent.)  
{LC4011/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2130**

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Tikoian, Appollonio, Murray

**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.)

{LC4026/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2131**

BY Zurier, Bissaillon, Burke, Quezada

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND**

**VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES** (This act would add early voting to the 50 feet buffer prohibitions against politicking during election day voting.)

{LC3428/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Resolution No. 2132**

(Secretary of State)

BY LaMountain, Ciccone, Lawson, Burke, McKenney, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE**

**ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF**

**SUFFRAGE** (Proposes to the voters of the state a constitutional amendment regarding eligibility to vote and to be a candidate.)

{LC3676/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2133**

(Secretary of State)

BY LaMountain, Ciccone, Lawson, Bissaillon, Burke, McKenney

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND**

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES** (Amends several statutes relating to elections and the dates for primaries and dates within which to file nomination papers and object to nomination papers.)

{LC3678/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2134****BY** Dimitri, Thompson, Famiglietti**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES** (Makes it unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 to operate a motor vehicle while knowingly having liquor in any part of the vehicle, except when accompanied by another adult who is 21 years of age or older and related to the operator.)

{LC3980/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2135****BY** Gu, LaMountain, DiMario, McKenney, Burke, Bissaillon, Quezada**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION** (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.)

{LC4192/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2136****BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain, Gallo, Dimitri**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES** (Requires party chairpersons to submit lists of party voters to the mayor or council president within 30 days of notice of vacancy in a municipal election office and mayor/council president are required to make a replacement nomination within 30 days.)

{LC4180/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2137****BY** Bissaillon, Acosta, Vargas, Bell, LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT** (Prohibits handcuffing children twelve (12) or under at initial police contact unless needed for public safety or if the child is using or threatening physical force against an officer.)

{LC3362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2138**

BY Kallman, DiPalma, Britto, Pearson, McKenney, Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Euer, Gu  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)  
{LC3835/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2139**

BY Bell, Ciccone, Gallo, Murray, Appollonio, Urso, Bissaillon, Thompson, Burke, Gu  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT** (Prohibits participation in federal school voucher tax credit for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations unless both the general assembly and the governor approve such participation.)  
{LC3448/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2140**

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Appollonio, McKenney, Famiglietti  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT** (Provides that compensation comparability studies of senior management, documents discussed at an open meeting, annual contracting reports, list of current salaries and positions, and all policies and procedures of public corporations be made public.)  
{LC3845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2141**

BY Zurier, McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES** (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.)  
{LC3442/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2142****BY** LaMountain, Vargas**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN** (Allows the department of environmental management to acquire established foot paths by eminent domain in order to provide public access to streams, rivers, lakes and ponds.)  
{LC4013/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2143****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST** (Expands the definition of peace officers to include juvenile program workers and shift coordinators at the department of youth, children and families.)

{LC4012/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2144****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT** (Permits the court to determine the number of hours a person would have to complete of a batters intervention program and gives the court discretion as to whether that person would be personally financially responsible for the costs thereof.)  
{LC4001/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2145****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY** (Establishes the commercial sex buyer's accountability program which consists of an instructional program on prostitution and human trafficking schemes.)  
{LC4014/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2146**

**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM ACT (Created a peer-to-peer car sharing program, which will prescribe insurance coverage and other related details while using a car sharing application.)  
{LC3984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2147**

**BY** Burke, LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.)  
{LC4179/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2148**

**BY** Gu, Felag, Urso  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Liquor licenses in Westerly required to have liability insurance.)  
{LC4027/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2149**

**BY** McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS-- WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT (Expands the jurisdiction of the city of Warwick municipal court.)  
{LC3185/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2150**

BY Famiglietti, Murray, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Patalano, Bissaillon, Bell, Paolino, Burke

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES** (Requires that notice of a judgment lien be sent within ten (10) business days of the recording of the lien.)  
{LC3685/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2151**

BY Urso, Appollonio, Tikoian, LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Bell, Gu, Euer, Dimitri

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardously accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.)  
{LC3222/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2152**

BY Bissaillon, Bell, DiMario, Urso, Famiglietti

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS** (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.)  
{LC3839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2153**

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS** (Allows attorney general to enter into agreements with other states to recognize a concealed handgun permit as valid and authorizes RI to recognize and honor a concealed weapon permit from out of state with certain requirements.)  
{LC3357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2154**

BY de la Cruz, Ciccone, Burke, Rogers

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT** (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.)

{LC3322/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2155**

BY Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, E Morgan

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS** (Permits Rhode Island residents, 21 years of age or older, to carry a concealed handgun, without a permit.)

{LC3361/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2156**

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan

**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.)

{LC3278/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2157**

BY Bell, Ciccone, Urso, Bissaillon, Murray, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Valverde

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT** (Makes sexual contact or penetration between any law enforcement officer that is on duty and a person that is a detainee, arrestee, in custody or a suspect a felony.)

{LC3515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2158**

BY Kallman, DiMario, Ciccone, Gu, Euer, Vargas, Urso, Lawson

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT** (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)

{LC3848/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2159**

BY Kallman, Mack, Quezada, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario, Tikoian, Pearson, Urso, Thompson

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PAROLE** (Requires one elector of the parole board to be a person directly impacted by the criminal justice system who has completed the probation/parole process three (3) or more years prior to selection with a professional background in certain enumerated areas.)

{LC3696/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2160**

BY LaMountain

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT** (Prohibits noncompete agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.)

{LC4002/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2161**

BY Kallman, Quezada, Mack, Vargas, Paolino, Acosta, Euer, Zurier, Urso, McKenney

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION** (Requires courts to presume release for most probation violations, set reasonable bail or non-monetary conditions, limit detention to cases of risk or danger, require prompt hearings, and mandate written reasons for detention.)

{LC3708/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2162**

**BY** Kallman, Zurier, Valverde, Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, DiMario, Lauria, Urso  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION (Requires the courts to consider the parental status of the defendant at the time of sentencing and allows the defendant to present a family impact statement, including testimony, videos and documents relative to their parental status.)  
{LC3697/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2163**

**BY** de la Cruz, Ciccone, Burke, Dimitri, Appollonio, LaMountain, Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Provides the review and appeal process for individuals applying for a permit or license to carry a handgun with the licensing authority or attorney general.)  
{LC3327/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2164**

**BY** Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Defines suitable person, establishes reasons for applying for concealed carry permit, establishes what information is required on applications, establishes appeal process for denials, provides that records are not public permits hunting with suppressor.)  
{LC3348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2165**

**BY** Euer, Appollonio, Bell, McKenney, Mack, Urso, Quezada, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.)  
{LC3235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

**Senate Bill No. 2166**

**BY** Kallman, Ciccone, Burke, Sosnowski, Euer, Britto, Urso, Thompson, Dimitri  
**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.)  
{LC3695/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2167**

**BY** Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, DiPalma, Burke, Pearson, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to 90 days.)  
{LC3272/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2168**

**BY** Rogers, Patalano, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Tikoian, McKenney  
**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 75 working days in a calendar year and not have an interruption in their benefits.)  
{LC3273/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2169**

**BY** Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, de la Cruz  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (Enables students enrolled in certain career and technical education programs to take firefighter exams upon completion of their program.)  
{LC3879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2170**

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Appollonio, McKenney, Bell, Burke, Famiglietti  
**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.)  
{LC3843/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2171**

BY Sosnowski, Burke, Britto, Murray, Gu, DiPalma, Gallo  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM** (Amends the OPA desk audit classification rules to eliminate supervising other employees as a factor for position upgrade eligibility.)  
{LC3982/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2172**

BY Bell, Ciccone, Gallo, Thompson, Appollonio, Urso, Bissaillon, Murray, Burke, Gu  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT** (Provides for the right to strike for public sector workers in Rhode Island, including teachers, with exceptions for police officers, firefighters, 911 employees, and correctional officers.)  
{LC3447/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2173**

BY Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, Mack, Lawson, Felag, Quezada, Zurier, Valverde, McKenney  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS** (Commencing July 1, 2026, this act eliminates the provision of this section that requires new applicants for employment under this section to pay the expense for their criminal background checks.)  
{LC3827/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2174**

**BY** Bell, Murray, Ciccone, Thompson, Gallo, Burke, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT--NO LIMITATION ON HEALTHCARE BENEFIT PROVIDERS (Repeals the law that prevents a collective bargaining agreement covering state employees, public school teachers and municipal employees from specifying a particular healthcare provider in it.)  
{LC3911/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

**Senate Bill No. 2175**

**BY** Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Raises the gross weight of a vehicle eligible for reserve forces plates from 8,500 lbs. to 12,000 lbs. with US flag on the plates. Proof of honorable discharge to be provided to DMV.)  
{LC4235/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2176**

**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for the Friends of the Historic Narragansett Towers.)  
{LC3635/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2177**

**BY** Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)  
{LC4232/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2178**

**BY** Urso, Felag, Patalano, Rogers, Appollonio, Vargas, Paolino, Tikoian, Dimitri  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES** (Creates a new registration plate for qualified individuals to possess an "adaptive vehicle license plate" to accommodate the transportation needs of an individual with a significant mobility impairment.)  
{LC3225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2179**

**BY** Paolino, Rogers, Ciccone, Tikoian, Lauria, Murray, de la Cruz, Urso, Patalano, Famiglietti  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STANDARD AND DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** (Repeals daylight savings time in the state and follow the "United States Standard Eastern Time" as provided by an exemption from the advancement of time as provided by the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. § 260(a).)  
{LC3948/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2180**

**BY** LaMountain, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, McKenney  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS** (Authorizes and fund the painting of a portrait of the president of the senate and former presidents of the senate to be hung in the senate lounge or thereabouts.)  
{LC4005/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2181**

**BY** Burke, Felag, LaMountain, Sosnowski, Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL** (Creates a program through which fire departments and fire districts are notified of locations of registrants of electric and hybrid motor vehicles can register their vehicles with their local fire department or fire district.)  
{LC4053/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2182**

**BY** Appolonio, LaMountain, Urso, Vargas, Quezada, Valverde, Famiglietti, Euer, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES  
{LC3680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2183**

**BY** Felag, Appolonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Eliminates the registration and service charge fees for National Guard plates.)  
{LC4238/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2184**

**BY** Felag, Appolonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)  
{LC4237/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2185**

**BY** Dimitri, Thompson, Patalano, Famiglietti, Urso, Appolonio  
**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.)  
{LC3952/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

**Senate Bill No. 2186**

BY DiMario, Gu, Lauria, Britto, Sosnowski, Felag, Bissaillon, Murray, Ujifusa, Vargas  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING**  
FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Allows persons with disabilities to receive up to two (2)  
motor vehicle disability parking privilege placards.)

{LC3640/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Motion of Senate Majority Whip Tikoian, seconded by the entire Senate, the Senate  
adjourns at 4:29 o'clock P.M. *in memory of the Honorable Thomas E. Hodge.*

**HELENA S. REID**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

**Appendix**

**INVOCATION**

**SENATOR JOHN P. BURKE**

Almighty God, bless those who serve in this Senate. Inspire us with your truth, surround us with your love, and fill us with your grace. Amen.