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Thirteenth Legislative Day

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 4:09 o'clock P.M.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 36 Senators present and 2 Senators absent as follows:

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

ABSENT – 2: Senators Britto and Sosnowski.

INVOCATION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Eleventh Legislative Day of the 2026 proceedings is read in part.

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

SENATE STANDS AT EASE

Upon motion of the Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, the Senate stands at ease at 4:11 o'clock P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable Valarie J. Lawson, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, March 03rd at 4:34 o'clock P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Valverde and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Dr. Sierra Grasso, Landmark Medical Center.

IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATIONS**Senate Resolution No. 2759**

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF TAÍNO DESCENDANTS IN RHODE ISLAND

{LC4820/1}

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 The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissailon, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Senate Resolution No. 2760**BY** Patalano**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY CONDEMNING THE ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS IN NEW YORK DURING THE BLIZZARD AND URGING INVESTIGATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

{LC5926/1}

Recommended for Immediate Consideration.

Senator Patalano requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Patalano moves passage, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Appollonio, Burke, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Dimitri, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, LaMountain, McKenney, Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Rogers, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Vargas, and Zurier.

Senators Patalano, Appollonio, Morgan, Famiglietti, Rogers, Dimitri, Tikoian, and Raptakis speak on the senate resolution.

The resolution is read and passed upon a voice vote.

Appendix**CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026:****1. 2026-S 2757****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

2. 2026-S 2758**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELLIE CHASE

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

NAYS – 0:

Appendix

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026:

- 1. 2026-S 2341 SUB A**
BY LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Senator LaMountain moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Burke, Ciccone, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Patalano, Pearson, Raptakis, Quezada, Thompson, Tikoian, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

The act is read and passed, upon a roll call vote, with 33 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS – 33: The Honorable President Valarie J. Lawson, Senators Acosta, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon, Burke, Ciccone, DiMario, Dimitri, DiPalma, Euer, Famiglietti, Felag, Gallo, Gu, Kallman, LaMountain, Lauria, Mack, McKenney, Murray, Paolino, Patalano, Pearson, Quezada, Raptakis, Thompson, Tikoian, Ujifusa, Urso, Valverde, Vargas, and Zurier.

NAYS – 2: Senators de la Cruz and Rogers.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Upon suggestion of Senator Urso and by unanimous consent, the Honorable Senate President, welcomes to the Chamber Ann Marie Metoharakis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Raptakis announces that the Senate Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs will meet tomorrow at 4:30 pm in Room 211.

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

Senator Felag announces that the Senate Committee on Finance will meet at the Rise of the Senate in Room 211.

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

Senator Thompson announces that the Senate Committee on Labor and Gaming will meet tomorrow at 4:00 pm in Room 212.

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

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.

NEW BUSINESS**Senate Bill No. 2761**

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CLIMATE REFORM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island Business Climate Reform Act.)

{LC5382/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2762**BY** Vargas, Valverde, Zurier, Urso, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT (Defines catastrophic loss and requirements for suspension of payments.)
{LC5855/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2763**BY** Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS ACT (Prohibits the consideration of an applicant's credit history in determining automobile insurance rates.)
{LC5598/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2764**BY** Tikoian, Burke, Raptakis, Ciccone, Patalano, Famiglietti, Gallo, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (Expands RI's Renewable Energy Standard to include nuclear and hydroelectric power as eligible zero-emission resources and sets rules for how they qualify.)
{LC5662/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2765**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Lauria, DiMario, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- THE GREEN BUILDINGS ACT (Creates the green buildings act commission to consist of 17 members, responsible for the implementation of the green buildings act.)
{LC5539/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2766**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Urso, Vargas, Zurier, Paolino, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DELETE ACT (Requires any entity that knowingly collects, shares or sells to third parties the personal data of a consumer to register with the department of business regulations and permits for the consumer to request deletion of the personal data.)
{LC5693/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2767**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT (Requires any public utility company that needs to close any state or municipal roadway for work to provide notice to all residential and business property owners located within 1,000 ft of the closed highway at least 48 hrs before the road closure.)
{LC5760/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2768**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES (Requires any business entity that makes automatic renewal offers or memberships or subscriptions that are available on-line, also make the canceling such agreements for goods, services, memberships or subscriptions equally accessible on-line.)
{LC5854/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2769**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES (Establishes minimum limitations standards for structural property damage claims, and voids any policy provision, endorsement, condition, limitation, agreement, or claim practice that shortens those standards.)
{LC5868/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2770**BY** Pearson, Quezada, Gallo, Tikoian, Lauria, Kallman, Euer, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT (Characterizes the failure of a homeowner's insurance policy to use matching principle in its interpretation of replacement cost coverage in its homeowner's insurance policy, as an unfair claim settlement practices.)

{LC4482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2771**BY** Pearson, Mack, Gallo, Tikoian, Lauria, Kallman, Euer, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES (Requires insurance companies to settle claims or request additional information within 30 days of receipt of a notice of claim. Failure to comply results in \$250/day payable to the insured party.)

{LC4462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2772**BY** Gallo, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS (Amends how architecture firms and individual architects are registered.)

{LC5445/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2773**BY** Gu, Paolino, Murray, Urso, Valverde, Appollonio, McKenney, Ujifusa, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- CONSUMER-PROVIDED TAKEOUT CONTAINERS (Permits eating and drinking establishments to accept consumer-provided containers to fill or refill with takeout food or beverages.)

{LC5508/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2774**BY** Valverde, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the sale of over-the-counter diet pills and muscle-building supplements to minors in Rhode Island and require age verification, restricted access, and civil penalties for violations.)

{LC5551/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2775

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES (Provides an update to certain insurance sections of law to update or eliminate outdated sections of the insurance law.)

{LC5441/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2776**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Requires that certain data centers requiring large amounts of electricity be required to fund the cost of necessary infrastructure improvements to supply such electricity.)

{LC5535/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2777**BY** Gu, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Provides that effective July 1, 2026, the profit margin of any electric distribution company or distributor of natural gas, would not exceed four percent (4%), in any given calendar year.)

{LC5965/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2778**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, updates definitions relative to common entities and sales.)

{LC4207/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2779**BY** Euer, DiMario, Gu, Valverde, Acosta, McKenney, Kallman, Pearson, Quezada, Ujifusa**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.)

{LC5167/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2780**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.)

{LC5557/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2781**BY** Dimitri, LaMountain, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SYSTEMS (Prohibits unauthorized placement of merchants on advertising platform order interfaces, and would prohibit third-party restaurant reservation services.)

{LC5398/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2782**BY** Felag, LaMountain, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Replaces the existing chapter on this subject by requiring school districts to organize concussion oversight teams, develop removal-from-play, return-to-play, and return-to-learn protocols, and develop a concussion brochure.)

{LC4572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2783**BY** Pearson, Gallo, Murray, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Provides that only a mayor or town administrator could be a voting member of the board of directors or trustees for a mayoral academy.)

{LC4545/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2784**BY** Murray, Patalano, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Pearson, Gallo, DiMario, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Provides that no new charter school application shall be granted, if the proposed school is a network charter school or the expansion of an existing charter school creates a network charter school.)

{LC5576/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2785**BY** Valverde, Mack, DiMario, DiPalma, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Quezada, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS (Updates the description of the early intervention program and the agency responsible for the program under Part C of the federal Individuals with disabilities education act.)

{LC5037/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2786**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Acosta, McKenney, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.)

{LC5365/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2787**BY** Murray, Thompson, Patalano, Ciccone, Urso, Bissaillon, Pearson, McKenney, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Bars the council from granting approval to create or expand a charter school beginning operations in 26-27 school year and bars the state from approving or appropriating funds to a new charter school not approved before July 1, 2025.)

{LC5597/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2788**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS (Provides local agencies with a mechanism to opt-out of statewide transportation upon a showing of a cost-effective alternative to the current fee-for-service model.)

{LC5492/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Resolution No. 2789**BY** DiPalma, Valverde, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Urso**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE TEACHER HEALTHCARE PLAN (Creates an 11-member commission to study and make recommendations on a statewide teacher healthcare plan, and would report quarterly as of September 1, 2026, and submit a final report by September 1, 2027, and expires on December 31, 2027.)

{LC5530/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2790**BY** E Morgan, Patalano, de la Cruz, Raptakis, Dimitri, Rogers, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SAVE WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT (Mandates that athletic teams that are sponsored by a public school or a private school whose teams compete against a public school, be designated as (1) "males", "men" or "boys"; (2) "females", "women" or "girls"; or (3) "coed" or "mixed".)
{LC4986/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2791**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT (Requires schools to implement a plan to provide academic accommodation for a student who has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury.)
{LC5765/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2792**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Exempts certain cookware that contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS that are authorized by the FDA for food contact for consumer goods from the provision of the consumer PFAS ban act of 2024.)
{LC4230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2793**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Ujifusa, Kallman, Britto, Murray, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES -- LEAD BY EXAMPLE ACT (Takes several measures to lead by example by banning state purchases of plastic bottles, and requires state funds to be used to lease or purchase electric vehicles and renewable energy efficient technologies for use on state property.)
{LC5460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2794

BY Valverde, DiMario, McKenney, Euer, Kallman, Vargas, Lauria, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BEVERAGE
CONTAINERS RECYCLING ACT (Establishes the Beverage Container Recycling Act.)
{LC5461/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2795

BY Murray, Thompson, Urso, Gu, Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL
(Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities that choose to
participate. Reports to be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and submitted
to the department of environmental management.)
{LC5580/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2796

BY Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Gu, Murray, Zurier, DiPalma, Acosta, Ujifusa, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Requires the producer of artificial
turf and turf infill sold or distributed in RI to report its chain of custody, from installation to use,
repurposing, recycling and disposal to the department of environmental management.)
{LC3979/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2797

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
MORATORIUM ON NET METERING, LONG-TERM CONTRACTS AND SUBSIDIES FOR
HEAT PUMPS (Places a moratorium on net metering contracts, subsidies for heat pumps and
long-term contracts for the purchasing of solar or wind energy.)
{LC5493/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2798

(Dept, of Business Regulation)

BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATE SYSTEM (Updates the RI coordinate system to adopt the most recent system of plane coordinates established by the NGS, a federal agency which is part of NOAA and the USDC. Modifies the meter to foot conversion to adopt the international foot to provide uniformity.)
{LC5443/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2799

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, Lauria, LaMountain, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 (Amends the Consumer PFAS Ban Act of 2024 by clarifying enforcement provisions.)
{LC4958/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2800

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY (Provides that energy storage systems located on abandoned or contaminated property be permitted by right as a permitted use and not considered to have negative environmental impacts.)
{LC4500/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2801

BY Valverde, Mack, Kallman, DiMario, Bissaillon, Urso, Gu, Ujifusa, Ciccone, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR COST REDUCTION ACT (Amend the state's online E-Permitting Portal using automated plan review and instant permit issuance.)
{LC5161/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2802**BY** Valverde, Kallman, Urso, Murray, Gu, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (Prohibits the use of artificial turf as material to cover compacted solid waste at a sanitary landfill.)

{LC5358/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2803**BY** Thompson, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Requires that a backflow test be performed every ten (10) years, rather than the current yearly inspection.)

{LC5757/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2804**BY** Gu, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, Valverde, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (Allows local government recipients of grant funds from the Rhode Island infrastructure bank's OSCAR fund and resilient Rhode Island infrastructure fund to use monies for insurability planning.)

{LC5353/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture.

Senate Bill No. 2805**BY** Euer, Mack, Valverde, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT (Excludes nuclear power from the office of energy resources and division of public utilities from participation, procuring and entering into long-term contracts.)

{LC5656/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce.

Senate Bill No. 2806

BY Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, DiPalma, Mack, Felag, Urso, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES -- EQUAL PAY FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS (Requires the
state and private health insurers to reimburse claims for healthcare services provided by nurse
practitioners and physician assistants at the same amount as the reimbursement paid to a
physician performing the service in the area served.)
{LC5472/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2807

BY Pearson, Gallo, Acosta, Tikoian, Lauria, Kallman, Euer, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE
SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Removes the sunset provision of the Rhode Island
hope pilot scholarship program, making it a permanent scholarship program and renames the
program as the Rhode Island hope scholarship program.)
{LC4458/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2808

BY E Morgan, Felag, Rogers, Urso, Thompson, Paolino, Ciccone, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF
LOCAL TAXES -- TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM (Establishes a property tax deferral program
for senior citizens, disabled persons or veterans.)
{LC5490/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2809

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP TAX
CREDIT (Establishes a tax credit for businesses transitioning to employee ownership.)
{LC4785/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2810

(Dept. of Taxation)

BY Vargas, DiPalma, Lawson, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX PREPARERS ACT OF 2013

(Provides for penalties for tax preparers that purposefully mislead their clients or act as ghost preparers of tax returns.)

{LC4982/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2811**BY** DiPalma, DiMario, Murray, Thompson, Zurier, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND PROTECT OUR HEALTHCARE ACT OF 2026 (Creates a publicly funded program for uninsured individuals requiring on an appropriation of \$53,200,000 for fiscal year 2027 and an appropriation of 109,600,000 for fiscal year 2028 and every fiscal year thereafter.)

{LC5653/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2812**BY** McKenney, Appollonio, Burke, LaMountain, Murray, Gallo, Dimitri, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

(Requires that the state's share to support public library services in fiscal year 2027 be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated and expended by the city or town in the second preceding fiscal year.)

{LC5438/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2813**BY** Vargas, Bissaillon, Thompson, Quezada, Zurier, Acosta, DiMario, DiPalma, Euer, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026

BOND REFERENDA (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November, 2026.)

{LC5842/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2814**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Tikoian, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT (Removes the requirement that 5% of the hotel tax generated from regional tourism districts be paid to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau, and adds that 5% of the hotel tax to the existing tax paid to the RI commerce corporation.)

{LC5401/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2815

(Dept. of Taxation)

BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Extends the timeframe for the division of taxation to review nonresident contractor cases and provide a specific penalty for noncompliance with the statute's withholding requirements.)

{LC4984/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2816**BY** DiPalma, Valverde, Ujifusa, Lauria, Urso**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$118,422 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK (RIPIN) (Appropriates the sum of \$118,422 to the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN).)

{LC5534/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2817**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (Includes individuals as contributors. Increases annual credit cap by percentage amount of unused credits. Increases the tax credit rate percentage. Establishes scholarships of \$750,000 to disadvantaged students and \$250,000 to pre-K students.)

{LC5394/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2818**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Thompson, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Provides that retirees in the state pension system receive cost of living adjustments compounded into the retiree's total retirement benefits each year beginning January 1, 2026. This act would be prospective only.)
{LC5989/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2819**BY** Murray, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Acosta, Pearson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)
{LC5699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2820**BY** DiPalma**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 to be established to determine suggested uses of the funds in said account.)
{LC4199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2821**BY** Murray, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Acosta, Pearson, Gallo, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)
{LC5559/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2822

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Burke, Felag, Tikoian, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Defines public-private partnerships and provides the framework to encourage the use of public-private partnerships for proposals for state purchases.)

{LC4964/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2823

BY Vargas, Lawson, Murray, DiPalma, DiMario, Quezada, Acosta, Urso, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

(Establishes a child tax credit in the amount of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) for eligible taxpayers adjusted for inflation annually commencing January 1, 2027.)

{LC5297/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2824

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Felag, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Permits hit and run victims suffering serious bodily injury to recover under the crime victim compensation program.)

{LC4667/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2825

BY McKenney, Appollonio, Bissaillon, Zurier, DiPalma, Quezada

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the RI Public Transit Authority to continue services, hire and train more bus operators, and implement the State's Act on Climate goals.)

{LC5389/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2826**BY** Murray, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Acosta, Pearson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Provides that in local education agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines, then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)

{LC5556/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2827**BY** Mack, Sosnowski, DiPalma**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. This act would also define urban and small farmers and urban farmland.)

{LC4066/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2828**BY** Murray, Acosta, Bissaillon, Gu, DiPalma, Thompson, LaMountain, Bell, Pearson, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM (Amends the Rhode Island works program to allow lawful permanent residents to receive benefits without a waiting period and increases the monthly cash benefit to one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level effective July 1, 2026.)

{LC5392/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2829

(Dept. of Human Services)

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

{LC5321/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2830**BY** DiPalma, Gallo, Acosta, Zurier, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling two hundred seventeen million dollars (\$217,000,000) for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November 2026.)

{LC5663/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2831**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, DiPalma, Urso, Pearson, LaMountain **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM (Appropriates two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) to fund the primary care training sites program to provide training for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants within the department of health.)

{LC5251/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2832

(General Treasurer)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Murray, Burke, LaMountain, DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Under the emergency fund for victims, increases the share of a victim's total award that may be used for relocation related expenses but not increase total compensation available to a victim.)

{LC4670/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2833**BY** Valverde, Ciccone, Lauria, DiPalma, Acosta, Bissailon, Kallman, Felag, Pearson, Quezada **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LOCAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT ACT (Provides a tax credit to a taxpayer that makes a qualified investment in a qualified business.)

{LC5425/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2834

BY Valverde, Mack, DiMario, DiPalma, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Appollonio, Zurier, Quezada, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS -- EARLY INTERVENTION EXTENSION--BRIDGE TO PRESCHOOL (Permits extended early intervention services for children with developmental disabilities whose third birthday is between May 1 and August 31.)
{LC4426/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2835

BY Thompson, Murray, Dimitri, Patalano, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- ADMINISTRATION (Changes the teacher and state employees' retirement benefit calculations' cutoff date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2012, for all retirement members eligible to and who retire on or after the new July 1, 2012, cutoff date.)
{LC5815/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2836

BY Valverde, Gu, Acosta, DiMario, Britto, Lauria, Ujifusa, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Allows for food and food supplies procurement by the state of less than \$25,000 in aggregate under the small purchase regulations.)
{LC5182/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2837

BY Pearson, Mack, Acosta, Gallo, Tikoian, Lauria, Kallman, Euer, Zurier

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE STATE FUNDING FORMULA FOR EDUCATION
{LC4461/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2838

(Adm/Office of Healthy Aging (OHA))

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE-- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the month of September in each year be designated "Rhode Island Senior Center Month" with appropriate exercises in public places.)

{LC4959/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2839

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Bissailon, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Includes the deputy chief of inspection and inspector within the provision of law related to retirement on service allowance relating to correctional officers.)

{LC4966/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2840

BY Thompson, Patalano, Murray, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales tax licensed child care centers.)

{LC5272/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2841

BY Lauria, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Mandates DCYF protection for benefits owed to foster children.)

{LC5449/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2842**BY** Thompson, Murray, Ciccone, Tikoian, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

(Commencing on 7/1/2026, allows members, state and municipal employees to retire when they have at least 28 years of active service and their retirement age, when combined with the number of their years of service reaches, the number 85.)

{LC5264/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2843

(General Treasurer)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY (Funds the Rhode Island baby bonds trust program without the use of taxpayer dollars through an annual allocation of unclaimed property remittances.)

{LC4674/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2844**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEMS PRODUCTS (Defines "electronic nicotine-delivery system shop" and requires that ten percent (10%) of sales revenue from said shops be transferred to the tobacco cessation programs pursuant to § 27-20-53.)

{LC5879/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2845**BY** Valverde, Mack, DiMario, DiPalma, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Quezada, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND

FAMILY HOME--VISITING ACT (Changes annual reporting requirements for the state's family home-visiting program and also impacts appropriation and spending of funds in order to access maximum federal funding for these programs.)

{LC5034/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2846**BY** Ciccone, Tikoian, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Thompson, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Removes the definition of "totally and permanently disabled" from the general law affording college tuition paid by the state to the spouse and children of active members of the police force who are killed or disabled during duty.)

{LC4993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2847**BY** Thompson, DiPalma, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- STATE TAX OFFICIALS (Caps delinquent tax interest rate at 12%. Prohibits audits beyond 3 years from date of tax filing, 7 years for fraudulent filings, and in no event beyond 10 years from date of filing or required filing date, whichever is later.)

{LC5901/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Resolution No. 2848**BY** Murray, Thompson, Gu, Urso, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Gallo, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.)

{LC5649/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2849**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Vargas, E Morgan, Zurier, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS (Allows an individual school district that can utilize its own buses or vendors at a lower cost than the statewide system, to obtain reimbursement for these costs from state funds.)

{LC5357/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Finance.

Senate Bill No. 2850

(Dept. of Health)

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

{LC5341/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2851**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Mack, Kallman, Urso, Pearson, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACISTS TEST-AND-TREAT AUTHORITY ACT (Authorizes pharmacists to order, perform and interpret CLIA-waived tests authorized by statewide protocol and prescribe medications, and permits coverage by all health insurance carriers.)

{LC5130/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2852**BY** Vargas, Urso, Lauria, Murray, Gu, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTHCARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT (Allows patients to authorize providers to email medical notes or records, requires written consent acknowledging risks, and ensures compliance with HIPAA while expanding delivery options beyond fax or in-person pickup.)

{LC5316/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2853**BY** Murray, Valverde, Gu, Urso, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Lauria, Ujifusa, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES (Requires hospital emergency rooms and free-standing emergency care facilities to offer and provide pregnancy prevention medication to victims of sexual assault.)

{LC4975/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2854**BY** Thompson, Murray, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (Transfers responsibility for implementation of services for persons with traumatic brain injuries from the director of the department of human services to the EOHHS.)

{LC5524/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2855**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, Mack, Felag, Urso, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Permits students diagnosed with asthma, a condition that may lead to bronchospasm or anaphylaxis, or both, to carry and self-administer asthma medication or auto-injectable or intranasal epinephrine, or both.)

{LC5421/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2856**BY** Lauria, Valverde, Felag, Urso, Pearson, Vargas, DiPalma, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Includes routine, scheduled or recommended immunizations to individuals between the ages of three (3) and eighteen (18) years, under the consent and reporting provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations.)

{LC5108/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2857

(Dept. of Health)

BY Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (Repeals the older of the two existing chapters related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists and makes several amendments to reconcile the two statutes into one.)

{LC5350/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2858

BY Vargas, Quezada, Lauria, Murray, Valverde, DiPalma, DiMario, Kallman, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- EYELASH SERVICES LICENSING AND REGULATION ACT (Creates a new license for eyelash service technicians, requires permit for eyelash businesses, establishes training and exam standards, authorizes RIDOH enforcement and fines, and imposes a \$500 penalty for an unlicensed practice.)
{LC5847/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2859

BY DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Murray, Valverde, Euer, Kallman, Acosta, DiPalma, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
{LC5400/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2860

BY Vargas, Urso, Murray, Lauria, Mack, DiMario, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Requires the department of health to implement a tobacco control program that incorporates evidence-based best practices for tobacco prevention and cessation to prevent tobacco-related diseases and diminish tobacco use in the state.)
{LC5853/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2861

(Dept. of Health)

BY Appollonio, Thompson, Burke, Dimitri, Patalano, de la Cruz, LaMountain, Mack, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS (Allows electronic notifications modernize language for notifications, synchronize renewal dates for certain license-types, streamline licensing requirements across several license-types, and update the unlicensed health care practices statute.)
{LC5343/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2862

BY Vargas, Quezada, Murray, Bell, Urso, Lauria, Thompson, DiMario, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Allows foreign-trained dentists and dental hygienists to obtain limited licenses if they graduate from reputable dental colleges or universities, work under a supervising dentist, and pass a board-approved exam.)
{LC5298/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2863

BY Murray, Valverde, Gu, Urso, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Lauria, Ujifusa, Vargas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires the state, and private insurers that cover prescription hormone therapy, to dispense twelve (12) months' worth of the prescription as a single prescription.)
{LC5388/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2864

BY Vargas, Lauria, Murray, Urso, Thompson, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Mandates health insurance coverage by eliminating out-of-pocket costs for lung cancer screenings in order to enable patients to get the critical care they need without delay.)
{LC3699/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2865

BY de la Cruz, Rogers
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (Repeals the certificate of need process statutes which are used by the department of health to determine the need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services.)
{LC5384/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2866

BY Valverde, Lauria, Murray, DiMario, Acosta, Ujifusa, Euer, Thompson, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (Expands the existing law regarding
collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians to allow other healthcare
providers to enter into such agreements and removes the definition of “collaborative practice
committee.”)
{LC4372/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2867

BY Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --
CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION
ACT (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the
process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.)
{LC5696/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2868

BY Valverde, Lauria, Urso, Acosta, Ujifusa, Euer, Thompson, DiMario, Murray, Gallo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS (Increases continuing education requirements for physician assistants, removes
restrictions of PAs to render charitable care and aid for school and youth programs or cardiac
arrest and removes restrictive covenants as to ownership by a PA.)
{LC4773/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2869

BY Valverde, DiMario, Lauria, Murray, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMBRYO SAFETY AND
STORAGE ACT (Creates the “Embryo Safety and Storage Act of 2025.” Also requires the
department of health to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.)
{LC5517/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2870**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT (Requires any licensed lab performing blood lead analyses of a child under 6 to be certified by the director and said laboratory must perform this test regardless of the child or child's parent's ability to pay and at no cost.)

{LC5525/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2871**BY** Murray, Thompson, Valverde, Gu, Urso, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Gallo, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.)

{LC5595/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2872**BY** Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Vargas, Acosta, Mack, Felag, Ciccone, Urso, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT (Requires certain health care facilities to allow a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within the health care facility, subject to certain restrictions.)

{LC5300/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2873**BY** DiPalma, Thompson, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Require inspection and evaluation of indoor air quality in public schools, departments of health shall establish and recommend thresholds and rates for environmental conditions.)

{LC5458/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2874**BY** DiPalma, Valverde, Ujifusa, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Creates the position of dementia services coordinator within the department of health to coordinate the departments' approach to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.)

{LC5719/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2875**BY** Mack, Lauria, Valverde, Ujifusa**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.)

{LC5562/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2876**BY** Murray, Thompson, Appollonio, Britto, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde**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.)

{LC5579/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2877**BY** Murray, Thompson, Appollonio, Britto, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2027.)

{LC5543/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2878

(EOHHS)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.)

{LC5190/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2879**BY** DiPalma, Murray, Ciccone, Valverde, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRIMARY CARE PRESERVATION ACT (Prohibits health insurance companies or other payors from including in physician participation agreements any provisions that restrict or prevent a physician from charging patients reasonable administrative or operational fees to support overhead.)

{LC4463/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2880**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the executive office of health and human services to consider a new element when reviewing the appropriate Medicaid payments to be paid to nursing facilities.)

{LC5531/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2881**BY** Murray, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSE OF NATUROPATHY ACT OF 2017 (Changes the naming of doctor of naturopathy to naturopathic doctor within this chapter.)

{LC5736/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2882**BY** Thompson, Murray, Urso, Mack, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORTS ACT OF 2026 (Ensures that more developmentally disabled adults can self-direct the care they need and want, by incorporating collective bargaining rights into the self-directed supports program.)

{LC5270/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2883

(DCYF)

BY Murray, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LICENSING AND MONITORING OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, CHILD CARING AGENCIES, FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE HOMES, AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS (Authorizes the department of children, youth and families to license mobile response and stabilization services (MRSS).)

{LC5367/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2884**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004--HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT (Requires health insurance commissioner to conduct a review of health insurance benefit mandates, including an analysis of the impact on premium costs, conducted every 5 yrs and report findings and recommendations to governor, senate president and speaker.)

{LC5494/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2885

(Dept. of Health)

BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Patalano, Dimitri, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS ABATEMENT (Removes obsolete language and clarifies asbestos abatement and radon control requirements.)

{LC5348/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2886**BY** DiPalma, Murray, DiMario, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY WAYS TO MAXIMIZE REVENUE FOR CHILD WELFARE AND CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES (Establishes a twenty-seven (27) member joint commission to study ways to maximize revenue for child welfare and children's behavioral health services.)

{LC5261/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2887**BY** Burke, Felag, Tikoian, Patalano, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES-DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE (Clarifies the manner in which certain dental insurance benefits are paid directly to the provider.)

{LC5934/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2888**BY** Valverde, Lauria, Quezada, Acosta, Urso, Ujifusa, Euer, Thompson, DiMario, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Sets conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies, including education approved by the state board of pharmacy.)

{LC4622/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2889**BY** LaMountain, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Prescriptions for testosterone not allowed to be transmitted or reported within the prescription drug monitoring database and removes from the records all existing information concerning prior testosterone prescriptions.)

{LC5515/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2890**BY** Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Vargas, Lauria, Valverde, Appollonio, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE (Mandates health insurance coverage for medically necessary hormonal and non-hormonal therapy to treat menopausal symptoms if the therapy is recommended by a qualified health care provider licensed in RI and it has been proven safe and effective.)

{LC5178/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2891

(Dept. of Health)

BY Urso, Ciccone, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE

MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Clarifies and updates language in the office of state medical examiners statute to address outdated or ambiguous language, outdated practices, outdated position titles/qualifications, and ensure compliance with federal HIPAA requirements.)

{LC5345/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2892**BY** Gu, DiPalma, Valverde, Tikoian, Vargas, Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Paolino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD-AS-MEDICINE

PILOT PROGRAM (Establishes a food as medicine pilot program and task force to be administered by the executive office of health and human services.)

{LC5423/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2893**BY** Thompson, Murray, Dimitri, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT (Requires landlords to register certain information for residential properties constructed prior to 1978 with the department of health on a statewide registry and defines which information may be viewed on a public database.)

{LC5269/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2894

(by request)

BY DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Allows the town of Tiverton to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)
{LC5244/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2895**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Allows the town of Smithfield to determine its density bonuses based upon its underlying zoning.)
{LC5941/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2896**BY** McKenney, Bissaillon, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP (Clarifies how condominium insurance deductibles and unpaid losses are divided between associations and unit owners, require owners to insure units if associations do not, and allow boards to manage and use insurance proceeds for repairs.)
{LC5233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2897**BY** Quezada, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of MAP Behavioral Health Services, Inc. and MAP Development Corporation, located in the city of Providence.)
{LC5975/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2898**BY** Famiglietti, Dimitri, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Allows the town of North Providence to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)
{LC5992/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2899**BY** McKenney, Raptakis, Britto, Zurier, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Amends various sections of the condominium law to enhance transparency and establish a condominium ombudsman.)
{LC5047/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2900**BY** Valverde, Ujifusa, Gu, Famiglietti, Lauria, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Restricts increases in monthly common expenses and limit special assessments to cover unforeseen costs not included in the condo association's approved annual budget for common expenses where the minority of the units are deed-restricted units.)
{LC5569/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2901**BY** Mack, DiMario, Kallman, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE (Allows for a tenant to withhold payment of rent and deposit the rent accruing into an escrow bearing account, upon the issuance of a second notice of violation by an enforcing officer for any state or local minimum housing code enforcement agency.)
{LC3415/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2902

BY Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Gu, Vargas, Mack, McKenney, Pearson, Euer, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CAPACITY TO HOLD REAL ESTATE (Precludes a legal entity from owning property whose value is over \$25,000,000. If the property value exceeds \$25,000,000, then the entity must divest a graduated yearly amount over the next 10 years, until value is less than \$25,000,000.)
{LC5476/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2903

BY Gu, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, McKenney, Euer, Thompson, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Residential and Commercial Property Acquisition Program Act to implement residential or commercial property acquisitions, paired with funding for relocation costs within or proximate to the current community.)
{LC5574/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2904

BY Gu, Lauria, Euer, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES (Advances the interests of older Rhode Islanders by adding a representative of an aging adult organization to the state planning council and a permanent committee on aging to the state planning council.)
{LC5035/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2905

BY Euer, Mack, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Gu, Kallman, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DECARBONIZATION DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2026 (Creates the multi-unit residential decarbonization initiative program to provide funding for feasibility studies to convert large, multi-family residential units to non-emitting renewable geothermal energy.)
{LC5475/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Resolution No. 2906**BY** Valverde, Kallman, DiMario, Gu, Bissaillon, Quezada, Mack**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY CURRENT CONDOMINIUM LAW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ONGOING AFFORDABILITY OF CONDOMINIUMS IN RHODE ISLAND (Creates a 16-member commission to study current condominium law and provide recommendations for improvements, and who would report back to the General Assembly by December 31, 2027, and would expire on March 15, 2028.)

{LC5528/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2907**BY** Gu, Bissaillon, Burke, Mack, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Clarifies the means by which attached single-family dwelling units may be created, recorded, and regulated as subdivisions of an existing lot under current zoning ordinance law.)

{LC5536/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2908**BY** Thompson, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Reduces the newspaper advertising notice requirements for amendments to zoning ordinances and planning board meetings from three (3) weeks to two (2) weeks.)

{LC5751/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2909**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Allows for building inspectors to conduct "virtual inspections" or utilize photographic evidence, at the building official's discretion, from time to time during and upon completion of the work for which the building official has issued a permit.)

{LC5762/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2910**BY** McKenney, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Murray, Quezada, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW (Requires condominium associations to conduct structural surveys and reserve studies, fund reserves at 15%, and plan for repairs.)

{LC5572/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2911**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Felag, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT (Permits property owners or contractors to utilize an independent building inspector if the municipality's building inspector does not inspect the property within twenty days of notification.)

{LC5516/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2912**BY** Bissaillon, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY (Amends the definition of abandoned property by imposing the requirement that the building owner be notified of the violation and has failed to address such violations in the timeframes set forth in the notice of violation or court order.)

{LC5851/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2913**BY** Vargas, Famiglietti, Patalano, Urso, Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY (Provides that no train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons and includes the imposition of fines upon a company, individual or business for violations.)

{LC5885/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2914**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Authorizes the town of Smithfield, if an aggregate of two hundred fifty (250) or more units should be proposed in comprehensive permit project(s), to enact an emergency moratorium until the permit requirement of § 45-53-4 are amended.)
{LC5943/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2915**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES (Permits Smithfield to require 2 parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.)
{LC5942/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2916**BY** Thompson, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) with respect to municipal taxes.)
{LC5829/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2917**BY** Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Allows the town of Smithfield to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)
{LC5993/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government.

Senate Bill No. 2918**BY** Thompson, Murray, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES (Allows nonprofit organizations to participate in permitted games of chance upon registering with the state police on an annual basis. The nonprofit would be exempt from any required background checks by local law enforcement.)

{LC5755/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2919**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES (Spells out what a public works project includes and the requirements of this section shall apply to all such public works projects.)

{LC4460/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Resolution No. 2920**BY** Pearson, Mack, Gallo, Tikoian, Lauria, Kallman, Euer, Zurier**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING STATE AGENCIES TO EXPAND ACCESS TO RETIREMENT ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR RHODE ISLAND STATE EMPLOYEES TO ENSURE A SECURE AND DIGNIFIED RETIREMENT

{LC5199/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2921**BY** Murray, Thompson, Gu, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Changes the definition of employee to include individuals employed in the domestic service of any person.)

{LC5660/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2922

(Lietenant Governor)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CENTER FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP (Establishes the Rhode Island center for employee ownership to facilitate businesses in transitioning to an employee-owned business model.)

{LC4777/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2923**BY** Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Ciccone, Tikoian, E Morgan, Dimitri, Appollonio, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Increases the minimum hourly wage commencing January 1, 2029, by an amount equal to the total percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Northeast Region for the calendar year 2027.)

{LC5884/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2924**BY** Thompson, Patalano, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT (Allows employees, not represented by a union, to create a group to collectively bargain with employers.)

{LC5876/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2925**BY** Burke, Ciccone, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides that all contractual provisions in a firefighters collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.)

{LC5951/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2926**BY** Murray, Thompson, DiPalma, Ciccone, Acosta, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Mandates any contract for capital improvements at any healthcare facility adhere to the requirements of chapter 13 of title 37.)

{LC5724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2927**BY** Vargas, Thompson, LaMountain, Quezada, Lauria, DiPalma, Pearson, Kallman, Mack, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides that Rhode Island state employees be eligible for temporary disability insurance effective January 1, 2027.)

{LC5296/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2928**BY** Vargas, Quezada, Lauria, Bell, Appollonio, Urso, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Requires employers to provide full-time employees four (4) hours of paid leave once a year to donate blood through and any approved blood donation program.)

{LC5317/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2929

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Burke, Felag, Tikoian, Patalano, Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (Eliminates the "until June 30, 2026" sunset on the increase in the total amount of earnings a partial-unemployment insurance claimant can receive before being entirely disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits.)

{LC5369/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2930**BY** Mack, Quezada, Acosta, Bell, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES (Provides that commencing January 1, 2027, the minimum wage shall be twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per hour.)

{LC5499/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2931

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Patalano, Dimitri, Appollonio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ELECTRICIANS (Transfers authority over the examination and licensing of telecommunications professionals to the state board of examiners of electricians and amends the composition of that body to require the inclusion of a telecommunications professional.)

{LC5373/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2932**BY** Thompson, Kallman, Patalano, Famiglietti, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES (Makes construction contractors civilly liable and/or jointly civilly liable for any claims of wage theft or nonpayment from an employee against the contractor, its subcontractors and any subcontractor.)

{LC4738/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2933**BY** Valverde, DiMario, Famiglietti, Euer, Mack, Gu, McKenney, Paolino, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE (Allows the dismissal of a teacher after the March 1 deadline if there is gross misconduct by a teacher upon a student. This act would allow the notice to be given at any time and will not have time constraints.)

{LC5532/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2934**BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT (Allows a different minimum salary schedule for Providence public school teachers and provides a process for the dismissal and demotion of teachers. The reconstitution and control of the Providence public schools would terminate on June 30, 2026.)

{LC5293/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Education.

Senate Bill No. 2935**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Famiglietti, Thompson, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS (Allows a police officer to be reemployed by a state agency or department for purposes of working a state-funded detail subject to certain restrictions.)

{LC5978/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Labor and Gaming.

Senate Bill No. 2936**BY** Burke, LaMountain, Gallo, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT (Moves North Kingstown from the third division of the district court to the fourth division to better balance case workloads among the divisions.)

{LC5281/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2937**BY** Tikoian, LaMountain, Quezada, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (For purposes of the judicial security act permits an authorized agent to file a written notice with a state, county, or municipal agency on behalf of a protected individual.)

{LC5282/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2938

BY Euer, Mack, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson, Quezada, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Permits RI Supreme Court Committee on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, in consultation with RI Bar Association and its Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, to appoint members of JNC and requires judicial candidates to disclose political donations.)
{LC5511/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2939

BY Euer, Mack, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson, Quezada, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS-- FAMILY COURT (Requires that the chief judge of the family court in appointing magistrates do so in accordance with the judicial selection and nomination process set forth in chapter 16.1 of title 8.)
{LC5522/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2940

BY Vargas, LaMountain, Quezada, Bell, DiMario, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Bissaillon, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- FAMILY COURT (Establishes full-time juvenile hearing board coordinator to provide support and assistance to municipal juvenile hearing boards across the state. Any juvenile charged with a misdemeanor and who is a first offender, shall be referred to the hearing board.)
{LC5844/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2941

BY Vargas, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- RESTRAINT OF JUVENILES (Limits use of restraints on juveniles in transport and court proceedings to safety or escape risks, requires least restrictive methods, and mandates reporting on when and why restraints were used.)
{LC5319/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2942**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUPER SPEEDER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (Establishes the Super Speeder Accountability Act to be used as a sentencing option or enhancement for drivers charged with certain driving violations.)
{LC4465/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2943**BY** LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Removes the forfeiture provision for a first offense eluding law enforcement in a high speed pursuit. It would also require that forfeiture of a motor vehicle for a violation of § 31-27-4.1(2) be allowed only after conviction of that offense.)
{LC4355/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2944**BY** Thompson, Famiglietti**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT (Requires businesses that conduct business to register and maintain required filings with the secretary of state so that consumers and small businesses may readily identify responsible parties, verify good standing, and effectuate service of process.)
{LC5869/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2945

(DCYF)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Dimitri, Patalano, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Adds staff of day camps and residential camps for youth to the definition of "person responsible for a child's welfare" within the chapter on abused and neglected children.)
{LC5362/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2946

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Murray, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Rogers, Thompson

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

{LC5323/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2947

BY Euer, Mack, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson, Quezada, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION (Requires the JNC to establish standardized merit-based selection process and that applications be evaluated according to uniform, job-related criteria adopted in advance and published on the commission's website.)

{LC5513/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2948

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Allows the medical advisory board to suspend the license of an operator-- authorizes the medical advisory board to order an operator to use an interlock ignition system.)

{LC5839/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2949

BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS (Updates, streamlines the law regarding loss or suspension of license by the DMV, and eliminates the provisions that the division may suspend a license for reckless or negligent operation of a motor vehicle or for frequency of offense.)

{LC5840/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2950

BY Urso, Famiglietti, Vargas, Dimitri, Ujifusa, de la Cruz, LaMountain, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT -- HEALTHCARE INVESTMENT BOND REQUIREMENT (Mandates private equity companies or real estate investment trusts (REIT) seeking to invest in healthcare providers or provider-sponsored organizations in this state, submit a notice of material change with the AG and deposit a bond with the DOH.)
{LC5377/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2951

BY Kallman, Britto, DiMario, Zurier, Gu, Lauria, Ciccone, Acosta, Bissaillon, McKenney
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RANKED CHOICE VOTING (Establishes a system of ranked choice voting whenever a municipality's charter amendment is approved by its voters.)
{LC5119/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2952

BY DiMario, Vargas, Mack, Zurier, Murray, Valverde, Euer, Kallman, Acosta, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING -- YOUTH TRAUMA-INFORMED POLICING (Requires police commission on standards/training to provide training/instructions for police detectives/officers/trainees to deal with traumatized youth resulting from incidents requiring a law enforcement response.)
{LC5843/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2953

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides immunity for mediators and staff employed by the family court in the family court mediation program from financial liability for certain claims arising out of their participation in the program.)
{LC5280/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2954**BY** McKenney, Gu, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION RESCINDING ALL PRIOR ARTICLE V CONVENTION APPLICATIONS (Cancels and nullifies all prior applications by the general assembly calling for a constitutional convention.)

{LC5231/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2955**BY** McKenney, Euer**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.)

{LC5276/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2956**BY** E Morgan, Raptakis, Rogers, Dimitri, Gu, Urso, Thompson, Paolino, Ciccone, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TITLE FRAUD PREVENTION ACT (Provides measures to prevent title fraud by authorizing the recorder of deeds to require the production of a government-issued photographic identification card before recording a deed or certain other instruments.)

{LC5519/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2957**BY** Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Famiglietti, LaMountain, Gallo, Thompson, Dimitri, Ciccone, Patalano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION (Adds school superintendents, central office officials, school principals, and all other school employees, to the definition of a "public official" for purposes of the criminal prohibition against making threats to public officials.)

{LC5891/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2958**BY** DiPalma, Lauria, DiMario, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires shooting ranges to post signs in any area in which shooting occurs that contain the following language: "WARNING: If you or a loved one is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline or text "HOME" to 741741.)

{LC5507/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2959**BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Tolls the statute of limitations for causes of action arising out of business activities conducted in this state by a person or entity required to register with the secretary of state but failing to do so, until such person or entity becomes registered.)

{LC5867/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2960**BY** Thompson, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS (Eliminates fingerprinting fees for licensed childcare hires, require background checks for youth activity instructors, and allow active TS/SCI clearance to satisfy criminal background check requirements.)

{LC5589/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2961

(by request)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Mack, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to remove the current requirement to express cannabinoids as the dry-weight percentages.)

{LC4962/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2962

(by request)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Mack, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to eliminate the statutorily required subcommittees under the cannabis advisory board.)

{LC4961/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2963

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION (Removes the provision not allowing to publicly post or display the personal information of any protected individual or immediate family member without first obtaining permission.)

{LC5647/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2964

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Vargas, Bissaillon, Mack, McKenney, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Makes persons convicted of petty misdemeanors and convicted of simple possession of controlled substances, eligible to have their records expunged three years after completion of their sentence.)

{LC5679/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2965

BY Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- UNIFORM ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT (Allows a party to condition a transaction by electronic means on their stated desire to obtain and receive a written copy of the document in English or Spanish before electronic execution of the agreement or performance is required of the party.)

{LC5526/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2966**BY** Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Ujifusa, Bell, Quezada, Vargas, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- PERMITTING VIRTUAL OR REMOTE COURT HEARINGS (Permits all Rhode Island courts to conduct hearings remotely and allow any party or attorney to appear by telephone or video conference, with remote appearances having the same legal effect as in-person appearances.)
{LC4288/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2967**BY** Mack, Acosta, Quezada, Euer, Kallman, Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LIMITATIONS ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION (Bars state and local police from joining federal immigration enforcement programs, limits holding people on detainer without judicial warrants, and requires tracking and reporting of requests.)
{LC5549/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2968**BY** DiPalma, Gu, Zurier, Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION ACT (Creates the Rhode Island Social Media Regulation act, which would not permit a Rhode Island resident who is a minor to be an account holder on a social media's platform unless the minor has the express consent of a parent or guardian.)
{LC4225/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2969**BY** Raptakis, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Patalano, Appollonio, Dimitri, McKenney, Rogers, Paolino, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- USE OF CROSSWALKS, INTERSECTIONS AND SAFETY ZONES (Prohibits solicitation of money or other donations while an individual is standing or sitting in a crosswalk, intersection or safety zone.)
{LC5826/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2970

(Attorney General)

BY McKenney, Raptakis, Zurier, Tikoian, Burke, Bissaillon, Britto, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Requires that any person convicted of a charge of driving under the influence or refusal to submit to a chemical test, have an ignition interlock system installed in their vehicle as part of any sentence before being eligible for a license reinstatement.)
{LC4724/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2971

BY Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Acosta, Ujifusa, Euer, DiMario, Urso, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SUICIDE PREVENTION-VOLUNTARY FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ACT (Creates process for individual to voluntarily be either temporarily or indefinitely added to a list restricting their rights to purchase or possess firearms. Adds civil fines and misdemeanor for violations.)
{LC4796/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2972

BY Mack, Kallman, DiMario, Bissaillon, Murray, Gu
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.)
{LC3395/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2973

BY Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Gu, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.)
{LC5287/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2974**BY** LaMountain, Felag, Burke**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.)

{LC5279/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2975**BY** McKenney**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.)

{LC5278/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2976**BY** de la Cruz, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE (Requires state agency cited in reports of the child fatality review panel to provide child advocate, speaker, senate president and governor with written response within 180 days addressing implementation of report recommendations.)

{LC5351/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2977**BY** Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, DiMario**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.)

{LC5500/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2978

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Felag, Urso, Pearson, Vargas, LaMountain, DiPalma, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE,
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW

(Provides that advanced practice registered nurses have the same immunity from liability as physicians and surgeons.)

{LC4967/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2979

BY McKenney, Murray, Gu, DiMario, Bissaillon, Gallo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE
ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- OF

QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE (Proposes a state constitutional amendment to provide no person could hold office as general officer unless that person was a resident and a registered voter in the State of Rhode Island for at least 2 years, continuously, prior to taking office.)

{LC5230/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2980

BY Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Thompson, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, DiMario, Zurier

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.)

{LC5983/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2981

BY Valverde, McKenney, DiMario, Lauria, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME

(Makes it unnecessary to prove that a person's transmission of electronic communications be for the sole purpose of harassment before being found guilty of cyberstalking or cyberharassment.)

{LC5462/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2982**BY** Valverde, Dimitri, Lauria, Acosta, LaMountain, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

{LC5482/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2983**BY** Quezada, LaMountain, Bissaillon, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Mack, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS (Permits the expungement of records 5 years after the imposition of sentence for misdemeanors and 10 years after the imposition of sentence for felonies, and if the sentence is greater than 10 years, then, upon successful completion of the sentence.)

{LC5680/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2984**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, DiMario, Murray, Britto, Lauria, Acosta, Valverde, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Repeals 42-56-38.1 and requires the department of corrections to provide free communication services to inmates and juveniles held in residential placement or detention centers and requires that those facilities provide in-person contact visits.)

{LC5312/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2985**BY** Quezada, Pearson, Mack, Euer, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT (Allows for the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault reporting forms by law enforcement agencies, enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms, and clarifies that the reporting forms should be submitted monthly.)

{LC5275/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2986

(DMV)

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.)

{LC5195/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2987

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Felag, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Prohibits the state from seeking reimbursement for expenditures made on behalf of disabled Rhode Islanders from an ABLE account after the death of the designated beneficiary.)

{LC4669/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2988

(General Treasurer)

BY Ciccone, Felag, LaMountain, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.)

{LC4668/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2989**BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- THE EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT AND BUDGET EQUITY IMPACT ACT (Establishes a two-year pilot program, from January 2027 to December 2028, to incorporate equity impact statements into the legislative process for both the House and Senate chamber.)

{LC5498/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2990**BY** LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST (Designates certain program workers and shift coordinators at the training school as peace officers while on duty.)

{LC5729/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2991**BY** Mack, Kallman, Acosta, Valverde, Ujifusa, Bell**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE BODY CAMERAS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES ACT -- THE WILLIE WASHINGTON, JR. ACT (Mandates all department of corrections staff with direct supervision roles to wear body cameras while on duty in their assigned facility.)

{LC3391/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2992**BY** LaMountain, Murray, Burke, Bissaillon, Urso, Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND GENDER-AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE DATA PRIVACY ACT (Creates the reproductive health and gender-affirming healthcare data privacy act.)

{LC5727/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Resolution No. 2993**BY** Mack, Kallman, Acosta**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION 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, 2027, and expire on April 5, 2027.)

{LC3398/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 2994**BY** Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Allows for the issuance of a Class B or Class B-H liquor license for the property located at 349 Main Street in the town of South Kingstown.)

{LC5552/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2995**BY** DiPalma**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES (Updates disability parking space signage and enables municipalities to participate in the parking mobility app program where individuals submit photos on the app of vehicles parked in spaces designated for individuals with disabilities.)

{LC5540/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2996

(National Guard)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Gallo, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

{LC5436/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2997**BY** E Morgan, Raptakis, Rogers, Patalano, Dimitri, Felag, Urso, Thompson, Paolino, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VETERANS IDENTIFICATION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (Provide services for veterans in the criminal justice system ensuring disclosure and connections with federal and state resources.)

{LC5518/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2998

BY Dimitri, Famiglietti, Thompson, Patalano, Urso, Raptakis, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS (Requires any contractor performing construction or maintenance for RIDOT, RITBA or any other construction on any state roads have in place an attenuator truck/crash truck with an operational camera.)

{LC5655/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 2999

BY Dimitri, Patalano, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND MOTOR VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Allows any vehicle eligible for registration with a gross weight of under eight thousand eight hundred pounds (8,800 lbs.) as long it is accompanied by a registrant's affidavit declaring it would not be used for commercial purposes.)

{LC5845/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3000

BY Lauria, DiMario, Tikoian, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, Mack, Acosta, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Requires licensed retailers authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to provide a lid to a consumer upon request.)

{LC5090/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3001

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- BURIAL OF VETERANS (Provides that certain Hmong or Lao veterans who served honorably in military operations in support of the United States as special guerrilla units be granted burial rights at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery.)

{LC4233/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3002

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY McKenney

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

{LC5447/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3003

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS (Authorizes the committees of the general assembly to allow members of the public to provide testimony remotely.)

{LC5856/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3004

BY Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY (Authorizes the town of Scituate to issue a total of three (3) Class A liquor licenses.)

{LC5957/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 3005

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM PRODUCTS (Permits dealers without a distributor's license to resell cigars, and ultra premium pipe tobacco, excluding pipe tobacco intended for cigarettes, to other dealers.)

{LC4717/1}

Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Senator Tikoian, seconded by Senate Majority Leader Ciccone, the Senate adjourns at 4:56 o'clock P.M.

HELENA S. REID
Secretary of the Senate

Appendix

INVOCATION

SENATOR TODD M. PATALANO

Dear Lord, as senators we have a great responsibility to our constituents. Help us to emulate your example of patience, respect, and kindness to all, as we strive to solve the problems, and improve the lives, of those we serve. Amen.

State of Rhode Island



Senate Chamber

VOTE BY PROXY

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Pursuant to Rule 8.13 of the Rules of the Senate for the Years 2025-2026, and with your consent, I hereby cast my vote by proxy on the following matter before the Senate:

2026-H

2026-S

(Bill Number)

Consent Calendar

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

* If voting on a Consent Calendar or Bill Bundle, please attach a copy

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Susan Sosnowski

Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date 03/03/26

Senate District 37

NOTARY

State of Rhode Island
County of Providence

On this 3rd day of March, 2026 before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Senator V. Susan Sosnowski, personally known to me to be the person whose name is signed on this document in my presence.

Helena S. Reid
Notary Public Signature

Helena S. Reid
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