

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**JOURNAL**  
**-OF THE-**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Fifteenth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, February 12, 2015 and is called to order at 4:19 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 72:** The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lancia, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield

**ABSENT – 3:** Representatives Lima, Malik, Trillo.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative McKiernan who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Wednesday February 11, 2015 is approved.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Speaker Mattiello has appointed the following members to the Joint Municipal Shared Services Study Commission:

Representative David Coughlin

Representative Kathleen Fogarty

Received and placed on file.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5406**

**BY** Hearn

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Increases from 3 to 5 years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct update of last real property revaluation.) {LC1150/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5407**

**BY** Shekarchi, Ackerman, Lally, Morin, Lancia

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (Authorizes connection to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across city and town lines under certain circumstances.) {LC551/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5408**

**BY** Craven, Morin, Keable

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- OUTDOOR ADVERTISING (Allows a change in outdoor advertisement copy by means of trivision technology or other equivalent technology without approval by the department of transportation or the federal highway administration.) {LC996/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 5409**

**BY** Morin, Newberry, Carson, Casey, Phillips

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL (Grants the director of the department of environmental management the authority to issue emergency temporary refuse transfer licenses to existing collection stations or recycle centers.) {LC1258/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5410****BY** MacBeth, McLaughlin, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS - FIRE DRILLS (Permits school building principals to delay holding fire and emergency egress evacuation drills in the months of December, January, and February.) {LC1402/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5411****BY** Palangio, Williams, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION (Requires state board of education approval of driver education courses for new drivers.) {LC1184/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5412****BY** Amore, Regunberg, Keable, Naughton, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the department of education to analyze certain costs to the state and municipalities which costs were incurred in conducting annual assessments of student performance.) {LC1168/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5413****BY** Gallison, Azzinaro, Solomon, Abney, Messier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - BURIAL OF VETERANS (Prohibits the walking of any domestic animal on the grounds of the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Exeter with an exception for certified service dogs.) {LC1157/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

**House Bill No. 5414****BY** Keable, Lally, Serpa, Shekarchi, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Requires a court of competent jurisdiction to order the appointment of an animal care advocate where animal cruelty is at issue.) {LC1233/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5415****BY** Hearn, Marcello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIAL ACT (Creates the "Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act" for the purpose of regulating the official publication of legal material in an electronic record.) {LC1144/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5416****BY** Craven, O'Grady, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT (Broadens the immunity from prosecution under the Good Samaritan Overdose Prevention Act and would eliminate the sunset provision.) {LC1366/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5417****BY** Almeida, Diaz, McKiernan, Solomon, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Makes certain disorderly conduct offenses subject to a fine of \$500 only, while maintaining the current sanctions for disorderly conduct offenses involving lascivious purposes and disorderly conduct cases involving domestic violence.) {LC652/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5418****BY** Marcello, Hearn, Nunes**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY (Restricts the tort liability of city, town or fire district employees or officials to those acts or omissions not performed within the scope of their employment or if actual fraud, malice or willful misconduct is involved.) {LC352/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5419****BY** Keable, Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT (Eliminates the responsibility of the division of public buildings, and department of administration to acquire suitable courtrooms for the sessions of the district court.) {LC1224/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5420****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow John A. Murphy, Esq. to join Joseph L. Gadreault III and Jan Carlos Estrella in marriage on or about September 6, 2015, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.) {LC1333/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary**House Bill No. 5421****BY** Price**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Frank Bellistri to join Ashley Lynn Choquette and Kevin James Wright in marriage on or about June 20, 2015, within the Town of Richmond, Rhode Island.) {LC1330/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5422****BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Marshall, Azzinaro, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TELEMEDICINE

REIMBURSEMENT ACT (Requires health insurance policies, plans or contracts to include provisions for the reimbursement to telemedicine services.) {LC993/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5423****BY** Kennedy, Tanzi, Azzinaro, Ruggiero, Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - WEATHER RELATED LOSSES

(Limits large windstorm insurance deductibles on commercial property insurance policies, and would also prohibit insurers from terminating commercial policies solely due to damages sustained from a catastrophic event.) {LC1265/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5424****BY** Hearn, Nunes, Marcello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES

(Prohibits any person under twenty-one (21) years of age from a nightclub where alcoholic beverages are served.) {LC1147/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5425****BY** Regunberg, Ackerman, Bennett, Morin, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MEANINGFUL ACCESS TO

ACCURATE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES (Requires health insurers to maintain accurate and up-to-date directories of all in-network providers, and to provide that information to plan enrollees. This act would take effect upon passage.) {LC1160/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5426****BY** Craven, Canario, Keable**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - RHODE

ISLAND WELL DRILLING CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW (Gives the contractor's registration and licensing board jurisdiction over pump installers, and/or water filtration/treatment system contractors.) {LC1368/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5427**

(by request)

**BY** Morin, Shekarchi, Regunberg, Carson, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Provides that municipal insurance corporations be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation.) {LC1057/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5428****BY** Nunes, Tanzi, Roberts, Shekarchi, Hearn**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- FARMER-WINERY SALES (Permits the sale of farmer-winery products at farmers' markets statewide.) {LC1209/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5429****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM DISPUTE RESOLUTION (Establishes a voluntary arbitration proceeding for addressing the violations of condominium rules.) {LC10/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5430****BY** Roberts, Costa, Newberry, Barros, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - VETERINARY PRACTICE -- ANIMAL AS SECURITY FOR DEBT (Makes it a disciplinary offense for a veterinarian's failure to return an animal after treatment, solely because of an unpaid bill.) {LC1106/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations**House Bill No. 5431****BY** Kennedy, Filippi, Azzinaro, Price, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES (Requires reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies on or along Route 95.) {LC1271/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5432****BY** Keable, Marshall, Naughton, Carnevale, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (Provides for authorizations for services to developmentally disabled adults issued on or after July 1, 2015.) {LC1230/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5433****BY** Marcello, Hearn, Nunes, Fellela, Serpa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX (Gradually and annually reduces the minimum corporate tax from five hundred dollars (\$500) in 2014 taxable year to zero (0) in 2019 and thereafter.) {LC119/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 5434****BY** Regunberg, Morin, Tanzi, Ajello, Marshall**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION {LC1183/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5435**

**BY** Tanzi, Solomon, Barros, Kazarian, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (This act would require the state to pay for the education of students placed in group homes outside of their municipality.) {LC397/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5436**

**BY** Tanzi, Fogarty, Carson, Marshall, Gallison

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT - SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA (Freezes the amount of education aid for local school agencies that are scheduled to receive less aid under the funding formula. The education aid would be frozen at the rate provided in fiscal year 2015 for a period of three (3) years.) {LC398/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5437**

**BY** Almeida, Carnevale, Morin, Canario, Johnston

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Includes campus police officers appointed by the Rhode Island Board of Education for purposes of injured on duty benefits.) {LC1169/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5438**

**BY** Amore, Maldonado, Abney, Blazejewski, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND (Creates a two (2) year grant for qualifying students to attend the Community College of Rhode Island.) {LC1095/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5439**

**BY** Carnevale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STATE POLICE (Provides that public safety officers employed by the State of Rhode Island, be considered members of the Rhode Island State Police for purposes of retirement benefits under this chapter.) {LC1158/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5440**

**BY** Carnevale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY COMPUTATION (Exempts from the sales and use tax, the purchase and use of

telecommunication products or services that are necessary for the receipt or transmission of cable television or internet access services.) {LC1236/1}  
02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5441**

**BY** Carnevale, McKiernan, Winfield, Trillo, Almeida

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID (Permits municipalities to seek reimbursement for essential services provided to certain tax exempt properties based on pro rata basis according to the assessed value of the property serviced.) {LC1191/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 5442**

**BY** Shekarchi, Williams, Lancia, Bennett, Costa

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLOW PRIVATE BIDDERS TO PURCHASE THE NAMING OF VARIOUS STATE PROPERTIES {LC1363/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5443**

**BY** Phillips, Morin, Casey, Hull, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - PUBLIC CORPORATION DEBT MANAGEMENT (This act would provide that neither the general assembly or quasi-governmental entity shall issue any "moral obligation" bond (so called) not secured by the full faith and credit of the state without the question being approved by the voters of the state.) {LC40/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5444**

**BY** Marcello, Serpa, Hearn, Shekarchi, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES-- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Establishes a ten (10) year statute of limitations on the collection of any business tax and/or personal income tax owed to the division of taxation.) {LC354/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5445**

**BY** Nardolillo, Shekarchi, Barros, Tobon, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES (Provides that a sales price for purposes of computing sales tax would not include consideration received by a retailer from a service provider in relation to the sale of a service agreement for cellular, mobile, or wireless telephones.) {LC1200/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 5446****BY** Casey, Morin, Phillips, O'Brien, Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts from state taxation certain pension benefits that originate from another state.) {LC576/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5447****BY** Lancia, Shekarchi, Newberry, Giarrusso, Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Exempts social security income from state personal income tax.) {LC1097/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015:****1. 2015-H 5286****BY** DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**2. 2015-H 5287****BY** Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Leader DeSimone moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Leader Newberry.

The Consent Calendar prevails on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Canario, Carnevale, Carson, Casey, Chippendale, Corvese, Costa, Costantino, Coughlin, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Gallison, Giarrusso, Handy, Hearn, Johnston, Kazarian, Keable, Kennedy, Lancia, Lombardi, MacBeth, Maldonado, Marcello, Marshall, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Melo, Messier, Morgan, Morin, Nardolillo, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Brien, O'Grady, Palangio, Phillips, Price, Regunberg, Reilly, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serpa, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Williams, Winfield.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Maldonado welcomes former Representative Agostinho Silva and his wife, Mena Silva to the House Chamber.

Representative Craven announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House

Representative Casey announces that former Representative Bill San Bento sends his well wishes to the House.

Representative Giarrusso wishes a Happy "60<sup>th</sup>" Anniversary to his parents, Leonardo and Rosa Giarrusso.

### GUEST

Representatives Hull and Lombardi welcome to the House Thomas P. Whitten, former Executive Director of the John Hope Settlement House and author of the book John Hope Settlement House.

Representative Tobon welcomes to the Chamber as a guest, Charles Belk.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 5448**

**BY** Tobon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING CHARLES BELK, FOUNDER OF "FITTING THE DESCRIPTION, INC." {LC1480/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Tobon seconded by Representatives DeSimone and Melo by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Azzinaro wishes his granddaughter, Michaela Azzinaro a Happy "12<sup>th</sup>" Birthday.

Representative Williams wishes a Happy Birthday to Representative Diaz on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and wishes all members, pages and staff a Happy Valentine's Day.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Williams also welcomes to the Chamber Tom Whitten and Mr. Bell and thanks him for educating the community.

Representative Almeida also welcomes Charles Bell, Tom Whitten and Mike Harris to the House during Black History Month.

Representative Nunes welcomes to the Chamber Councilman Kerri McGee from Coventry.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Hull announces the 61<sup>st</sup> Joint Legislative Black History Month Celebration and Heritage on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. in the Senate Chamber.

Leader DeSimone announces today is the deadline for House public bill introduction. Tuesday after vacation members can get signatures and all bills have to be introduced by Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Bills introduced thereafter will be according to Rule 7D. Leader DeSimone wishes all a safe and a happy recess.

Representative Shekarchi announces that the Committee on Labor will continue its meeting at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 5449**

**BY** Handy, Mattiello, Jacquard, Lima, Lancia

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING DON DRAPE FOR HIS DEDICATED EFFORTS TO BENEFIT THE RHODE ISLAND TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM {LC1295/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Handy seconded by Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Jacquard, Lancia, McNamara, Marcello, and Ucci and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Secretary of State, and the Honorable Senate forthwith.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Honorable Speaker Mattiello thanks members for all their hard work to date and wishes everyone an enjoyable recess. Speaker Mattiello also wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Representative Handy, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5199**

**BY** Ruggiero, Blazejewski, Handy, Marshall, Canario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM (Makes changes in the timetable for public utilities commission review of electricity distribution rates under the Renewable Energy Growth Program.) {LC493/1}

02/12/2015 Placed on House Calendar (02/24/2015)

#### COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Representative Craven, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5129**

**BY** Costa, Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN (Ratifies the amendments to the North Kingstown town charter approved on November 4, 2014, to the extent such ratification is needed.) {LC564/1}

02/12/2015 Placed on House Calendar (02/24/2015)

**House Bill No. 5041****BY** Serpa, Chippendale, Roberts, Morgan, Nardolillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Ratifies amendments to Coventry Home Rule Charter adopted and approved at the November 4, 2014 general election.) {LC269/1}

02/12/2015 Placed on House Calendar (02/24/2015)

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 5450****BY** Tobon, DeSimone, Barros, Blazejewski, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - WRONGFUL ARREST - MISTAKEN IDENTITY (Requires the sealing and destruction of all arrest records and indices of arrest for those persons who are wrongfully arrested or detained by any law enforcement agency.) {LC1296/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5451**

(by request)

**BY** Tobon, Barros, Abney, Coughlin, Filippi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Subjects board of elections to provisions of APA.) {LC1462/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5452****BY** Johnston, Hull, Carnevale, O'Brien, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW - PAROLE BOARD {LC1433/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5453****BY** Gallison, Carnevale, Tanzi, Solomon, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS (Establishes registration requirements and operational restrictions for unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems, and criminalizes the invasion of privacy by use of such aircraft.) {LC980/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5454****BY** Filippi, Roberts, Blazejewski, Barros, Morgan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - AERIAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (Prohibits law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant.) {LC734/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5455**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Kennedy, Shekarchi, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Naughton**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Authorizes the attorney general and/or aggrieved persons to file a bad faith patent infringement suit seeking equitable and/or monetary relief including punitive damages in connection with frivolous patent infringement claims.) {LC1039/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5456**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Craven, Morin, Marshall, Amore, Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION (Implements the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) (Title I of Public Law 109-248).) {LC1016/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5457**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Craven, Morin, Marshall, Amore, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Provides for the transmission of a notice of violation to the arresting agency or place of presentment by the attorney general upon a finding of probable cause that a defendant is a violator of his or her bail or probation.) {LC1020/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5458**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Craven, Morin, Marshall, Amore, Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME (Prohibits the unauthorized and intentional access of another's computer with the intent to view confidential information. Violators would be guilty of a felony and subject to imprisonment for up to 5 years and a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.) {LC1055/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 5459****BY** Roberts, Nunes, Azzinaro, Abney, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REAL ID ACT {LC1328/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5460**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Amore, Fogarty, Ackerman, Gallison, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Extends the "lookback" period for third and subsequent offenses under

the driving under the influence of liquor or drugs law and the refusal to submit to a chemical test law from 5 years to 10 years.) {LC971/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5461**

**BY** Keable, Johnston, Filippi, Serpa, O`Grady

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -

MOTORCYCLES (Requires motor vehicle operator and chauffeur licenses valid for motorcycle operation, to state so conspicuously.) {LC1223/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Resolution No. 5462**

**BY** Filippi, Blazejewski, Lancia, Nardolillo, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS--A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT THROUGH INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING FOR GENERAL OFFICERS AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS' ELECTION)

(Proposed constitutional amendment that would require all winning candidates for general office and general assembly elections receive a majority of the votes, with an instant runoff voting system if no initial majority of votes is received.) {LC1072/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5463**

**BY** Keable

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION

(Makes certain changes and technical corrections regarding the internal references to other provisions of the general laws.) {LC685/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5464**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Kennedy, Ackerman, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, Naughton

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Criminalizes residential mortgage fraud.) {LC1022/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5465**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Edwards, Reilly, Canario, Gallison, O`Grady

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Reduces the time for filing a foreclosure deed from 15 days, and require mortgagees to file copies of foreclosure notices with city or town clerks and appoint an agent for service of process. Requires holders of vacant property to provide for maintenance.) {LC1053/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5466**

(Attorney General)

**BY** O'Brien, Palangio, Amore, Slater, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases the imprisonment penalty for a malicious injury or killing of an animal from 2 to 5 years. Also, imposes an additional assessment if it can be proven that the convicted person is found to have committed said offense in the presence of a child.)

{LC1041/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5467**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Fogarty, Amore, Johnston, Hull, Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMPUTER CRIME

(Provides that "conduct" for the purposes of cyberstalking would be defined as "a single act which causes a person to be repeatedly contacted by others or two (2) or more acts over a period of time, evidencing a continuity of purpose.") {LC973/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5468**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Marcello, Kazarian, Coughlin, Tanzi, Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND WHITE COLLAR CRIME UNIT (Establishes a public corruption and white collar crime unit within the department of the attorney general for the purpose of

prosecuting breaches of the public trust.) {LC1006/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5469**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Marcello, Coughlin, Tanzi, Costa, Reilly**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CRIME AGAINST THE

PUBLIC TRUST (Establishes crimes against the public trust and criminal penalties and civil damages for illegal trust offenses. It would set a 10 year criminal statute of limitations and provide for possible pension revocation or reduction for any job-related felony.) {LC959/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5470**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Marcello, Kazarian, Coughlin, Tanzi, Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REPORTING OF POLITICAL

CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE VENDORS (Prohibits state vendors from making political contributions to candidates for the office responsible for awarding those state vendor contracts.)

{LC1012/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary



**House Bill No. 5471****BY** Corvese, Winfield, Carnevale, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR PRACTICES (Creates a new private cause of action against insurance companies that engage in unfair claims settlement practices and unfair and deceptive competition and practices.) {LC1382/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 5472****BY** Amore, Regunberg, O'Brien, Fogarty, O'Grady**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN (Requires a child 14 years of age to complete a training program on worker rights for a work permit. Also mandates the department of labor and training to implement said program.) {LC1206/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5473****BY** Carnevale, Johnston, Hull, Almeida, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Includes platoon structure and/or shift schedule as items covered by collective bargaining for firefighters.) {LC1507/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5474****BY** Shekarchi, Lombardi, Costa, Nunes, Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--GENERAL PROVISIONS (Makes various changes to workers' compensation provisions defining leased and temporary employees and liability and benefit changes.) {LC1359/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5475****BY** Carnevale, McKiernan, O'Brien, Serpa, Amore**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ARBITRATION -- CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS {LC1401/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Labor

**House Bill No. 5476****BY** Costantino, Ucci, Fellela, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION {LC1499/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5477****BY** Serpa, Shekarchi, O'Brien, Kazarian, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Prohibits and/or regulates the possession or sale of shark fins.) {LC1079/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Resolution No. 5478**

**BY** Carson, Almeida, Lally, Azzinaro, Naughton

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC RISK DUE TO FLOODING AND SEA RISE (Create an 11 member commission to study economic risks relating to and resulting from sea rise and flooding, and who would report back no later than January 6, 2016, and expire on February 6, 2016.) {LC1319/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5479**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Naughton, Shekarchi, Bennett, McNamara, Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- THE PERMANENT AIR QUALITY MONITORING ACT (Extends the sunset provision of the permanent air quality monitoring act until July 31, 2017.) {LC1008/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5480**

**BY** MacBeth, McLaughlin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- GEOENGINEERING (Defines and limit the use of geoengineering in the state.) {LC1438/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

**House Bill No. 5481**

**BY** Slater, Bennett, Hull, Blazejewski, Handy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES (Repeals the nurse licensure compact wherein every nurse practicing in a party state must comply with the state practice laws in which the patient is located at the time care is rendered.) {LC721/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5482**

**BY** McKiernan, O'Brien, Ruggiero, Carson, Marshall

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RHODE ISLAND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ACT OF 2008 (Requires HIE advisory commission with making strategic plan/recommendations to department of health for standards/infrastructure for EHR systems interoperability.) {LC1471/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5483**

**BY** Barros, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Maldonado, Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - CHECK CASHING {LC1314/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5484****BY** Barros, Ucci, Corvese, Fellela, Tobon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - MOTOR VEHICLE BODY REPLACEMENT PARTS (Amends the definition of the term "aftermarket part" to refer to all motor vehicle replacement parts, excluding windshields, rear and side windows, and any other vehicular glass, and amends the title of chapter 10.2 to reference the change.) {LC1059/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5485****BY** Winfield, Ucci, Blazejewski, Shekarchi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Prevents denial of health insurance coverage because injuries were sustained in a car accident.) {LC175/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5486**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Messier, Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ACT (Requires a public hearing for all insurers or health maintenance organizations who propose rates for health insurance coverage in the individual market.) {LC960/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5487****BY** Palangio, Carnevale, Gallison, Kennedy, O`Grady**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SERVICES (Creates a comprehensive regulatory scheme for transportation network companies and their services.) {LC1165/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5488****BY** Chippendale, Serpa, Amore, Handy, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Requires company providing phone, cable television or internet services to 75% of city or town to make services available to remaining 25% including broadband internet.) {LC561/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5489****BY** Roberts, Corvese, Azzinaro, Lancia, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS- TERMINATION OF WATER SERVICE (Prohibits public utilities from terminating water service between January 1, and March 31.) {LC1103/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5490**

(Attorney General)

**BY** O'Grady, Ackerman, Handy, Regunberg, Palangio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - FORM AND EFFECT OF

CONVEYANCES (Provides that all transfers of an interest in a mortgage be recorded and would prohibit the recording of mortgages and assignments in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage.) {LC975/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5491****BY** Corvese, Ucci, Winfield, Carnevale, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS (Creates two (2) classifications of full collision licensees for auto body repair facilities with the requirements for each. It would also clarify the auto body rate survey requirements.) {LC1381/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 5492****BY** Bennett, McNamara, Solomon, Amore, Naughton**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS-REGULATION OF

POWDERED CAFFEINE (Prohibits the sale of powdered caffeine to any person under the age of twenty-one years of age and would prohibit the possession of powdered caffeine by anyone in that age group.) {LC1155/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5493**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Melo, Johnston, Winfield, Ucci, Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the sale of liquid used by humans in electronic delivery systems unless packaged in child-resistant packaging.) {LC1013/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Resolution No. 5494****BY** Barros, Abney, Almeida, Tobon, Kazarian**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS "THE 1696 HISTORICAL COMMISSION" OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE UNITED STATES

{LC825/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5495****BY** Kazarian, Messier, Amore, Bennett, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - STAFFING (Requires all public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students.) {LC146/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5496**

**BY** Tanzi, Amore, Fogarty, Palangio, Maldonado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Establishes a mandatory reporting requirement for all students in grades K-12 for any administered assessments.) {LC1084/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5497**

**BY** Serpa, Fellela

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Authorizes pharmacists to perform limited function clinical laboratory tests.) {LC979/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5498**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Naughton, Shekarchi, Serpa, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT PROGRAM (Requires registration of those individuals who provide personal care assistant services to a consumer.) {LC1009/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5499**

**BY** O`Grady, Handy, Amore, Carson, Morin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires the use of environmentally preferable cleaning supplies in all elementary and secondary schools. The state department of elementary and secondary education would be placed in charge of implementation.) {LC1267/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Resolution No. 5500**

**BY** Chippendale, Winfield, McNamara, Kennedy, Lally

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & DISCIPLINE (Creates a nine (9) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to develop a strategic plan for collaboration in Rhode Island's public health system, reporting to the House no later than April 2, 2015, and expires on June 2, 2016.) {LC531/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5501**

(by request)

**BY** Costa, Roberts, Lancia

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS ACT OF 2015 {LC1487/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5502**

**BY** Filippi, Costa, Slater, Lima, Ajello

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (Requires all food businesses, with the exception of restaurant's, who have gross sales of over \$500,000 to post a sign informing their customers that all there food products contain modified organisms, unless there labels say otherwise.) {LC1217/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5503**

**BY** Roberts, Giarrusso, Lancia, Nardolillo, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Requires public assistance recipients to perform community service.) {LC1104/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5504**

**BY** Ackerman, Shekarchi, Palangio, Regunberg, O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Adds hoarding of animals to the list of cruelty to animal offenses. This act would take effect upon passage.) {LC1325/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5505**

**BY** Serpa, Shekarchi, O'Brien, Kazarian, McKiernan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE (Makes changes in the definitions of what constitutes unlawful confinement, and would apply them throughout the chapter accordingly.) {LC1078/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5506**

**BY** Gallison, Bennett, Casey, Edwards, Canario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Specifies the maximum number of patients assigned to a registered nurse in various facilities.) {LC1506/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5507**

**BY** Ajello, Tanzi, Regunberg, Blazejewski, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY- LILA MANSFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT (Creates the Lila Mansfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act, to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end his or her life using drugs prescribed by a physician.) {LC1081/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 5508****BY** Carson, Regunberg, Fogarty, Handy, Blazejewski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - REDUCE MARINE DEBRIS AND PRESERVE LANDFILL SPACE WHILE INCREASING THE RECYCLING OF POST-CONSUMER PACKAGING MATERIAL (Establishes the Rhode Island Marine Debris Reduction Act.) {LC1505/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5509****BY** Price, Abney, Barros, Casey, Costa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (Exempts purple heart recipients and honorably discharged veterans who were engaged in active combat or fighting in any war or armed conflict from paying user fees at any state beaches, parks, and recreational areas.) {LC925/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5510****BY** Fellela, Ucci, Costantino, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION {LC1497/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5511****BY** Filippi, Roberts, Tanzi, Fogarty, Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SUMMER SCHOOL COSTS (Permits free summer school attendance for students needing course credits to graduate.) {LC924/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5512****BY** Slater, Diaz, Hull, Ucci**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE (Establishes an emergency housing assistance fund to be administered by the department of human services in conjunction with community action program agencies.) {LC1172/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5513****BY** Slater, Diaz, Maldonado, Blazejewski, Williams**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Increases the Rhode Island earned income tax credit from ten percent (10%) of the federal earned income limit to twenty percent (20%) of the federal earned income limit.) {LC991/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5514****BY** Slater, Hull, Blazejewski, Williams, Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 (Creates a specific appropriation for twelve million five hundred thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) to be used by the housing resources commission in addition to the revenue generated from the current tax.) {LC1448/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5515****BY** Slater, Serpa, Diaz, Hull, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

(Would provide for annual adjustments to provider reimbursement rates) {LC992/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5516****BY** MacBeth, McLaughlin, Almeida, Azzinaro, Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - VETERANS' PLATES

(Eliminates the service and transfer fees currently required to obtain or transfer a "veteran" or "war veteran" license plate.) {LC1449/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5517****BY** Nunes, Marcello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Requires the joint committee on legislative services to provide a

hyperlink on the general assembly website to enable the public to immediately access the casting and recording of votes of the members of the general assembly.) {LC1399/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5518****BY** Shekarchi, Edwards, Solomon, Ucci, McKiernan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RHODE ISLAND

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT (Imposes moratorium on assessment/collection of impact fees on public facility projects for 36 months or until statewide single family permits exceed

1,500 units.) {LC1419/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 5519****BY** Filippi, Nardolillo, Roberts, Morgan, Lancia**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE REFERENDUM ON LINE ITEM VETO {LC593/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance



**House Bill No. 5520****BY** Ucci, Corvese, Fellela, Carnevale, Winfield**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX

{LC1498/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5521****BY** Reilly, Edwards, Canario, Phillips, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT (Expands the definition of qualified businesses with respect to enterprise zones to include limited liability partnerships and

any other form of business corporation.) {LC1345/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5522****BY** Serpa, Fellela, Marcello, Hearn, Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts from taxes fuel oil, propane and natural gas from the sale, use or consumption for heating by commercial establishments.) {LC1292/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Bill No. 5523**

(by request)

**BY** Abney, Canario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING

AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Reduces the licensing fee to \$500 for any distillery producing less than 50,000 gallons per year and grants a tax exemption to distilleries doing business in RI for at least 12 months.) {LC1415/1}

02/12/2015 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 28 BY** Raptakis, Kettle**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF

LOCAL TAXES -- COVENTRY (Permits the town of Coventry to adopt a tax classification plan including a class of mixed-use residential and commercial properties.) {LC321/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Municipal Government

**Senate Bill No. 22 BY** Paiva Weed**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO PURCHASE 138

NARRAGANSETT AVENUE IN SAID TOWN AND TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE AND

RENOVATION THEREOF BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,500,000 BONDS

AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC293/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Resolution No. 289 BY** Ottiano, DiPalma, Lynch, Miller

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING DATES FOR THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DISABILITIES COUNCIL EXAMINE AND REFINE ITS CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES (Extends the reporting dates for the Joint Resolutions respectfully requesting the Rhode Island Disabilities Council to examine and refine its current policies and practices from January 5, 2015, to April 10, 2015.) {LC934/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House H.E.W.

**Senate Bill No. 52 BY** Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael John McCarthy to join Kathleen Elizabeth Enright and Brian Scott Pardini in marriage on or about August 22, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC302/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 60 BY** Ottiano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Stephen Carl Bailey to join Abigail Rachel Bailey and Michael Joseph Parker in marriage on or about August 10, 2015, within the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.) {LC258/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 61 BY** Algieri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Donato T. DiGenova to join Kayla Rose Mineau and David Daniel Kurtz in marriage on or about August 15, 2015, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC313/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 128 BY** Sheehan, Gee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Thorr D. Bjorn to join Jeffrey A. Cammans and Courtney F. Findlen in marriage on or about May 23, 2015, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC614/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 131 BY** Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Steven M. Bailey to join Eric P. Anderson and Brandi S. Layfield in marriage on or about March 5, 2015, within the Town of Smithfield, Rhode Island.) {LC485/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**Senate Bill No. 176 BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Rene Perreault, Jr., to join Keri Lyn Evans and Michael Alex Camera in marriage on or about May 1, 2015, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC249/1}

02/12/2015 Referred to House Judiciary

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:59 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fogarty, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Brian Handrigan; on motion of Representative Craven, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William McKenna; seconded by Leaders DeSimone and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
Recording Clerk

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH M. MCKIERNAN**

Almighty God: We pray for the gift of your wisdom in this the people's house this day. May all the members work together for the benefit of all our citizens, especially those who struggle but persevere each day hoping for a better future. Amen.

**APPENDIX**

**CALENDAR**

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015:**

- 1. 2015-H 5199**  
**BY** Ruggiero  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - THE RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends passage.

- 2. 2015-H 5129**  
**BY** Costa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN

Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

- 3. 2015-H 5041**  
**BY** Serpa  
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Committee on Municipal Government recommends passage.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

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