# Journal of the Senate

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Nineteenth Legislative Day

The Senate meets pursuant to adjournment and is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, at 4:25 o'clock P.M.

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

**PRESENT** – 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

**ABSENT** – 1: Senator Doyle.

### **INVOCATION**

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

(See Appendix for Invocation)

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

# APPROVAL OF RECORD

The Senate Journal of the Eighteenth Legislative Day of the 2016 proceedings is read in part.

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

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Honorable President presents the following communications:

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

February 25, 2016

The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed

President of the Senate

State House, Room 318

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madam President:

Please be advised that I will be unable to attend Senate session on Thursday February 25, 2016, I am out of state on business.

Sincerely,

James E. Doyle, II

Senator, District- 8

Pawtucket

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS STATE HOUSE

February 25, 2016

Mr. Joseph Brady

Secretary of the Senate

State House

Room 145

State House

Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Brady:

Pursuant to rule 4.1 I would like to respectfully request that senate Resolution Senate Bill No. 2340 ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Permits classroom observation of special needs children by parents and experts retained by parents.) be withdrawn.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Frank S. Lombardi

Senator

District-26

Read and ordered to be placed on file.

### **COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Senator McCaffrey from the Committee on Judiciary, reports back, with recommendation of passage of the following measures:

#### Senate Bill No. 2102

BY Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Conley, Lombardo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY (Allows conveyances to and from nominee trusts pursuant to certain requirements regarding the preparation and recording of a memorandum of trust.) {LC3983/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

#### Senate Bill No. 2103

**BY** Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Jabour **ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND

VANDALISM (Requires a property owner to maintain trees or shrubs that create a nuisance to an abutting property owner.)

{LC3861/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

#### Senate Bill No. 2105

BY Ciccone, Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Walaska ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Sets forth a process for tenants to retrieve their abandoned personal property from former dwelling units and the placement in storage of a tenant's personal property.) {LC3865/1}

Read and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# Senate Resolution No. 2489

**BY** Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Metts, Lombardi, Sheehan **ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 172ND ANNIVERSARY OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2016 {LC5252/1}

Senator Pichardo requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration is granted.

Senator Pichardo moves passage, seconded by Senators Archambault, Conley, Coyne, Crowley, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Lombardi, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sosnowski.

The resolution is read and passed, upon a voice vote.

#### **GUESTS**

Upon suggestion of Senator Pichardo and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber Members from the *Dominican Independence and Heritage Award Committee:* Ana Arelys Cruz, Pedro Pablo de la Rosa, Hugo Adames, Frankiln Solano, Everin Reyes, Jacinta Pena, Octovio Gomez.

#### **CALENDAR**

In order for the day is taken up as follows:

# 1. 2016-S 2056

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS-REGULATION OF POWDERED CAFFEINE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Goodwin moves item #1 to the Calendar for Tuesday, March 01<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2. 2016-S 2061

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators Metts, Goodwin, Gee, Conley, Archambault,

Senators Pagliarini and Crowley discuss the act.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan,

Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

3. 2016-S 2062

**BY** Crowley

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Senator Crowley moves passage, seconded by Senators McCaffrey, Felag, Ruggerio, Conley, Sosnowski, Metts, Goodwin, Gee.

The act is read and passed, by unanimous consent, upon a roll call vote with 37 Senators voting in the affirmative and 0 Senators voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS- 37: The Honorable President Paiva Weed and Senators Algiere, Archambault, Ciccone, Conley, Cote, Coyne, Crowley, DaPonte, DiPalma, Felag, Fogarty, Gallo, Gee, Goldin, Goodwin, Jabour, Kettle, Lombardi, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Metts, Miller, Morgan, Nesselbush, O'Neill, Pagliarini, Pearson, Picard, Pichardo, Raptakis, Ruggerio, Satchell, Sheehan, Sosnowski, Walaska.

NAYS- 0:

# **TRANSMITTAL**

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Senator Cote announces that the Committee on Commerce will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 212 of the State House.

Senator Nesselbush announces that the Committee on Health and Human Services will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in the Senate Lounge of the State House.

Upon suggestion of Senator Nesselbush and by unanimous consent, the Honorable President, welcomes to the Chamber the Honorable John F. McBurney III, Administrator Magistrate on the Superior Court and former State Senator.

Senator Ruggerio wishes Greg Pare, Senate Press Secretary a Happy Birthday.

Senator Jabour announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the Senate in Room 313 of the State House.

#### RECESS

**JOURNAL** 

Upon motion of Senator Goodwin seconded by Senator Kettle the Senate Stands in Recess at 4:45 o'clock P.M.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Senate Bill No. 2490

BY Goodwin, Goldin, Gallo, Coyne, Paiva Weed

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT (Provides that a respondent in domestic abuse cases wherein a protective order is issued may not possess, purchase or receive any firearms for a period not to exceed the duration of the restraining order.)

{LC4254/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2491

BY Coyne, Conley, Nesselbush, Metts, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits any person subject to domestic assault/domestic abuse restraining orders/felony conviction for domestic violence/serving a sentence under community confinement from owning firearm.) {LC4256/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2492

BY Coyne, Nesselbush, Paiva Weed, Conley, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Requires any person convicted of a felony domestic offense be ordered by the court to surrender all firearms in their possession, care, custody or control to either the state/local police or federally licensed firearms dlr and file proof with the court.)

{LC4255/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2493

BY Sosnowski, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BOARD OF REGENTS FOR

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Requires that the council of elementary and secondary education take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students and other programs that impact the education of students.)

JOURNAL

{LC5175/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2494

BY Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Algiere, Goodwin, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Mandates that all high schools and middle schools have a functional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site at all times.)

{LC3643/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2495

BY Picard, Crowley, Gallo, Conley, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SOCIAL SERVICES (Defines and declare the purpose of child opportunity zones and provides for annual reporting from the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to the general assembly on each zone.) {LC4890/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2496

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT FOR LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Requires municipalities with locally administered pension, to submit reports that include a 20 years amortization schedule of required contributions. Also requires that a critical status be published on website and effects be transmitted.)

{LC5063/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2497

**BY** Sosnowski, Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - THE

INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT (Establishes Rhode Island's membership in the interstate medical licensure compact. It details the procedure to be followed in order to allow physicians to become licensed in multiple states, while ensuring the safety of patients.) {LC4895/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2498

BY Doyle, Nesselbush, Fogarty, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -

COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE (Expands the number of pharmacists eligible to engage in collaborative pharmacy practice with physicians by including all licensed pharmacists and provides for biennial review of collaborative practice agreements.)

{LC4821/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2499

(Attorney General)

BY Walaska, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Goldin, Algiere

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- OFF-LABEL USES OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (Requires a health insurer with Rx benefits to provide Rx coverage for disabling or life-threatening chronic disease even if not approved by the FDA for that indication as long as use is supported in medical literature for that indication.)

{LC4543/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2500

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES (Amends timeframes and procedures for appeals in the zoning enabling act and land development and subdivision review enabling act, and shortens the time for, and number of, appeals during the planning board of review process.)

{LC4789/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2501

**BY** Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS (Defines coinsurance and prohibits insurance contracts or policies from using coinsurance to calculate and collect additional funds from patients, including mental health and substance abuse patients.) {LC4733/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2502

BY Miller, Goldin, DiPalma, Nesselbush, DaPonte

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Requires the DCYF to transition from child placement in group homes to child placement in foster care and to submit to the house and senate finance committees, detailed annual reports.)

{LC4827/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2503

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKEN LIEN (Creates an avenue to challenge the legal viability of a recorded commercial real estate broker's notice of lien for their unpaid and owing commercial real estate sales commission bill.)

{LC4263/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2504

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- BALLOT ARRANGEMENT (Removes the requirement that independent candidates for political office be listed in a vertical column on the ballot.)

{LC4919/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2505

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --COURT ADMINISTRATION (Removes the thirty (30) day mail notice requirement to those

owing overdue court fees currently received prior to their names being published.) {LC4529/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2506

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -

ELECTRICIANS (Includes the maintenance, servicing, and testing of certain electrical components within the purview of chapter and corrects and clarifies certain outdated language and increases the penalties for violations of this chapter.)

{LC4825/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2507

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Requires the secretary of executive office of health and human services to develop a performance based hospital incentive program (HIP).)

{LC4959/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2508

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HEALING ART OF ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (Establishes a board of acupuncture and Oriental medicine at the department of health.)

{LC4775/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2509

BY Miller, Goldin, Crowley, Lombardo, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE - FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES (Adds a (\$1.00) fee per covered life per month to be paid when filing the annual report required of third party administrators of pharmacy benefit plans. The funds will go into a restricted receipt account and would be spent on opioid

disorders.)

{LC4960/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2510

(Attorney General)

BY Crowley, Miller, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE (Requires insurance coverage of at least ninety (90) days of residential or inpatient services for mental health and/or substance-use disorders for American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.1 and 3.3.)

{LC4611/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2511

BY Goldin, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- LONG-TERM MANAGED CARE ARRANGEMENTS (Requires managed care organizations to consult with the EOHHS to develop incentives for nursing facilities that demonstrate lower direct care staff turnover.) {LC4458/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2512

BY Cote, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Ciccone, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides that no state or federal funds be used for induced abortions except where the life of the mother is endangered or the pregnancy is result of rape or incest.)

{LC4844/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2513

(Secretary of State)

**BY** Goldin, Lynch Prata, Conley, Lombardi, Walaska **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

(Requires the secretary of state to establish a system for the electronic registration of voters. The act would limit the use or transfer of the information supplied by the voter in registering.) {LC3757/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2514

BY Miller, DiPalma, Walaska, Felag, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Permits the use of vehicles equipped with autonomous technology on Rhode Island roads.)

{LC4877/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2515

BY Sosnowski, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES (Criminalize injuries to cell/radio towers and increases penalties for injury to electric and communication lines from \$3,000 to \$50,000; imprisonment from 2 years to 10 years, or both and requires restitution for economic harm.)

{LC5171/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2516

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Miller, Fogarty, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION (Adds sexual trafficking to registerable offenses.)

{LC4521/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2517

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin, Miller, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Prohibits those

convicted under the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act" from possessing firearms for a period of 10 years.)

{LC4544/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2518

BY Jabour, Crowley, Raptakis, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT SYSTEM (Allows classified employee to be a candidate for elective state office.) {LC5224/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2519

(Attorney General)

BY Goodwin, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Miller, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Includes orange or otherwise brightly colored plugs or tips inserted into the barrel of any firearm into the definition of "mark of identification" for those persons who change, alter, remove, or obliterate any mark of identification on a firearm.)

{LC4513/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2520

BY Goldin, Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Excludes the transfer of any interest, in housing development's financed in whole or in part with federal low income housing tax credits, amongst partners or members of certain business organizations, from real estate conveyance taxes.)

{LC4922/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2521

BY Goldin, Satchell, Pichardo, Pearson, Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Establishes a supplemental rate add on to the Medicaid payment rates for nursing facilities in

the amount of \$2,005,978 of which not less than 95% shall be used to increase wages for direct care workers. Unused monies subject to repayment to state.)

{LC4673/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2522

BY Jabour, Picard, Pearson, Pichardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Adds hoarding of animals to the list of cruelty to animal offenses.) {LC5212/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2523

BY Lombardi, Pagliarini, Morgan, Conley, Coyne
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-CRIMES AGAINST THE
PUBLIC TRUST (Criminalizes certain behaviors, including bribery, selling political
endorsements and theft of honest services, by public employees,)

{LC4507/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2524

BY Nesselbush, Miller, Jabour, Crowley, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT CATASTROPHIC HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ACT
{LC4712/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2525

**BY** Pearson, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Prohibits outdoor school recess when temperatures fall below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F, 0°C).)

{LC4234/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

(by request)

BY Sosnowski, Coyne, Goldin, Walaska, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Establishes the Household Hazardous Waste Management Act to create a comprehensive system for the disposal of hard-to-dispose hazardous household materials.)

{LC4847/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2527

BY Miller, Ruggerio, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Prohibits retail sales establishments from making available plastic checkout bags, or plastic water bottles or expanded polystyrene disposable food containers at the point of sale.)

{LC4941/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2528

BY Pichardo, Metts, Goldin, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Establishes state aid a funding formula for compensation of school districts for the additional costs of students learning English.)

{LC4921/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2529

BY Goodwin, Ruggerio, Goldin, Ciccone, Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Extends the authority of cities and towns for calendar years 2015 and 2016 to issue bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness to evidence loans from the municipal road and bridge revolving fund.)

{LC5147/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

BY Miller, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Goldin, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Excludes from tax exemption some properties whose income or profits are derived from activity not involving education.)

{LC5143/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2531

BY Pearson, Picard, Lombardo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES -

LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Provides that food and beverages served complimentary or free of charge would not be subject to the local meals and beverage tax.)

{LC4239/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2532

**BY** Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides a definition for long term care provider (LTC) and provide that after sixty days of uncompensated care of a patient, the LTC can apply to the state for relief.)

{LC4804/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2533

BY Felag, Coyne, Pagliarini, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Extends re-evaluations in the Town of Bristol from 2014 to 2019 using valuations as of December 31, 2018.)

{LC5070/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

BY Pearson, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - NOTARIES PUBLIC AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (Eliminates the requirement that a notary public be a resident of Rhode Island.)

{LC4546/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2535

**BY** Nesselbush, Lynch Prata, Crowley, Coyne, Goodwin **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT (Defines any act of sexual penetration or contact performed by an individual with supervisory or disciplinary power, or who is in a position of authority, upon a person 19 years of age or younger, as sexual assault.)

{LC4754/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2536

BY Ciccone, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Ruggerio, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - ABORTION ANTICOERCION ACT (Requires facilities which perform abortions to post a conspicuous notice informing patients that abortions require free and voluntary consent without coercion.)

{LC4860/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2537

(Board of Elections)

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS (Changes the mail ballot application allowing the applications to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which the voter is currently registered.)

{LC5167/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

BY McCaffrey, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- APPOINTMENTS COMMISSIONS (Changes the responsibility of making appointments to certain advisory and exchange commissions from the lieutenant governor to the senate president.)

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{LC3755/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2539

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Felag, Walaska

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -

CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Establishes the criminal penalty for violating a contractors' board final order by the amount of the monetary judgment imposed.)

{LC4508/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2540

(Attorney General)

BY Lynch Prata, Gallo, Sosnowski, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES (Prohibits a person from electronically disseminating visual images of another engaged in sexually explicit conduct where a reasonable person would know the image was to remain private.)

{LC4577/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2541

BY Pearson, Picard, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - VITAL RECORDS (Permits title examiners, attorneys, and members of genealogical societies to examine death certificates. No fees would be charged for searching or viewing the examination of said records.) {LC3221/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

# Senate Bill No. 2542

(Attorney General)

BY Algiere, McCaffrey, Pagliarini, Morgan, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS (Authorizes a civil action against persons who file frivolous patent infringement claims.)

{LC4526/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2543

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Amends certain provisions relative to mortgage transfers and restricts the recording of mortgages in anyone's name other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage.)

{LC4527/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2544

(Attorney General)

BY McCaffrey, Felag, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOOD AND DRUGS-UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Transfers the jurisdiction of possession of one ounce (1 oz.) or less of marijuana by a person who is under the age of seventeen (17) years from the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal to the Rhode Island Family Court.)

{LC4506/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

(Attorney General)

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT (Provides that the manufacture of marijuana using a certain process using compressed flammable gas would not be subject to the protections of the medical marijuana statute, excerpt of a compassion center cardholder complies with regulations.) {LC5251/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2546

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Empowers a justice of the peace to receive from an arresting agency, notice of violation of probation or bail that has been received from the attorney general and present the notice to the arrestee.)

{LC4515/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2547

(Attorney General)

BY Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Archambault, Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW-GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS-DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides that information provided to the attorney general pursuant to an investigative demand not be made public beyond the extent necessary to enforce fair trade practices. Would negate requirement that such material be filed in superior court.)

{LC4641/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2548

BY Goodwin, Ruggerio, Goldin, Gallo, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -

FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATIONS (Allows parties to fire fighter's contract negotiation to extend the thirty (30) day bargaining period before submitting unresolved issues to arbitration.) {LC5054/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

# Senate Bill No. 2549

BY Goldin, Miller, Metts, Goodwin, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PARENTAL AND FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (Adds foster care to the definition of parental care for purpose of the "Parental and Family Medical Leave Act" and grants employers discretion to approve requests which are less than thirty (30) days' old.)

{LC3327/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2550

**BY** Doyle

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --

CONTRACTORS' BONDS (Prohibits the state, general contractors, and construction managers from withholding more than five percent (5%) as a retainer with respect to any sewer, water main, or other public works construction contract.)

{LC5160/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2551

**BY** Doyle, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- MEDICAL SERVICES (Requires employers to pay the reasonable transportation costs for employees that travel round-trip to receive workers' compensation related health care services.)

{LC4082/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2552

**BY** Cote, Felag, Lynch Prata, Nesselbush, Pearson **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS (Creates a veteran's preference in the issuance of state contracts.)

{LC4465/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

#### Senate Resolution No. 2553

BY Pichardo, Metts, DaPonte, Gallo, Goldin

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF "THE OCEAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING COMMISSION" TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE STATE'S SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA ON LANGUAGE LEARNERS (Extends the reporting date of The Ocean State World Language Learning Commission from January 28, 2016, to May 31, 2016, and said commission would expire on March 31, 2017.)

{LC4878/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2554

BY Metts, Pichardo, Crowley, DiPalma, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT (Requires the board of education to adopt a state goal of closing the achievement gaps in third grade reading and math.)

{LC4954/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2555

BY Jabour, Pearson, Ciccone, Lombardi, Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY-NUMBER OF CATS ALLOWED (Limits the number of cats per household to ten (10) without special permission.)

{LC5214/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2556

BY Cote, Jabour, Pagliarini, Algiere, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND (Requires that toll rates and the location of tolling facilities have general assembly approval prior to the collection of any tolls or the construction of any tolling facilities.)

{LC4925/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

# Senate Bill No. 2557

BY Doyle, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE-LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM (Provides for Medicaid rate adjustment in parity with MA and CT for health care services provided in the home and develops annual adjustments to home care providers, home nursing care providers, and hospice provider reimbursement rates.)

{LC4880/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2558

BY Conley, Satchell, Jabour, Lombardo, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX (Allows unused previously issued Historic Homeownership Assistance Act tax credits to be carried forward for tax year 2016 and thereafter.)

{LC4888/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2559

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES (Caps certain hospital employees' compensation at a rate not exceeding one hundred ten percent (110%) of the northeast regional average for comparable personnel at comparable hospitals.)

{LC4879/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2560

(Attorney General)

BY Coyne, Goldin, Archambault, DiPalma, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Requires the Executive Office of Health and Human Services ("EOHHS") to create a critical prescription drug list and requires financial disclosure by drug manufacturers.)

{LC4826/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

# Senate Bill No. 2561

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends definition of building height/defines term "freeboard" with regard to flood zone area construction/safe and stable design for those structures.)

{LC4786/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2562

BY DiPalma, Paiva Weed, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires the building commissioner to submit a financial impact report of any proposed process or formula and options for establishing statewide permit fees to the general assembly by January 1, 2017, with implementation on July 1, 2017.)

{LC5148/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2563

(Attorney General)

BY Goldin, Coyne, Miller, Metts, Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Requires that every person applying for a concealed weapons permit, whether through the local police department or through the office of the attorney general, to undergo a national criminal records check, including the submission of fingerprints.)

{LC4569/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2564

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Metts, Jabour, Nesselbush, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Provides that no person, entity, or dealer shall sell, loan, transfer or acquire a firearm from any person, entity or dealer with the intent to avoid the application/disclosure process required by §§11-47-35 or 11-47-35.2.)

{LC4520/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

# Senate Bill No. 2565

(Attorney General)

BY Miller, Metts, Jabour, Nesselbush, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Makes it unlawful to carry a rifle or shotgun in a vehicle or on one's person, visible or concealed, except at one's residence, place of business or land.)

{LC4517/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2566

BY Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ryan Michael Steger to join Abigail Leigh Zawadzki and Daniel Robert Desomma in marriage on or about September 24, 2016, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

{LC5249/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2567

BY Felag, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Pichardo, McCaffrey

**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. An exception would be made for service dogs. Violations would be punished by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500).)

{LC5225/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2568

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Maryellen Goodwin to join Gail Marie Roberts and Charles Manuel Moreau in marriage on or about July 16, 2016, within the Town of North Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC5195/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### Senate Bill No. 2569

BY Archambault, Lombardi, Jabour, McCaffrey, Conley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION (Prevents funds from the worker's compensation administrative fund restricted receipts account from being transferred to the general fund.)

**JOURNAL** 

{LC5110/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2570

BY Archambault, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Ciccone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - POLICE ARBITRATION (Changes the last day for a request for municipal police arbitration agreement to 120 days before the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement.) {LC5045/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2571

BY DiPalma, Satchell, Lombardi, Coyne, Archambault ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Makes changes in the scheduling of required school fire drills, and require that they be conducted with the emphasis on order rather than speed.)

{LC5142/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2572

BY DiPalma, Satchell, Lombardi, Archambault, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to promulgate rules and regulations regarding graduation requirements for public school students fourteen (14) years of age or older who are under the care and control of the state.)

{LC4815/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

Senate Bill No. 2573

**BY** Algiere

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE WESTERLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOB SKILLS CENTER (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Westerly Higher Education and Job Skills Center, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016.)

{LC4907/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2574

BY Crowley, Goldin, Sosnowski, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CHILD CARE--STATE SUBSIDIES (Enhances the reimbursement rates for infants and toddlers enrolled in licensed child care centers and family child care homes that have achieved a quality rating of 2 to 5 stars in Bright Stars, the state's quality rating system.)

{LC5151/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2575

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT (Amends provisions of the Rhode Island Development Impact Fee Act regarding the basis for impact fees, the need for impact fees for new schools, impact fees for low, moderate and age restricted housing, and how municipalities manage impact fees accounts.)

{LC4783/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2576

BY Goldin, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health care entities to issue a decision regarding credentialing of a health care provider within 20 days of receiving a credentialing application and establishes a billing effective date.)

{LC4841/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senate Bill No. 2577

BY Goldin, Satchell, Coyne, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE REIMBURSEMENT ACT (Requires health insurance policies to reimburse telemedicine services.)

{LC4674/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2578

BY Goldin, Satchell, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Restrictive covenants in employment agreements with physicians are void and unenforceable.)

{LC4698/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2579

BY Lynch Prata, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS (Authorizes the department of

behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to certify recovery housing facilities and programs for residential substance abuse treatment.)

{LC4906/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2580

BY Kettle, Miller, Satchell

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LASER AND ENERGY-BASED PROCEDURES (Provides guidelines for the delegation by physicians of laser or energy-based procedures to a properly trained and qualified individual.)

{LC5235/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

# Senate Bill No. 2581

BY Sosnowski, Crowley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Extends the date for comprehensive land use plans to be brought into conformance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act to June 1, 2017.)

{LC5230/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2582

BY Goodwin, Walaska, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PARTIAL - BIRTH ABORTION (Amends and revises the definitions and penalties pertaining to partial-birth abortions. Further provides that any physician who knowingly performs a partial-birth abortion would be guilty of a felony and may be liable for civil penalties and fines.)

{LC4846/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2583

BY Goldin, Nesselbush, Satchell, Archambault, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE (Repeals provisions of general laws that prohibit health insurance coverage for induced abortions.)

{LC4547/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2584

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Nesselbush, Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME (Defines confidential information and prohibits the intentional and unauthorized access to another's computer, computer system or network with the intent to view, save or copy confidential information contained therein.)

{LC4519/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

# Senate Bill No. 2585

BY Coyne, Lombardi, Archambault, DiPalma, Lombardo
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POLICE
ARBITRATION (Authorizes the parties to a police collective bargaining agreement to extend the period during which they meet by written agreement.)

{LC5055/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2586

**BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE - INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS (Requires that the designation of a worker as an "independent contractor" form to be filed annually, with a ten dollar (\$10.00) filing fee with the director of revenue, and not the director of labor and training.) {LC4734/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2587
BY McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS
{LC4661/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2588

BY Lombardo, Conley, Lombardi, Archambault ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS - DISFIGUREMENT (Restricts the awarding of disfigurement workers' compensation benefits to scarring of the neck, face, and hands and prohibits them from being awarded less than one year from the date of the disfiguring event.)

{LC4859/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Resolution No. 2589

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING CONGRESS TO RESTORE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES {LC4908/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2590

**BY** Algiere

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF STEPHEN P. OSELLA PLUMBING, LTD.

{LC5083/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2591

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Provides that wetland buffers not be excluded from the calculation of buildable lot areas, minimum lot sizes or in the calculation of buildable lots or units.)

{LC4787/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2592

BY DiPalma, Sosnowski, Miller, Archambault, Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - NET METERING (Expands the state's net metering policy to include renewable energy projects in which energy is distributed off-site from a customer's account and would establish an energy system credit benefit or charge.)

{LC4420/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

**BY** Sosnowski, Conley, Felag, Archambault, DiPalma **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts tangible personal property used in agricultural operations from taxation effective 7/1/16,)

{LC4898/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

# Senate Resolution No. 2594

BY DiPalma, Miller, Goldin, Gallo, Satchell ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE TOPIC OF HEALTH LITERACY {LC5075/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2595

BY Walaska, McCaffrey, Ciccone, Lynch Prata, Felag ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - EQUAL RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES (Requires movie theaters to provide open captioning for persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing.)

{LC4832/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2596

BY Goodwin, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Crowley, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES (Restricts the installation, concealment or placement of an electronic tracking device in or on a motor vehicle, and adds electronic tracking devices as a form of domestic violence.)

{LC3637/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Algiere, Nesselbush, Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND WHITE COLLAR CRIME UNIT (Codifies the public corruption and white collar crime unit within the department of attorney general.)

**JOURNAL** 

{LC4523/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2598

BY Sosnowski, Felag, Archambault, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY (Limits liability arising from agritourism activities, unless it can be demonstrated that there was a failure to exercise due care, gross negligence, or willful or intentional misconduct.)

{LC4924/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2599

BY DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (Imposes administrative fees upon individuals who fail to make timely payments of toll amounts, and subjects toll evaders to license suspension or fines pursuant to jurisdiction of the Rhode Island traffic tribunal.)

{LC4563/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2600

BY DiPalma, Algiere, Archambault, Coyne, Lombardi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THE IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION ACT OF 2015 (Reduces the time a person or government agency who stores personal information has to disclose a breach of that information security to 14 days; breaches affecting more than 500 people must be reported to the AG and major credit bureaus within 24 hrs.)

{LC5074/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

# Senate Bill No. 2601

BY DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- THE RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE AUTHORITY--TOLL EVADERS (Repeals the law providing for additional penalties for toll evaders on Rhode Island bridges and turnpikes.)

{LC4560/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2602

BY DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (Relieves the turnpike authority from notice requirements, evidence rulings and further relieve it of issuing final orders in writing or holding decisions to afford aggrieved parties an opportunity to file objections.)

{LC4561/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2603

BY Lombardo, Conley, Lombardi, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--BENEFITS (Allows an employer or workers' compensation insurer to recover any overpayments of benefits made to the injured employee by set-off against future payments due to an employee for loss of use or of disfigurement.)

{LC4858/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2604

BY Satchell, Conley, Picard, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Requires the incorporation of substance abuse education, provided by licensed chemical dependency professionals, into the health education curriculum.)

{LC4951/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Education.

# Senate Bill No. 2605

BY Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRODUCER
RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM FOR PRINTED PAPER AND PACKAGING
{LC5117/1}

**JOURNAL** 

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2606

**BY** Lombardi, Algiere, Pagliarini, Nesselbush, Archambault **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- WASTE RECYCLING (Amends the definition of "recycling" and "recyclable materials" in several chapters of the general laws.)

{LC4950/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2607

BY DiPalma, Goldin, Satchell, Sosnowski, Goodwin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (Exempts feminine hygiene and some home health care products from sales tax, and reduces the clothing exemption from \$250 to \$240.) {LC5047/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2608

BY Archambault, Lombardi, DiPalma, Cote, Walaska

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX (Clarifies depreciation with respect to the net book value of a company's tangible personal property, by providing that the accumulated depreciation reduction takes into account physical deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence.)

{LC5109/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

### Senate Bill No. 2609

BY DiPalma, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Creates the "Safe Cytotoxic Waste Disposal Act".) {LC4776/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2610

BY DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES - REGISTRATION SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY TOLLS (Permits the division of motor vehicles to refuse to register or transfer the registration of a vehicle which is subject to unpaid tolls.) {LC4562/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2611

BY Goldin, Crowley, Satchell, Coyne, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - FOSTER PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS (Sets forth a statement of formal foster parent's bill of rights and requires that copies be given to all foster parents annually.)

{LC3424/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2612

BY Crowley, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Bans abortions performed solely as a means of sex selection.)

{LC4769/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2613

BY Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Jabour

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS (Requires that cities and towns comply with certain procedures when prosecuting defendants such as the right to counsel, and would amend the penalties imposed for ordinance violations.) {LC5107/1}

#### Senate Bill No. 2614

BY Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Lawrence E. Ornell to join Cassandra Erin Ornell and Jakob Wang Langer in marriage on or about June 25, 2016, within the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island.) {LC5061/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2615

(Attorney General)

**BY** Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Nesselbush, Pagliarini **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE VENDORS (Disqualifies certain state vendors from making political contributions, based on their business with the state.)

{LC4525/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2616

BY Lynch Prata

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Chris Dlugolecki to join Ashley Megan McDonald and Allen Douglas Beye in marriage on or about October 8, 2016, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

{LC5034/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2617

BY Lombardo, Conley, Lombardi, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS (Broadens the definition of "suitable alternative employment". It also expands the circumstances under which an earning capacity can be set by the workers' compensation court.)

{LC4862/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

#### Senate Bill No. 2618

BY Lombardi, Ciccone, Satchell, Ruggerio, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --

FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Requires that when wages require an appropriation of money by any municipality for collective bargaining, that the bargaining agent be required to serve written notice at least 120 days prior to the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement.)

{LC5044/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Resolution No. 2619

BY Cote, Picard, Raptakis, O'Neill, Gee

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM) (This joint resolution would propose an amendment to the state constitution, by establishing a voter initiative process to allow voters to initiate proposed legislation which would, upon a majority vote of the electorate, become law.)

{LC4456/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2620

BY Cote, Picard, Raptakis, O'Neill, Gee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM (Establishes a process for the establishment of voter initiative and referendum proposal and also for a process of submitting said proposals to the secretary of state, the general assembly and the governor for approval.)

{LC4457/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2621

BY Raptakis, Jabour, Cote, Metts, Kettle

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INTEREST CHARGES ON OVERDUE PROPERTY TAX (Limits the interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes to 12% per year.)

{LC3911/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

#### Senate Bill No. 2622

BY Pichardo, Goodwin, Miller, Metts, Jabour

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (Provides that the excise tax assessed against vehicles and trailers may be determined by a non-binding recommendation of the vehicle value commission, or by the assessor's combination of the published retail and trade-in values.)

{LC5146/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2623

BY Nesselbush, Fogarty, Miller, Crowley, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes livable home tax credit granting credits for new resident purchases, retrofitting of existing residence, administered by Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation.)

{LC5021/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2624

BY Raptakis, Jabour, Cote, Conley, Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Prohibits smoking in all areas of public housing authority units/common areas and requires a designated smoking space at least 50 feet from all doors, windows, mailboxes, and parking areas.)

{LC3886/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2625

BY Cote, Raptakis, O'Neill, Kettle, Gee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (Prohibits state guide plan from requiring any city or town from adopting a housing ordinance that exceeds laws of Rhode Island or city or town's zoning laws.)

{LC4451/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

#### Senate Bill No. 2626

BY Lynch Prata, Lombardi, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- JUVENILE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PILOT PROGRAM (Authorizes the family court to create and implement a pilot juvenile restorative justice program to address the manner in which juveniles charged with crimes have their cases adjudicated)

{LC3422/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2627

(Board of Elections)

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- WARDENS AND SUPERVISORS (Authorizes the use of more than one bipartisan pair of poll supervisors which should help eliminate lines.)

{LC5165/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2628

(Board of Elections)

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Conley

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS, VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES (Makes changes to accommodate the new voting equipment concerning ballots with write-in votes and the potential use of electronic voting lists.) {LC5166/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2629

BY Gallo, Nesselbush, DaPonte, Lynch Prata, Pearson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES CANCELLATION AND NON-RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICIES
(Authorizes the division of motor vehicles to suspend or revoke the registration of any motor vehicle in this state due to the cancellation or non-renewal of the motor vehicle liability insurance coverage maintained by the owner of the motor vehicle.)

{LC5053/1}

#### Senate Bill No. 2630

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Nesselbush, Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES-COMPUTER CRIME (Makes it unlawful to post a message through the use of any medium, without the intended recipient's consent, if the contact would amount to 2 or more incidents of unconsented contact and such contact would cause the recipient to feel frightened.)

{LC4574/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2631

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Algiere, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Includes online impersonation and electronic dissemination of indecent materials to minors as offenses for which an internet service provider must give subscriber information to the attorney general.)

{LC4571/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2632

(Board of Elections)

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE (Allows a voter who has requested a mail ballot, but has not voted to vote a provisional ballot on election day. Also adds definitions for terms "conduit" and "earmarked" for the purpose of reporting campaign contributions.)

{LC5168/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2633

(Board of Elections)

BY McCaffrey, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Metts, Conley

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

{LC5164/1}

#### Senate Bill No. 2634

(Attorney General)

BY Pichardo, Nesselbush, Jabour, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING (Criminalizes residential mortgage fraud and extends the statute of limitations for certain criminal offenses.)

{LC4522/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2635

**BY** Goldin, Paiva Weed, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Goodwin **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR PAY ACT (Increases the scope of protections and remedies available to employees who are discriminated against in their wages due to their sex.)

{LC4410/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2636

BY Fogarty, Sosnowski, Goodwin, Nesselbush

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT -- DOCK SAFETY (Requires DEM to issue regulations requiring any dock or pier longer than twenty feet (20') and located on a freshwater lake or pond to be equipped with reflective material such that it can be seen by watercraft operators.)

{LC4953/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2637

BY Pearson, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Accelerates the transition plan for calculation of state aid to education.)

{LC4281/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

#### Senate Bill No. 2638

BY DiPalma, Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Makes a change in the definition of housing presumed to be in compliance with lead-safe laws. It includes dwelling units constructed after 1950 on federally-owned or leased lands in the definition.)

{LC4570/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2639

BY Doyle, Nesselbush, Satchell, DiPalma, Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Amends the law regarding physician assistants regarding collaboration with physicians; allow physician assistants to volunteer at public events without a collaborating physician; and repeal continuing medical education requirements.)

{LC4642/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2640

**BY** Fogarty

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - BURRILLVILLE (Authorizes the town of Burrillville to extend its tax-stabilization program to cover manufacturing and mixed-use properties.) {LC4904/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Housing and Municipal Government.

Also:

# Senate Bill No. 2641

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION (Requires attachments/executions of real estate to describe same with particularity by the recorded legal description, plat and lot number, and any legal description recognized/accepted by title industry for levy to be sufficient.)

{LC4944/1}

## Senate Bill No. 2642

(by request)

BY Cote, Lombardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY (Reduces the statutory interest on judgments for money in civil actions from twelve percent (12%) to six percent (6%).)

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{LC4357/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2643

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardi, Archambault, Conley, Nesselbush, Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT SERVICES (Requires registration of those individuals who provide personal care assistant services to a consumer.)

{LC4524/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2644

(Attorney General)

BY Lombardo, Fogarty, Ciccone, Walaska, Cote

ENTITLED. AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS-

CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD (Requires an applicant for any license or registration and licensing board to undergo a mechanical criminal records check, and disqualifies any person previously convicted or certain enumerated felony and misdemeanor offenses.)

{LC4509/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2645

(Attorney General)

**BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS (Criminalizes the mere possession of a firearm by a minor, but would provide for limited exceptions while the minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events.)

{LC4518/1}

# Senate Bill No. 2646

(Attorney General)

**BY** Metts

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE (Amends fines for failing to file a foreclosure deed and requires that a notice of intent to foreclose be filed in the city or town where the property is located.)

{LC4568/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2647

BY Lombardo, McCaffrey, Kettle, Walaska, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS (Amends the application process for carrying a concealed weapon whether the application is to the city or town police chief or to the attorney general and it would provide for a review process for those applications that are denied.)

{LC4809/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2648

BY DiPalma, Lombardi, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER TENURE (Provides that only reasonable notice and a hearing needs to be provided to a teacher dismissed for just cause.) {LC4942/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2649

**BY** Lombardo, Conley, Lombardi, Archambault

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION--BENEFITS (Relieves any party who files a workers' compensation petition alleging an employee's recurrence of decrease of capacity to work of their former obligation to document a comparative change of their medical condition.)

{LC4855/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Senate Bill No. 2650

**BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD (Adds a doctor of acupuncture and Oriental medicine to the medical advisory board at the workers' compensation court, and respects patient choice in the selection of treatment therapies for certain conditions.)

{LC4772/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2651

BY Gallo, Lombardi, Miller, Pichardo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES (Authorize the holder of a wholesaler's Class C license to sell alcohol to manufacturers of food products in connection with the manufacture of such products.) {LC5210/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2652

BY Doyle, Nesselbush, DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES (Expands a pharmacist's immunization authority for individuals between the ages of 9 and 18.) {LC4747/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Also:

Senate Bill No. 2653

**BY** Pagliarini

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS - RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT (Creates a 5 year period for corporation or LLC to settle/close its affairs after date of dissolution/termination/revocation and upon death of sole member directs closure under probate practice.)

{LC5234/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Commerce.

#### Senate Bill No. 2654

BY Raptakis, Conley, Metts, Lombardo, Jabour ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - COMMERCIAL BILLING (Prohibits electric distribution companies from requiring security deposits from commercial customers who have maintained accounts for more than one year.) {LC3090/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2655

BY Ruggerio, Goodwin, Goldin, Ciccone, Metts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- THE

PROVIDENCE PORT ADVISORY COUNCIL (Creates the Providence port advisory council to provide advice and support with respect to coordinating and marketing the commercial maritime resources of all ports in the state.)

{LC5145/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

Also:

#### Senate Bill No. 2656

BY Pichardo, Metts, Jabour, Raptakis, Nesselbush
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN
LENDERS (Repeals provisions of the general laws regarding "payday lenders".)
{LC5111/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Finance.

#### Senate Bill No. 2657

**BY** Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, Sosnowski, Coyne, Archambault **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Imposes a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) where an offense of cruelty to an animal results in the animal's death.)

{LC4870/1}

#### Senate Bill No. 2658

(Attorney General)

BY Ruggerio, Archambault, Nesselbush, Lombardi, Conley

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Increases the penalty for cruelty to animals, the malicious injury or killing of animals, from not more than 2 years to not more than 5 years, and increases the mandatory community service from 10 hours to 50 hours.) {LC4512/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

# Senate Bill No. 2659

(Attorney General)

BY Ruggerio, Miller, Sosnowski, Gallo, Crowley

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN (Prohibits the sale of liquid that is intended for human consumption and/or use in an electronic nicotine-delivery system that is not contained in child-resistant packaging. Also prohibits the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems in schools.) {LC4510/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### Senate Bill No. 2660

BY Ciccone, Ruggerio, Miller, Doyle, Jabour

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -**

FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Provides in the case of firefighters' and municipal police arbitration, that all provisions contained in a prior collective bargaining agreement continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered.) {LC5046/1}

Read and ordered to the Committee on Labor.

#### Senate Bill No. 2661

**BY** McCaffrey

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - DIVORCE AND SEPARATION (Increases the time from 30 to 180 days for a final judgment of divorce be presented to court for entry and allows entry upon written consent of attorneys or parties before requiring entry in open court upon motion to avoid unnecessary motion practice.) {LC5205/1}

#### FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JOURNAL

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

#### House Bill No. 7066

BY O'Grady, Amore, Fogarty, Regunberg, O'Brien

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHARTER SCHOOLS (Requires the board of education to make certain findings regarding the sending districts before granting approval to a new charter school project.) {LC3420/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

#### House Bill No. 7052

BY O'Brien, DeSimone, Costa, McKiernan, Keable

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Adds dyslexia-targeted assistance as a required aspect of the literacy program for students at the elementary grade level.) {LC3432/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

#### House Bill No. 7051

BY Serpa, Amore, O'Grady, O'Brien, McKiernan

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Provides the creation of a new charter public school or the expansion of an existing charter public school would require approval from the city or town council of each sending school district.) {LC3299/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

# House Bill No. 7054

BY Lombardi, Amore, Hull, Regunberg, Handy

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCREENING FOR READING DISABILITIES (Requires school districts to conduct screening for dyslexia and other reading disabilities of school children who have exhibited one or more potential indicators using certain screening methods selected by the commissioner of education.) {LC3241/1}

Referred to the Committee on Education.

BY Carnevale, Blazejewski, Regunberg, McKiernan, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Prohibits electric distribution companies from charging an interconnecting renewable energy customer for upgrades that can be funded through rates assessed pursuant to an electric infrastructure, safety and reliability plan.) {LC3380/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

#### House Bill No. 7040

BY Kennedy, Carnevale, Shekarchi, Keable, Marshall ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NONREGULATED POWER PRODUCER CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS (Imposes a series of regulatory requirements upon the electrical generation and distribution industry for the protection of consumers.) {LC3311/1}

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Agriculture.

#### House Bill No. 7005 SUB A

BY Keable, Craven, McEntee

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY - CAUSES OF ACTION (Creates a cause of action for employees who are discharged or otherwise sanctioned by an employer on account of being required to attend court or other hearing.) {LC3435/A/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7024

(Secretary of State)

BY Regunberg, Keable, Handy, Blazejewski, Barros

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - REGISTRATIONS OF VOTERS (Requires the secretary of state to establish a system to provide for the electronic registration of voters and limits the use or transfer of the information supplied by the registering voter.) {LC3439/1}

BY Lombardi, Craven, McEntee, Williams, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE-IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Clarifies the provisions of §12-19-19 and make those persons who complete a deferred sentence agreement immediately eligible for expungement of all arrest records if they have complied with all terms and conditions of the deferred sentence agreement.)

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{LC3248/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7175

BY Filippi

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows John Higley to join Jillian Marino and Nathaniel William Higley in marriage on or about June 25, 2016, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC3734/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7250

**BY** Roberts

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Stephen Germani, Esq., to join Halley Gaspar and David Tucker in marriage on or about June 4, 2016, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC4022/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

## House Bill No. 7251

BY McNamara

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kristen Leigh Forbes to join Elias Joseph Jaffa and Linda Zhang in marriage on or about September 1, 2016, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3929/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7284

BY Tanzi

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows William McGuire to join Kelsey McGuire and Russell Bruce in marriage on or about July 22, 2016, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC4083/1}

BY Edwards, Canario

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Matthew Dennis to join Arielle Hebert and Bryan Dennis in marriage on or about April 30, 2016, within the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.) {LC4151/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7308

**BY** Mattiello

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Frank DiBiase to join Melissa Jean Aitchison and Brian David Roux in marriage on or about October 16, 2016, within the Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island.) {LC4134/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7309

BY Gallison

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Michael J. Dutra to join Megan N. Cordeiro and Peter M. Ferreira in marriage on or about August 13, 2016, within the Town of Bristol, Rhode Island.) {LC4066/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7337

BY Ruggiero

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Wayne Brasco to join Angela Chouinard and Matthew House in marriage on or about December 31, 2016, within the Town of Middletown, Rhode Island.) {LC4191/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

# House Bill No. 7338

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Robert Elmer to join Dr. Allison Crepeau and Andrew Best in marriage on or about May 28, 2016, within the Town of Westerly, Rhode Island.) {LC4198/1}

BY McNamara

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Randy Alvarez to join Emily Grote and Sean Burgo in marriage on or about May 20, 2016, within the Town of Little Compton, Rhode Island.) {LC4236/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7393

**BY** Regunberg

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows David Fegley to join Hannah Fegley and Paul Herman in marriage on or about May 7, 2016, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC4270/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7521

BY Melo

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Christine Elyse Keller to join Ryan M. Farrenkopf and Jayce M. Diaz in marriage on or about September 3, 2016, within the City of East Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC4659/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7522

BY Diaz, Slater, Maldonado

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows His Excellency Michael Stanley Dukakis to join Kaitlyn Ann Vollucci and Nathan Ross Mackinnon in marriage on or about September 24, 2016, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC4682/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

# House Bill No. 7523

BY Slater

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Maria C. Moran to join Sheila Marcucci and Efrain Moran in marriage on or about May 28, 2016, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC4646/1}

BY Filippi

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Kathryn Anschutz to join Maggie O'Neil and Michael McInnis in marriage on or about June 11, 2016, within the Town of New Shoreham, Rhode Island.) {LC4724/1}

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Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7614

BY Solomon, Bennett

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows Ryan Michael Steger to join Abigail Leigh Zawadzki and Daniel Robert Desomma in marriage on or about September 24, 2016, within the Town of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.) {LC4814/1}

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

#### House Bill No. 7042

BY Winfield

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF IMPRINT, INC. {LC3029/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

#### House Bill No. 7043

BY Newberry

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND, INC. {LC3269/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

#### House Bill No. 7044

BY Nardolillo

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MICELI CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING, INC {LC3270/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Craven, Tanzi

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE RIVERSIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KINGSTON {LC3818/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

### House Bill No. 7222

(by request)

BY Melo

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF HOT RIDES INC.

{LC3779/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

# House Bill No. 7223

(by request)

BY Melo

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST PROVIDENCE TOWING INC. {LC3780/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

#### House Bill No. 7323

BY Regunberg

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIRDESI AND COMPANY CORPORATION {LC4184/1}

Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar.

#### CALLED TO ORDER

The Senate is called to order by the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed, President of the Senate, on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:29 o'clock P.M.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Senator Algiere seconded by Senator Ruggerio the Senate adjourns at 4:31 o'clock P.M.

# **Appendix**

# **INVOCATION**

# SENATOR JUAN M. PICHARDO

Dear Lord, Hear our prayer this day and guide us with your wisdom. Help us to break down the prejudices that prevent us from fully understanding and benefiting from the amazing diversity that is America. Let us give thanks and praise those who have suffered so much for so long. Amen.

## **Appendix**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

# IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016:

#### 1. 2016-S 2553

**BY** Pichardo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF "THE OCEAN STATE WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING COMMISSION" TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF THE STATE'S SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA ON LANGUAGE LEARNERS

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

# 2. 2016-S 2590

**BY** Algiere

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF STEPHEN P. OSELLA PLUMBING, LTD.

Ordered on the Consent Calendar.

#### 3. 2016-H 7165

**BY** McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE RIVERSIDE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH KINGSTON

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

# 4. 2016-H 7044

**BY** Nardolillo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MICELI CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING, INC

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

# 5. 2016-H 7043

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

### 6. 2016-H 7323

**BY** Regunberg

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF MIRDESI AND COMPANY CORPORATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

# 7. 2016-H 7223

**BY** Melo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF EAST PROVIDENCE TOWING INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

# 8. 2016-H 7222

**BY** Melo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF HOT RIDES INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

# 9. 2016-H 7042

**BY** Winfield

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF IMPRINT, INC.

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

# **Appendix**

#### **CALENDAR**

# IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016:

#### 1. 2016-S 2056

**BY** Crowley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS-REGULATION OF POWDERED CAFFEINE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

#### 2. 2016-S 2102

BY Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ESTATES IN REAL **PROPERTY** 

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

#### 3. 2016-S 2103

**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

#### 2016-S 2105 4.

**BY** Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

# IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016:

#### 1. 2016-S 2109

**BY** Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --**CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** 

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

# 2. 2016-S 2233

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

# 3. 2016-S 2224

**BY** Lynch Prata **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Joseph Brady Secretary of the Senate