

# State of Rhode Island

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Forty-seventh Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Thursday, June 15, 2023, and is called to order at 4:16 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 73 members present and 2 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 2: Representatives Azzinaro and Quattrocchi.

## INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative John G. Edwards 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, June 15, 2023, is approved.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

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

**Senate Bill No. 203**

**BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, DiMario, McKenney, Gu, Valverde, Felag, Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Creates appointment of executive director of coastal resources management as an employee and respected staff of coastal resource management to coordinate with DEM and division leaders to plan management of coastal resources.) {LC936/1}  
06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 148 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Raptakis, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Burke, McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides issuance of an occupational license, certificate and permit for military service members licensed in other states and relocated to Rhode Island.) {LC845/A/1}  
06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 912 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Mack, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Euer, Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC696/A/1}  
06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 563 SUB A**

**BY** Murray, Valverde, Lauria, Pearson, Euer, Lawson, Mack, Acosta, Miller, Cano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION (Requires coverage for the treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for treatment of HIV infection, commencing January 1, 2024.) {LC1940/A/2}  
06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**House Bill No. 6240 SUB A**

**BY** Baginski, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Requires unanimous vote of local board of canvassers for the combination of voting districts for any special election and requires unanimous vote of canvassers for combination of voting districts for any special election or presidential primary.) {LC2483/A/1}  
06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 653 SUB A****BY** LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Acosta, Mack, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND

RECOGNIZANCE (Requires the clerk of the court to return any bail money posted to the defendant or the person who provided the bail money at the time of judgment of the case and that the money shall not be used to pay costs, fines or restitution or any other assessment.) {LC2048/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 103 SUB A as amended****BY** Kallman, McKenney, Euer, Miller, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

(Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)

{LC1050/A/2}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 366 SUB A as amended****BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

(Requires default notices to lessees of self-service storage facilities to be sent to the lessee's last known address, would repeal the necessity of certified mail for three and repeal the necessity of publication for 3 weeks.) {LC1402/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 401****BY** DiMario, Euer, Murray, Tikoian, Miller, Lawson, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Quezada, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE

OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police officers commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for officers and trainees to more accurately identify complaints involving persons with cognitive or communication-related disabilities.) {LC1070/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 489****BY** DiMario, Murray, Lawson, DiPalma, Gallo, Euer, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(Would require public school districts to take certain actions to promote notice and disseminate information regarding the district's special education local advisory committee.) {LC1736/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 630 SUB A****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF

SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS (Requires the state crime laboratory to conduct an audit of DNA samples in the DNA databank to ascertain the rate of compliance with DNA recording requirements.) {LC2314/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 724 SUB A as amended**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Provides that water supply systems that have PFAS contaminants that exceed the interim drinking water standard be required to enter into a consent agreement with department of health to implement treatment to reduce the levels of PFAS contaminants.) {LC2293/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 738**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Lauria, Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Provides that Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act consist of drugs and other substances, by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name or name designated by the director of the department of health.) {LC2248/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 829 SUB A****BY** Gallo, Pearson, Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Requires the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to prescribe or approve power-of-attorney forms to be used in connection with vehicle registrations.) {LC2611/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1032 SUB A****BY** Lombardi F, LaMountain, McKenney, Ujifusa, Zurier, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends certain general laws relative to zoning ordinance variances, special use permits, modifications thereto and also amends provisions relative to substandard lots of record and the merger of such lots.) {LC2508/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1033 SUB A****BY** Pearson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends the required contents of a comprehensive plan providing that the "implementation program" component of the requirements include a 5 year strategic plan to ensure that the comprehensive plan goals and policies are implemented in a timely fashion.) {LC2502/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1034 SUB A****BY** Pearson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC2501/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1035 SUB A****BY** Kallman, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Provides that adaptive reuse for the conversion of commercial property into residential or mixed-use developments shall be a permitted use and allowable by specific and objective provisions of a zoning ordinance, subject to certain restrictions.) {LC2504/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1037 SUB A****BY** Ruggerio, Pearson, Gallo, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Provides amendments relative to low- and moderate-income housing and modifies and clarifies the procedure for review of applications to build such housing.) {LC2500/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1038 SUB A****BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends certain notification procedures relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land and zoning ordinances)

{LC3016/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1049****BY** Burke, Tikoian, Quezada, LaMountain, McKenney, Raptakis, Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE

OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police training on recognizing the possible existence of mental health disorders and substance use disorders and requires certified crisis intervention team training for all officers.) {LC3040/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1050 SUB A****BY** McKenney, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Amends several sections of law relating to low-and moderate-income housing and the application, appeal, and judicial review process.) {LC2505/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1051 SUB A****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Increases the amount of allowable units per acre for all projects subject to inclusionary zoning as well as other incentives and subsidies to offset differential costs of below-market units.)

{LC2507/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1052 SUB A****BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Creates the transit oriented development pilot program to encourage residential housing near convenient public transportation.) {LC2503/A/2}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1053 SUB A****BY** McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Establishes a land use court within the superior court, effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2506/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1080****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Arkadiusz Z. Smigielski to join Danielle St. Pierre and Michael Smigielski in marriage on or about October 27, 2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3049/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1104****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (This act would extend the dates for statistical updates following revaluations for the city of Woonsocket.) {LC3178/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1129****BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT {LC3232/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 1134****BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- MAMMOGRAMS AND PAP SMEARS -- COVERAGE MANDATED {LC3240/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**House Bill No. 5602 SUB A as amended****BY** Slater, Diaz, Potter, Cruz, Brien, Solomon, Bennett, Felix, Hull, Lombardi J**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables all municipalities to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods during fiscal years 2024 or 2025 for the waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments.) {LC1589/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**House Bill No. 5861 SUB A as amended**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Provides that water supply systems that have PFAS contaminants that exceed the interim drinking water standard be required to enter into a consent agreement with department of health to implement treatment to reduce the levels of PFAS contaminants.) {LC2186/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**House Bill No. 5962 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Newberry, Edwards, Kazarian, Solomon, Chippendale, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING {LC1869/A/3}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Resolution No. 1112**

**BY** DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Felag, Sosnowski, Murray

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS (Makes appropriation to pay certain claims.) {LC3160/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Resolution No. 1126**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE REDUCED CATCH OF QUAHOGS IN NARRAGANSETT BAY (Creates a 13 member joint commission to study and provide recommendations on the issues relating to the reduced catch of quahogs in Narragansett Bay, and who would report back to the General Assembly by May 31, 2024, and expire on June 30, 2024.) {LC3227/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**House Bill No. 5685**

**BY** Felix, Kislak, Giraldo, Henries, Tanzi, Morales, McNamara, Kazarian, Casimiro, Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE (Requires the clerk of the court to return any bail money posted to the defendant or the person who provided the bail money at the time of judgment of the case and that the money shall not be used to pay costs, fines or restitution or any other assessment.) {LC1767/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 311 SUB A**

**BY** Murray, Mack, Miller, Euer, Sosnowski, Quezada, Acosta, DiMario, Kallman, Raptakis

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Prohibits the requirement that a fee be paid for a rental application for real property.) {LC1658/A/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Resolution No. 1112****BY** DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Felag, Sosnowski, Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS (Makes appropriation to pay certain claims.) {LC3160/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Resolution No. 1126****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE REDUCED CATCH OF QUAHOGS IN NARRAGANSETT BAY {LC3227/1}

06/15/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 111****BY** Morgan E, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Richmond, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of Richmond on November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2022.) {LC444/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 275 SUB A****BY** Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.) {LC290/A/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 575 SUB A****BY** Lauria, Miller, Ujifusa, Bell, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health plans that provide coverage for prescription epinephrine auto injectors (epi-pens) to charge no more than \$35.00 for a thirty-day supply. Coverage for prescription epinephrine auto injectors would not be subject to any deductible.) {LC1879/A/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Resolution No. 620****BY** Kallman, Mack, LaMountain, McKenney, Acosta, DiPalma, DiMario, Lauria, Burke, Miller**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (Creates a 19 member task force whose purpose it would be to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, and who would report back by February 5, 2024, and expire on April 5, 2024.) {LC1532/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar



**Senate Bill No. 855 SUB A****BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires the state building code standards committee to revise the state energy conservation code to meet 2024 International Energy Conservation Code electric readiness provisions.) {LC2306/A/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 992****BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the total amount of all flat tax credits from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) of the prior year's tax levy.) {LC2855/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 925 SUB A****BY** Goodwin, Gallo, Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT (Amends the definition of unfair claims settlement practices by insurers & motor vehicle damage appraisers.... {LC2002/A/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 1106 as amended****BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE (Provides that if liability is accepted by causing a total loss of the other party's vehicle, coverage for a rental vehicle for no less than an additional seven (7) days be provided.) {LC3192/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 1119****BY** Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT (Prohibits the sale: eff. 1/1/24 of screw/bayonet base compact fluorescent lamps; eff. 1/1/25 of pin-base type compact and linear fluorescent lamps with civil penalties for violations.) {LC3220/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1120****BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPROVAL FOR A SUBMERGED LAND LEASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVOLUTION WIND PROJECT {LC3224/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 1135****BY** Pearson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS {LC3241/1}  
06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 776****BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments and motor vehicle tax payments.) {LC2600/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 6128 SUB A****BY** Edwards, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Messier, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires every school district/local education agency/city/town to report each fiscal year relating to funding/ administrative/program information from the American Rescue plan, elementary/secondary school emergency relief, and state/local recovery funds.) {LC2209/A/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 6084 SUB B****BY** Felix, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, Hull, Kazarian, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Creates the transit oriented development pilot program to encourage residential housing near convenient public transportation.) {LC2193/B/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5767 SUB A****BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Solomon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Requires the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to prescribe or approve power-of-attorney forms to be used in connection with vehicle registrations.) {LC1982/A/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5339 as amended**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (Amends applicability and operational requirements of the chapter on Education Services to Very Young Children.) {LC1159/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5335 as amended****BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides for improving license portability for military service members and their spouses who are relocated to Rhode Island.) {LC1098/1}

06/15/2023 Place on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 6027 SUB A as amended****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE (Provides that if liability is accepted by causing a total loss of the other party's vehicle, coverage for a rental vehicle for no less than an additional seven (7) days be provided.) {LC2061/A/1}

06/16/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 182 SUB A****BY** DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Acosta, Lauria, Valverde, DiPalma, Picard, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION {LC1443/A/1}

06/16/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**Senate Bill No. 77 as amended****BY** Pearson, Gallo, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Mack, Valverde, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program to provide two-year scholarships to junior and seniors at Rhode Island college.) {LC1193/1}

06/16/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney, for the Committee on Finance, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5099****BY** McNamara, Diaz, Biah, Donovan, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Felix**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program to provide two-year scholarships to junior and seniors at Rhode Island college.) {LC60/1}

06/16/2023 Placed on House Calendar (06/15/2023)

**GUESTS**

Representatives Alzate and Giraldo welcome to the House Chamber Colombia Ambassador to the United States, the Honorable Luis Gilberto Murillo Urrutia and Carolina Mejia Gil, Consul General of Colombia (Boston, MA). Speaker Shekarchi welcomes them to the House Chamber.

Representative Batista welcomes to the House Chamber Sabrina Smith, granddaughter of the late Civil Rights Legend Mattie Smith. Speaker Shekarchi welcomes her to the House Chamber.

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023:**

**Majority Leader Blazejewski moves item #8 to the top of the Calendar. There is no objection.**

**8. 2023-H 6348 SUB A****BY** Costantino**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cardillo, Caldwell, Marszalkowski, Shallcross Smith, Noret, O'Brien, Biah, Phillips, Costantino, Lima, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Corvese, Slater, Diaz, Baginski, Voas, Majority Whip Kazarian, Representatives Casimiro, Edwards, Bennett and Fenton-Fung.

Chairman Abney, Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Morales, Tanzi, Morgan, Slater and Potter discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Potter, seconded by Representatives Ajello, Morales, and Tanzi offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO**

2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A/2

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY  
GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING", as follows:

1. On page 7, line 14, after the word "include" by deleting the language "but are not limited to,".
2. On page 7, line 15, by deleting the language "and may include" and inserting in place thereof the language "which contain".
3. On page 7, line 16, by deleting the language "(i) An auto play feature;".
4. On page 7, line 17, by deleting the language "(i)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(i)".
5. On page 7, line 18, by deleting the language "(iii)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(ii)".
6. On page 7, line 19, by deleting the language "(iv)" and inserting in place thereof the language "(iii)".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Potter

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Representatives Potter and Tanzi discuss the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative O'Brien rises on a point of order for Representative Tanzi to stay on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and asks Representative Tanzi to speak on the merits of the Amendment.

Representatives Morales, Slater, Lima and Potter continue the discussion on the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Lima rises on a point of order for Representative Potter to stay on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and asks Representative Potter to speak on the merits of the amendment.

Representative Potter and Majority Leader Blazejewski continue the discussion on the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order for Representative Potter to stay on the merits of the amendment.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and asks Representative Potter to speak on the merits of the amendment.

Representatives Potter, Lima and Ajello continue the discussion on the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 14 members voting in the affirmative and 51 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 14: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Boylan, Cotter, Cruz, Henries, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Potter, Sanchez, Speakman, Tanzi.

NAYS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Sanchez, McGaw and Brien discuss the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Tanzi, seconded by Representatives Potter, Ajello, Morales and Sanchez offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO

2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A/2

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY  
GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING", as follows:

1. On page 18, between lines 26 and 27 by inserting the following language:

"(f) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, iGaming shall only be authorized and initiated after adoption and approval of an amendment to all applicable contracts to include but, not be limited to, the Master Contract and any labor agreements to expressly prohibit Bally's and affiliates of Bally's from reducing the average monthly total working shifts for employees at gaming facilities below the average monthly working shifts for employees during the period from January 1, 2023 until July 1, 2023 for all casino, hotel and food and beverages service employees."

2. On page 19, between lines 9 and 10 by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 6. Chapter 23-20.10 of the General Laws entitled "Public Health and Workplace Safety Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

23-20.10-6.2. Sunset of smoking in pari mutual facilities.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 23-20.10-6.1 or any general or special law to the contrary, any authorization to smoke in any gaming area or gaming facility shall sunset and expire on September 1, 2023.

(b) On and after September 1 2023, smoking shall be prohibited in all enclosed gaming facilities and all gaming areas which constitute a place of employment to include, but not limited to, work areas, conference and meeting rooms, offices, elevators, hallways, stairs, restrooms, entertainment areas and gaming floor areas."

3. On page 19, line 10, by deleting the numeral "6" and by inserting in place thereof the numeral, "7".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Tanzi

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Representative Tanzi discusses the amendment.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order that Representative Tanzi's amendment is not germane to the act.

The Honorable Speaker rules that Representative Tanzi's amendment is nongermane to the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Potter, seconded by Representatives Tanzi, Ajello and Morales offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A/2**

**AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY  
GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING", as follows:

1. On page 19, between lines 9 and 10, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 6. Section 42-61.2-3.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-61.2 entitled "Video Lottery Games, Table Games and Sports Wagering" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-61.2-3.1. Table-game regulation.

(a) In addition to the powers and duties of the Division director under §§ 42-61-4, 42-61.2-3 and 42-61.2-4, and pursuant to § 42-61.2-2.1 and § 42-61.2-2.2, the Division director shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations relating to state-operated table gaming and set policy for these table games. These rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Establishing standards and procedures for table gaming and associated equipment.  
(2) Establishing standards, rules and regulations to govern the conduct of table games and the system of wagering associated with table games, including without limitation:

(i) The object of the table game and method of play, including what constitutes win, loss or tie bets;

(ii) Physical characteristics of the table games and table-game equipment;

(iii) Wager and payout odds for each type of available wager;

(iv) The applicable inspection procedures for any of the following, as required by a table game:

(A) Cards;

(B) Dice;

(C) Wheels and balls; and

(D) Other devices, equipment and accessories related to table games.

(v) Procedures for the collection of bets and payouts, including requirements for internal revenue service purposes;

(vi) Procedures for handling suspected cheating or table-gaming irregularities; and

(vii) Procedures for handling any defective or malfunctioning table-game equipment.

(3) Establishing the method for calculating net table-game revenue and standards for the daily counting and recording of cash received in the conduct of table games, and ensuring that internal controls are followed, including the maintenance of financial books and records and the conduct of annual audits at the expense of the table game retailer.

(4) Establishing the number and type of table games authorized at a table-game retailer's facility, and all rules related thereto.

(5) Establishing any table-game rule changes, table-game minimum and maximum wager changes, and changes to the type of table game being offered at a particular gaming table, including any notice by the table-game retailer to the public.

(6) Requiring the table-game retailer to:

(i) Provide written information at each table game about game rules, payoffs or winning wagers and other information as the Division may require.

(ii) Provide specifications approved by the Division to integrate and update the table-game retailer's surveillance system to cover all areas where table games are conducted and other areas as required by the lottery division. The specifications shall include provisions providing the Division and other persons authorized by the Division with onsite access to the system.

(iii) Designate one or more locations within the table-game retailer's facility to conduct table games.

(iv) Ensure that visibility in a table-game retailer's facility is not obstructed in any way that could interfere with the ability of the Division, the table-game retailer or other persons authorized under this section or by the Division to oversee the surveillance of the conduct of table games.

(v) Ensure that the count room for table gaming has appropriate security for the counting and storage of cash.

(vi) Furnish each table game with a sign acceptable to the division indicating the permissible minimum and maximum wagers at the table game.

(vii) Adopt policies or procedures to prohibit any table-game equipment from being possessed, maintained or exhibited by any person on the premises of a table-game retailer's facility except in the areas of such facility where the conduct of table games is authorized or in a restricted area designated to be used for the inspection, service, repair or storage of table-game equipment by the table-game retailer or in an area used for employee training and instruction by the table-game retailer.

(viii) Ensure that drop boxes are brought into or removed from an area where table games are conducted or locked or unlocked in accordance with procedures established by the Division.

(ix) Designate secure locations for the inspection, service, repair or storage of table-game equipment and for employee training and instruction to be approved by the Division.

(7) Establishing the size and uniform color by denomination of table-game chips used in the conduct of table games, including tournaments, and a policy for the use of promotional or commemorative chips used in the conduct of certain table games. All types of table-game chips shall be approved by the Division prior to being used for play at a table game.

(8) Establishing the procedure to be used by a table-game retailer to determine and extract a rake for the purposes of generating net, table-game revenue from nonbanking games.

(9) Establishing minimum standards relating to the acceptance of tips or gratuities by dealers at a table game, which shall include:

(i) The requirement that tips or gratuities accepted by dealers at banking table games be placed in a common pool for complete distribution pro rata among all dealers based on the daily collection of such tips or gratuities; provided however, the Division may establish an alternative distribution method for tips or gratuities at a banking table game upon submission by the table-game retailer of a proposal acceptable to the division to modify the existing distribution method for tips or gratuities.

(ii) The requirement that tips or gratuities accepted by dealers at nonbanking table games are not required to be pooled and may be retained by the dealers; provided however, the Division may establish an alternative distribution method for tips or gratuities at a nonbanking table game upon submission by the table-game retailer of a proposal acceptable to the division to modify the existing distribution method for tips or gratuities.

(10) Establishing the minimal proficiency requirements for table-game personnel, including without limitation table-game dealers. The foregoing requirements of this subsection (10) shall not affect any rules or regulations of the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation requiring licensing of personnel of state-operated gaming facilities.

(11) Establishing the practices and procedures governing the conduct of table-game tournaments.



(12) Establishing appropriate eligibility requirements and standards for traditional table-game equipment suppliers.

(13) Any other matters necessary for conducting table games.

(b) The Division shall promulgate the table-game regulations authorized by this section on or before March 31, 2013.

(c) A table-game retailer shall reimburse and pay to the Division (or to such other entities as the Division may identify) all reasonable costs and expenses associated with the Division’s review of the business or operations of the table-game retailer, including, but not limited to, such items as ongoing auditing, legal, investigation services, compulsive and problem gambling programs, and other related matters.

(d) The table-game retailer shall provide secure, segregated facilities as required by the Division on the premises for the exclusive use of the Lottery staff and the State Police. Such space shall be located proximate to the gaming floor and shall include surveillance equipment, monitors with full camera control capability, as well as other office equipment that may be deemed necessary by the Division. The location and size of the space shall be subject to the approval of the Division.

(e) The Division director shall provide an annual report to the general assembly. The report shall include:

(1) A summary of findings from investigations of patron complaints related to iGaming;

(2) Current terms and conditions for iGaming;

(3) A summarized risk assessment for all aspects of iGaming, including, procedures for system integrity, system security, operations, accounting, and reporting of problem gamblers;

(4) A summarized risk assessment relating to operational controls for server-based gaming systems, software, and hardware utilized for iGaming, including, but not limited to, appearance, functionality, contests, collection, storage and retention of data and security; and

(5) The current operational controls for online gaming accounts, including, but not limited to, procedures for the establishment and closure of an online gaming account, funding of withdrawal of funds from an online gaming account and generation of an account statement for a patron's online gaming account."

2. On page 19, line 10, after the word "SECTION" by deleting the numeral "6" and inserting the numeral "7".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Potter

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Representatives Potter, Slater and Morales discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 14 members voting in the affirmative and 50 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 14: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Cotter, Cruz, Felix, Henries, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

NAYS - 50: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee,

McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Sanchez discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Potter, seconded by Representatives Tanzi, Morales and Ajello offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A/2**

**AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY  
GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING", as follows:

1. On page 18, lines 22 through 24, after the language "(d)" by deleting all of the language thereon and inserting in place thereof the language, "All technology, equipment, hardware and software used by the iGaming game vendor and its suppliers shall be located in the State of Rhode Island."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Potter

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Representatives Potter, Ajello, Slater and Morales discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote 12 members voting in the affirmative and 54 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 12: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Boylan, Cruz, Felix, Henries, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Tanzi.

NAYS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Morales discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Representative Morales, seconded by Representatives Potter, Ajello, Sanchez, Tanzi and McGaw offers a written motion to amend.

### FLOOR AMENDMENT

#### TO

2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A/2

### AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6348 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING", as follows:

1. On page 4, between lines 5 and 6, by inserting thereof the following language:

"(8) There shall be an amendment to the Master Agreement/Contract between the State of Rhode Island Division of Lottery and Bally's Twin River-Tiverton that Bally's Twin River shall not reduce its average monthly employee total shifts at the gaming facilities below the amount of average monthly total shifts for all hotel and food and beverage employees, as existed upon passage of this act."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Morales

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Representatives Morales discusses the amendment.

### POINT OF ORDER

Floor Manager Edwards rises on a point of order that Representative Morales' amendment is not germane to the act.

The Honorable Speaker rules that Representative Morales' amendment is nongermane to the act. merits of the amendment.

### THE RULING OF THE CHAIR CHALLENGED

Representative Potter rises and challenges the Ruling of the Chair.

The Honorable Speaker calls for a vote on The Ruling of the Chair.

**The Ruling of the Chair is sustained**, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend,

Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Cruz, Handy, Henries, Lombardi, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Ajello, Chippendale, Henries, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

**9. 2023-S 948 SUB B**

**BY** Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, and many others.

Chairman Abney, Representatives Potter, Costantino, Sanchez and Slater discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, and the original bill and the bill marked Substitute "A" indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 59 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Ajello, Chippendale, Henries, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:

### PROXY VOTES

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Azzinaro to be recorded in the affirmative for items #8 and #9.

### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, items #8 and #9 on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate, forthwith.

**Leader Blazejewski moves item #32 to the top of the Calendar. There is no objection.**

**32. 2023-H 5034 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Edwards

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

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Phillips, Bennett and Voas.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**1. 2023-H 6233 SUB A**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING  
PROGRAM

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and

passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Corvese, Lima, Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Casey.

Chairman Solomon and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Henries, Place, Sanchez, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

## **2. 2023-S 1 SUB B**

**BY** Ruggerio

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, and the original bill and the bill marked Substitute "A" indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Henries, Place, Sanchez, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2023-H 5160****BY** Alzate**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lima, Lombardi, Morales, Morgan, Phillips, Potter, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO**

2023 -- H 5160

AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5160, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING", as follows:

1. On page 12, line 11, by deleting the language "upon passage" and inserting in place thereof the language "on January 1, 2024".

2. On page 13, line 3, by deleting the language "upon passage" and inserting in place thereof the language "on January 1, 2024".

Respectfully submitted,

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 Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place,

Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Nardone, Place.

RECUSED - 0:

**4. 2023-H 5159**

**BY McGaw**

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ajello, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Diaz, Felix, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, Kazarian, Kislak, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski. offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO**

**2023 -- H 5159**

**AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5159, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES", as follows:

1. On page 2, between lines 7 and 8 by inserting the language:



"(8) "Public funding" means any funds including, but not limited to, funds derived from federal, state or municipal sources; in-kind remuneration from any federal, state or municipal source; gifts or grants from any federal, state or municipal source; revenue sharing or other federal, state or municipal payments of any nature, intergovernmental transfers; tax stabilization agreements, revenues resulting from the sale of state or municipal bonds; or by the sale or lease of any property owned by the federal government, the State of Rhode Island, and/or any municipality of the state."

2. On page 3, line 1, by deleting the language "§ 31-41.1-4" and by inserting in place thereof the language "§§ 31-21-18 and 31-41.1-4".

3. On page 3, between lines 16 and 17 by inserting the language, "(i) The provisions of this section shall only apply to new projects awarded subsequent to January 1, 2024 that receive any form of public funding."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Brien, Fenton-Fung, McGaw, Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Boylan discuss the act as amended.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Brien, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

5. **2023-S 988**

**BY** Lombardo

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

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**

**TO**

2023 -- S 0988

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0988, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 5, by deleting the word "meaning" and by inserting in place thereof the word "meanings".

2. On page 1, line 10, by deleting the language "designated parking spaces" and by inserting in place thereof the language "electrical vehicle charging stations".

3. On page 2, lines 1 and 2, by deleting all the language contained thereon.

4. On page 2, line 3, by deleting the language "(6)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(5)".

5. On page 2, line 5, by deleting the language "(7)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(6)".

6. On page 2, line 7, by deleting the language "(8)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(7)".

7. On page 2, between lines 9 and 10 by inserting the language:

"(8) "Public funding" means any funds including, but not limited to, funds derived from federal, state or municipal sources; in-kind remuneration from any federal, state or municipal source; gifts or grants from any federal, state or municipal source; revenue sharing or other federal, state or municipal payments of any nature, intergovernmental transfers; tax stabilization agreements, revenues resulting from the sale of state or municipal bonds; or by the sale or lease of any property owned by the federal government, the State of Rhode Island, and/or any municipality of the state."

8. On page 2, line 10, by deleting the language "vehicles" and by inserting in place thereof the language "vehicle".

9. On page 2, lines 15 and 16, by deleting the language ", EV-capable, or EVSE-installed public level 2," and by inserting in place thereof the language "or EV-capable public level 2,".

10. On page 2, lines 24 through 26, by deleting all the language contained thereon.

11. On page 2, line 27, by deleting the language "(e)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(d)".

12. On page 2, line 28, by deleting the language "electric" and by inserting in place thereof

the language "electrical".

13. On page 2, line 29, by deleting the language "the table" and by inserting in place thereof the language "the following table".

14. On page 2, lines 31 through 34, by deleting all the language contained thereon and by inserting in place thereof the language:

<u>"TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF REQUIRED EV SPACES</u>
<u>0-9.....</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>10-25.....</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>26-50.....</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>51-75.....</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>76-100.....</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>101-150.....</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>151-200.....</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>201 and over .....</u>	<u>six percent (6%) of total"</u>

15. On page 3, lines 1 through 7, by deleting all the language contained thereon.

16. On page 3, line 8, by deleting the language "(f)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(e)".

17. On page 3, line 8, by deleting the language "restrictions" and by inserting in place thereof the language "parking restrictions".

18. On page 3, line 11, by deleting the language "(g)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(f)".

19. On page 3, line 15, by deleting the language "(h)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(g)".

20. On page 3, line 15, by deleting the language "electric" and by inserting in place thereof the language "electrical".

21. On page 3, line 21, by deleting the language "(i)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(h)".

22. On page 3, between lines 24 and 25, by inserting the language, "(i) The provisions of this section shall only apply to new projects awarded subsequent to January 1, 2024 that receive any form of public funding."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 64 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Costantino.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative McGaw discusses the act as amended.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 53 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Perez, Potter, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Brien, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**6. 2023-H 6507**

**BY** Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Blazejewski, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Fogarty, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, O'Brien, Potter, Sanchez, Shanley, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**7. 2023-S 483****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**10. 2023-H 6487****BY** Casey**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Brien, and Phillips.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**11. 2023-S 758**

**BY** Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Corvese.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**12. 2023-H 6523**

**BY** O'Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS AND ESTHETICIANS

Ordered on the Calendar

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Corvese.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**13. 2023-H 5350 SUB A**

**BY** Morales

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Craven, Cruz, Felix, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Roberts, Sanchez, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Chairwoman Donovan, Representatives Morgan and Morales discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**14. 2023-S 871 SUB A**

**BY** Goodwin

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

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED -0:





State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Newberry, State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 6478

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Avoid appearance of conflict of interest

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

[Signature]  
Michael P. Egan  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 57679

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 13 day of June, 2023

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Newberry is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**15. 2023-H 6478****BY Kazarian****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Boylan, Morales, O'Brien, Shanley, Henries and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Newberry, State Representative, District 18, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 983

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Award of peace of integrity

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June, 2023

[Signature]  
Michael H. Egap  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2024  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commission # 57679

Representative Newberry is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**16. 2023-S 983**  
**BY DiPalma**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO**  
**TAXATION**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Corvese.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Newbery State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 6492

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Avoid appearance of conflict of interest

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

[Signature]  
MICHAEL F. FINE  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 57679

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June, 2023

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Newbery is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**17. 2023-H 6492****BY** Henries**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Henries.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Welby, State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 538

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter:  
Avoidance of conflict of interest

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this

17 day of June, 2023  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2028  
Commission # 57679

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Welby is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**18. 2023-S 38****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

**19. 2023-H 5966 SUB A****BY** Handy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Shanley, Representatives Tanzi and Carson discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Ajello, Chippendale, Fogarty, McGaw, Place, Potter, Stewart, Tanzi.



RECUSED - 0:

**20. 2023-H 5007 SUB A**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT**

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Corvese, McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman and Representative Morales.

Chairman Abney, Representatives Morales and Sanchez, Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Kislak discuss the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**21. 2023-S 2 SUB B**

**BY Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT**

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "B" is read and passed, and the original bill and the bill marked Substitute "A" indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**22. 2023-H 5093**

**BY Fellela**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**23. 2023-H 5289**

**BY Ajello**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Ajello.

Chairman Casey and Representative Ajello discuss the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**24. 2023-S 443 SUB A**

**BY** Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**25. 2023-H 5569****BY** Batista**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cruz, Donovan, Felix, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Lombardi, McEntee, McNamara, Morales, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members 0 voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Bennett, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Phillips, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**26. 2023-S 812****BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE --  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Place, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Bennett, Cardillo, Chippendale, Corvese, Phillips, Rea, Roberts, Serpa.

RECUSED - 0:

27. 2023-H 6323  
BY Tanzi  
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND  
TENANT ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Craven seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2023 -- H 6323 SUBSTITUTE A

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

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6323 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT", as follows:

1. On page 1, line 5, by deleting the language, "after the conclusion of the case" and inserting in place thereof the language, "filed at least thirty (30) days after the expiration of the appeal period following the conclusion of the underlying civil action".

2. On page 1, lines 6 through 9, by deleting the language "consider the disposition of the case, including, but not limited to, whether the case was dismissed, whether rent claimed in the case has been paid through a rental assistance program, and if the case was resolved by stipulation whether the terms of the stipulation have been fulfilled by the parties." and inserting in place thereof the language, "grant the motion and seal the record of the civil action upon a finding that the underlying civil action was dismissed as a result of a motion to dismiss, the action was resolved by stipulation and the terms of the stipulation have been satisfied by the parties, any monetary judgment against the moving party has been satisfied in full or the action has been dismissed for lack of prosecution after a five (5) year period. The court shall also make a finding that the moving party notified all parties to the underlying civil action of their motion to seal the record and that motion is the only request made under this section by the moving party within the previous five (5) years."

3. On page 1, between lines 9 and 10, by inserting the language, "(c) Any party to an action arising under §§ 34-18-35, 34-18-36, and 34-18-38 may file a motion to seal the record of the action upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Parties requesting seal of their record under this section are limited to one request every five (5) years."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Craven

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Chairman Craven and Representative Lima discuss the amendment.

**AT EASE**

At 7:10 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

**ORDER**

At 8:11 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** – 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

Representative Tanzi continues the discussion on the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

**YEAS** - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

**NAYS** - 0:

**RECUSED** - 0:

Representatives Lima, Corvese, Brien, Costantino, Carson, and Sanchez discuss the act as amended.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Casey rises on a point of order that Representative Sanchez speak on the merits of the amended act.

The Honorable Speaker upholds the point of order and asks that Representative Sanchez stay on the merits of the amended act.

Representatives Tanzi, Casey, Lima and Morgan discuss the amended act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 19 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Place, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 19: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Diaz, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Marszalkowski, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Slater.

RECUSED - 0:

**28. 2023-H 6450**

**BY** Perez

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

29. **2023-S 669**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Leader Blazejewski moves to bundle items #33-77 with the exception of items 34, 35, 36, 38, 42, 51, 55, 57, 59 and 69 seconded by Representatives Marszalkowski and Corvese.**

33. **2023-S 434 SUB A as amended**  
**BY** DiPalma  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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

37. **2023-S 1071 SUB A**  
**BY** LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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

39. **2023-S 671 SUB A**  
**BY** Miller  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FROM PLASTIC BOTTLE WASTE



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

**40. 2023-S 373 as amended**

**BY** Acosta

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT--  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

**41. 2023-S 419 SUB A**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS

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

**43. 2023-S 709**

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE  
PURCHASES

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

**44. 2023-S 750**

**BY** Lombardo

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

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

**45. 2023-S 846 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Paolino

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

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

**46. 2023-S 97**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING  
RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT

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

**47. 2023-S 719**

**BY** McKenney

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

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

48. **2023-S 439**  
**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

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

49. **2023-S 666**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS

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

50. **2023-S 655**  
**BY** Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU

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

52. **2023-S 1009**  
**BY** Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT

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

53. **2023-S 1111**  
**BY** Picard  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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

54. **2023-S 1121**  
**BY** F. Lombardi  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES

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

56. **2023-S 1031**  
**BY** Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

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

**58. 2023-S 1077****BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--  
MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE EAST  
BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

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

**60. 2023-S 1082****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY  
AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT

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

**61. 2023-S 338 SUB A****BY** Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS

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

**62. 2023-S 727****BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

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

**63. 2023-S 906 SUB A****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION  
AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS

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

**64. 2023-S 1056 SUB A****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--  
PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT

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

**65. 2023-S 1098****BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--  
PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION

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

66. **2023-S 1099**  
**BY Mack**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
67. **2023-S 228 SUB A**  
**BY Murray**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
68. **2023-S 699 SUB A**  
**BY Gallo**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
70. **2023-S 869 SUB A**  
**BY Cano**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
71. **2023-S 1105**  
**BY Gallo**  
**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
72. **2023-S 255**  
**BY DiMario**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.
73. **2023-S 705**  
**BY Tikoian**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**
- Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

74. **2023-S 707**  
**BY** Acosta  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX

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

75. **2023-S 714**  
**BY** Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

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

76. **2023-S 715**  
**BY** Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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

77. **2023-S 924 SUB A**  
**BY** Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

**The motion to bundle prevails on a roll call vote**, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Pursuant to Rule 14(d) of House Rules, the Bundle consists of Senate duplicates of House bills that previously passed, and by such rule, the vote of the members on the House bills is reflected as the same for each Senate bill. See below for House votes for the dual Senate bills:

**House Floor**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2023**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>House Bill</b>	<b>Vote Date</b>
33	434 A aa (DiPalma)	5034 A aa (Edwards) <i>Corporations</i> 63-4 (Morgan, Nardone, Place, Roberts)	03/09/2023
37	1071 A (LaMountain)	6375 A (Donovan) <i>Finance</i> 69-0	06/12/2023
39	671 A (Miller)	5502 A (McEntee) <i>Environment and Natural Resources</i> 69-5 (Chippendale, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts)	06/14/2023
40	373 aa (Acosta)	5127 A (Diaz) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 73-0	05/18/2023
41	419 A (DiPalma)	5457 A (Cortvriend) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 71-0	05/25/2023
43	709 (Murray)	5463 (Edwards) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 68-5 (Cardillo, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Roberts)	05/18/2023
44	750 (Lombardo)	5607 (Edwards) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 60-6 (Cardillo, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Phillips, Roberts)	03/29/2023
45	846 A aa (Paolino)	5962 A aa (Newberry) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 41-29 (Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Biah, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Cruz, Donovan, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Potter, Sanchez, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson)	06/12/2023

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46	97 (McKenney)	5147 (McNamara) <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i> 62-0	03/09/2023
47	719 (McKenney)	5687 (Kislak) <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i> 60-6 (Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Rea, Roberts)	03/29/2023
48	439 (DiMario)	5953 (Tanzi) <i>Special Legislation</i> 70-0	05/11/2023
49	666 (Sosnowski)	5233 (Tanzi) <i>Special Legislation</i> 68-0	04/18/2023
50	655 (Euer)	5665 (Carson) <i>Corporations</i> 70-0	05/16/2023
52	1009 (Acosta)	5829 (Slater) <i>Corporations</i> 67-0	05/09/2023
53	1111 (Picard)	6102 A (Casey) <i>Corporations</i> 68-0	05/23/2023
54	1121 (F. Lombardi)	5539 (Casimiro) <i>Corporations</i> 68-0	04/18/2023
56	1031 (Raptakis)	6424 (Noret) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> 71-0	06/14/2023
58	1077 (de la Cruz)	6166 A (Place) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> 64-1 (Edwards)	06/01/2023
60	1082 (Britto)	5584 (Messier) <i>Labor</i> 70-0	06/12/2023
61	338 A (Burke)	5758 A (Noret) <i>Judiciary</i> 67-0	06/01/2023

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62	727 (Mack)	5562 (Diaz) <i>Judiciary</i> 62-7 (Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)	05/11/2023
63	906 A (Euer)	5913 A (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> 70-0	05/02/2023
64	1056 A (Euer)	5513 A (Baginski) <i>Judiciary</i> 67-0	05/23/2023
65	1098 (Euer)	5438 (Knight) <i>Judiciary</i> 72-0	04/20/2023
66	1099 (Mack)	5108 A (Solomon) <i>Judiciary</i> 67-0	05/30/2023
67	228 A (Murray)	5374 A (Casey) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> 69-0	06/12/2023
68	699 A (Gallo)	5339 aa (Donovan) <i>Education</i> 61-1 (Morgan)	04/06/2023
70	869 A (Cano)	5010 aa (McNamara) <i>Education</i> 66-2 (Morgan, Roberts)	04/18/2023
71	1105 (Gallo)	5169 (McNamara) <i>Education</i> 69-0	03/07/2023
72	255 (DiMario)	5191 (Casimiro) <i>Finance</i> 70-0	06/06/2023
73	705 (Tikoian)	5619 (Finkelman) <i>Finance</i> 67-1 (Sanchez)	06/12/2023
74	707 (Acosta)	5981 (Slater) <i>Finance</i> 70-0	06/12/2023



75	714 (Britto)	5519 (Casimiro) <i>Finance</i> 65-0	06/12/2023
76	715 (Britto)	5979 (Slater) <i>Finance</i> 70-0	06/12/2023
77	924 A (Cicccone)	5782 A (Biah) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> 66-2 ( <i>Fenton-Fung, Roberts</i> )	05/25/2023

**The bundle prevails on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:**

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Majority Leader Blazejewski moves #34 to the bottom of today's Calendar. There is no objection.**

**34. 2023-S 342 as amended**

**BY DiMario**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

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

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed on the bottom of today's Calendar.

**30. 2023-S 387**

**BY LaMountain**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**31. 2023-H 6522**

**BY Dawson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS**

Ordered on the Calendar

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**35. 2023-H 5174 SUB A**

**BY Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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

Representative Cortvriend moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

Representative Cortvriend discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Azzinaro.

RECUSED - 0:

**36. 2023-S 417 SUB A**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Azzinaro.

RECUSED - 0:

**PROXY VOTES**

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces pursuant to rule 33(e) authorizing Proxy Votes, he has Proxy Votes from Representative Azzinaro to be recorded in the negative for items #35 and #36.

**Majority Leader Blazejewski moves to recommit. There is no objection.**

**38. 2023-H 6509****BY** Cotter**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

Read, and recommitted to the Committee on Government & Housing.

**42. 2023-S 613 SUB A****BY** F. Lombardi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 8:47 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, CRAVEN, State Representative, District 32, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S-684 Sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: I represent a solar company.

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Michael R. Egan  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 57679

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June, 2023

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative CRAVEN is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Brian Patrick Kennedy  
SPEAKER



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, JOSEPH SLOBARICH, State Representative, District 23, hereby under oath depose and say:

- 1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5684
- 2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: OUT of  
Abundance of CAUTION
- 3. (Please select one of the following):

- A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).  
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- B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.  
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[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: PROVIDENCE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this

15 day of June, 2023  
 State of Rhode Island  
 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
 Commission # 52679  
[Signature]  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Slobarich is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**51. 2023-S 684 SUB A****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Speakman and Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa.

RECUSED - 2: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representative Craven.

**55. 2023-S 879 SUB A as amended****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 8:52 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi.

**57. 2023-S 1061 SUB A**

**BY** Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman McEntee seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**

**TO**

2023 -- S 1061 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 1061 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES", as follows:

1. On page 5, line 24, after the word "bedroom", by inserting the language "and shall not exceed five (5) unrelated persons per dwelling".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative McEntee

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Chairwoman McEntee, Chairman Casey, Representatives Stewart, Speakman and Carson discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 51 members voting in the affirmative and 14 members voting in the negative as follows:



YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 14: Representatives Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Costantino, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Kislak, Lima, McGaw, Nardone, Sanchez, Speakman, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 49 members voting in the affirmative and 22 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 49: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Newberry, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 22: Representatives Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Costantino, Cruz, Finkelman, Fogarty, Henries, Kislak, Lima, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Roberts, Sanchez, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi.

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Newbery State Representative, District 10, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 017

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Avoid appearance of conflict of interest

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).  
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B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.  
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State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June, 2023

Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 52879  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Newbery is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**59. 2023-S 1097****BY Britto****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE**

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 7 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 7: Representatives Casey, Chippendale, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

**69. 2023-S 767 SUB A****BY Zurier****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT**

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Nardone.

RECUSED - 0:

**78. 2023-H 5033 SUB A**

**BY** Potter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Speakman, Carson and Kislak.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2023 -- H 5033 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5033 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET METERING", as follows:

1. On page 4, line 19, after the word "during" by restoring the language "the applicable billing period."
2. On page 9, line 14, after the word "credits" by deleting the word "fir" and inserting in place thereof, the word "for".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 58 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Brien, Chippendale, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, as amended, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 12 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 12: Representatives Brien, Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**79. 2023-H 6494**

**BY** Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Representative McNamara, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Representatives Cardillo, Cortvriend and Fogarty.

Chairman Solomon and Representative Morgan discuss the act.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Slater recognizes Jazz Lynn Cruz and welcomes her to the House.

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 9:11 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Majority Whip Kazarian congratulates Lauren O'Brien on her last day as a House Page and thanks her for her service and wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

Minority Leader Chippendale thanks and recognizes Chief of Staff Sue Stenhouse, Constituent Liaison Joseph Golomboski, Policy Research Analysts Jonathan Dufromont and Bryan Law and Legal Counsel Daniel Reilly for their hard work.

Representative Fellela invites all members next Sunday, June 25, to a wrestling event at the Johnston Recreation Center at 5:00 p.m.

Representative Shallcross Smith congratulates her granddaughter, Mila Amaral on graduating from preschool this evening.

Representative Dawson announces that the East Providence High School Baseball was defeated by the East Greenwich by a walk hit from House Counsel Tom O'Brien's son, Grogan O'Brien.

Majority Whip Kazarian thanks the Legislative Council and Paul Zarrella for all of their hard work on drafting over 3000 bills this session.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson thanks all the members for last night's moment of silence that was given to her cousin Vinnie Vella and his kidney donor Michael Lindenmuth who are recovering. She would also like to thank Rhode Island Pride for always putting on a wonderful parade.

Representative Corvese thanks Legislative Council, Legal Counsel Sue Chiariello and Clerk James DeCastro for all the hard work they put in daily.

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 6532**

**BY** Batista, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Costantino, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE  
PASSING OF MATTIE L. SMITH {LC3235/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Batista discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Batista, seconded by several others, by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 6533**

**BY** Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Felix  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND RECOGNIZING VICKI  
VIRGILIO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-FIVE YEARS  
WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION 1033 {LC3237/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Chairman Corvese requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Chairman Corvese discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Chairman Corvese, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6534**

**BY** Sanchez, Morales, Alzate, Giraldo, Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Felix, Batista **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER OF 2023 AS "LATINO HISTORY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2365/1}

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

There is no objection.

Representative Sanchez discusses the resolution.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Sanchez, seconded by many others, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

Representative Noret recognizes and thanks House Page, Lola Paliota for her work during the House Session, House Operations staff for their hard work and the Constituent Services office who do an outstanding job.

Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy thanks Capitol Police for all that they do and for keeping them safe while in session and wishes Representative Azzinaro a speedy recovery.

**AT EASE**

At 9:23 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy declares the House to be at ease.

**ORDER**

At 10:23 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT** – 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

**Majority Leader Blazejewski moves to bundle items 88-110 with the exception of items 89 and 93, seconded by Representatives Handy and Corvese.**

**88. 2023-S 103 SUB A as amended****BY Kallman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
PHARMACIES**

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

**90. 2023-S 401****BY DiMario****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
POLICE OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

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

**91. 2023-S 489****BY DiMario****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH  
DISABILITIES**

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

**92. 2023-S 630 SUB A****BY Murray****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION  
OF SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS**

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

**94. 2023-S 738****BY Lauria****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT**

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

**95. 2023-S 829 SUB A****BY Gallo****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

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

**96. 2023-S 1032 SUB A****BY F. Lombardi****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

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



**97. 2023-S 1033 SUB A****BY Pearson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT**

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

**98. 2023-S 1034 SUB A****BY Pearson****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

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

**99. 2023-S 1035 SUB A****BY Kallman****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES**

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

**100. 2023-S 1037 SUB A****BY Ruggerio****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING**

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

**101. 2023-S 1038 SUB A****BY Ruggerio****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT**

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

**102. 2023-S 1049****BY Burke****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING**

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

**103. 2023-S 1050 SUB A****BY McKenney****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING**

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

**104. 2023-S 1051 SUB A****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

**105. 2023-S 1052 SUB A****BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

**106. 2023-S 1053 SUB A****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT

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

**107. 2023-S 1080****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

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

**108. 2023-S 1104****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

**109. 2023-S 1129****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

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

**110. 2023-S 1134****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- MAMMOGRAMS AND PAP SMEARS -- COVERAGE MANDATED

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

**The motion to bundle 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Pursuant to Rule 14(d) of House Rules, the Bundle consists of Senate duplicates of House bills that previously passed, and by such rule, the vote of the members on the House bills is reflected as the same for each Senate bill. See below for House votes for the dual Senate bills:**

**House Floor  
Thursday, June 15, 2023**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Bills</b>	<b>House Bill</b>	<b>Vote Date</b>
88	103 A aa (Kallman)	5282 A aa (Vella-Wilkinson) <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i> 69-5 (Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)	06/13/2023
90	401 (DiMario)	5184 A (McNamara) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 68-2 (Morgan, Quattrocchi)	06/12/2023
91	489 (DiMario)	5668 (Cortvriend) <i>Education</i> 74-0	04/27/2023
92	630 A (Murray)	5435 A (Edwards) <i>Judiciary</i> 67-0	06/01/2023
94	738 (Lauria)	5922 (Hull) <i>Judiciary</i> 67-6 (Cruz, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Stewart)	06/13/2023
95	829 A (Gallo)	5767 A (Baginski) <i>State Government &amp; Elections</i> 73-0	04/27/2023

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96	1032 A (F. Lombardi)	6059 A (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>61-10 (Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/25/2023
97	1033 A (Pearson)	6085 A (Casey) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> <i>59-8 (Chippendale, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/09/2023
98	1034 A (Pearson)	6061 A aa (Craven) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>59-9 (Chippendale, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/25/2023
99	1035 A (Kallman)	6090 A (Alzate) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> <i>70-2 (Fenton-Fung, Morgan)</i>	04/25/2023
100	1037 A (Ruggerio)	6081 A (Shekarchi) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> <i>62-9 (Chippendale, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/16/2023
101	1038 A (Ruggerio)	6086 A (Corvese) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> <i>67-1 (Morgan)</i>	05/09/2023
102	1049 (Burke)	5881 A (Noret) <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i> <i>69-0</i>	05/04/2023
103	1050 A (McKenney)	6083 A (Batista) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>67-3 (Morgan, Quattrocchi, Roberts)</i>	05/02/2023
104	1051 A (Tikoian)	6058 A (Abney) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>61-10 (Chippendale, Costantino, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts)</i>	05/25/2023
105	1052 A (Kallman)	6084 B (Felix) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> <i>70-1 (Morgan)</i>	04/25/2023
106	1053 A (McKenney)	6060 A (Shekarchi) <i>Judiciary</i> <i>70-0</i>	05/02/2023

107	1080 (LaMountain)	6425 (Craven) <i>Special Legislation</i> 72-0	06/06/2023
108	1104 (Murray)	6487 (Casey) <i>Municipal Government &amp; Housing</i> 65-0	06/15/2023
109	1129 (Ruggerio)	5093 (Fellela) <i>Finance</i> 69-0	06/15/2023
110	1134 (Sosnowski)	5283 A (Fogarty) <i>Health &amp; Human Services</i> 69-0	06/13/2023

**The bundle prevails on a roll call vote**, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative Solomon thanks all the staff and administrative assistants and House Pages that are here late tonight working.

**79. 2023-H 6494**

**BY** Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2023 -- H 6494**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY  
FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 6494, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 5, by deleting the language "five (5) and ten (10)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "two (2) and five (5)".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Morgan and Chairman Solomon discuss the act as amended.

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Morgan, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

80. 2023-S 990

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2023 -- S 0990

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0990, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 5, by deleting the language "five (5) and ten (10)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "two (2) and five (5)".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 66 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Morgan, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Morgan, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**81. 2023-S 203**

**BY** Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 67 members voting in the affirmative and 2 members voting in the negative as follows:



YEAS - 67: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 2: Representatives Chippendale, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**82. 2023-S 148 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Felag

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE**

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Solomon seconded by Majority leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO**

**2023 -- S 0148 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED**

**AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE  
LICENSURE**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0148 SUBSTITUTE A AS AMENDED, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE", as follows:

- 1. On page 1, line 19, by deleting the language "or in the process or" and inserting the language "or".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Solomon

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Chairman Solomon discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**83. 2023-S 912 SUB A as amended**

**BY Mack**

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

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 51 members voting in the affirmative and 18 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Place, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 18: Representatives Cardillo, Chippendale, Costantino, Diaz, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Marszalkowski, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Slater.

RECUSED - 0:

**84. 2023-S 563 SUB A**

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives McGaw and Kislak.

Chairman Donovan discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Donovan seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO**

2023 -- S 0563 SUBSTITUTE A/2

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0563 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION", as follows:

1. By deleting all language after the enactment clause and by inserting in place thereof the following language:

"SECTION 1. Chapter 27-18 of the General Laws entitled "Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

**27-18-91. Coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV infection.**

(a) Every group health insurance contract, or every group hospital or medical expense insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, by any

health insurance carrier, on or after January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (“PrEP”) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (“PEP”) to prevent HIV infection. Each long-acting injectable drug with a different duration shall constitute a separate method of administration. A health insurer is not required to cover any preexposure prophylaxis drug or post exposure prophylaxis drug dispensed or administered by an out-of-network pharmacy provider unless the enrollee’s health plan provides an out-of-network pharmacy benefit.

(b) The healthcare benefits outlined in this chapter apply only to services delivered within the health insurer’s provider network; provided that, all health insurers shall be required to provide coverage for those benefits mandated by this chapter outside of the health insurer’s provider network where it can be established that the required services are not available from a provider in the health insurer’s network.

**27-18-92. Expedited Prior Authorization.**

To the extent a prior authorization is permitted and applied, then it shall be conducted in an expedited manner as soon as possible, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours pursuant to § 27-18.9-6(a)(1).

**27-18-93. Dispensing and Administration of HIV PrEP or PEP Drugs.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as authorized by the Rhode Island board of pharmacy (the “board”) in accordance with rules and regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, a pharmacist may prescribe, dispense and administer HIV PrEP or PEP drugs (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “prevention drugs”) as described in § 27-18-91(a) pursuant to a standing order or collaborative practice agreement or to protocols developed by the board for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement in accordance with the requirements in this subsection and may also order laboratory testing for HIV infection as necessary.

(b) Before furnishing an HIV PrEP or PEP drug to a patient, a pharmacist shall complete a training program approved by the board on the use of protocols developed by the board for prescribing, dispensing and administering an HIV prevention drug, on the requirements for any laboratory testing for HIV infection and on guidelines for prescription adherence and best practices to counsel patients prescribed an HIV prevention drug.

(c) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a PrEP or PEP drug in at least a thirty (30) day supply, and up to a sixty (60) day supply, as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The patient tests negative for HIV infection, as documented by a negative HIV test result obtained within the previous seven (7) days. If the patient does not provide evidence of a negative HIV test result, the pharmacist shall order an HIV test. If the test results are not transmitted directly to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall verify the test results to the pharmacist's satisfaction. If the patient tests positive for HIV infection, the pharmacist or person administering the test shall direct the patient to a primary care provider and provide a list of primary care providers and clinics within a reasonable travel distance of the patient's residence;

(2) The patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection on a self-reporting checklist of acute HIV infection signs and symptoms;

(3) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications;

(4) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the ongoing use of a PrEP or PEP drug. The pharmacist shall notify the patient that the patient shall be seen by a primary care provider to receive subsequent prescriptions for a PrEP or PEP drug and that a pharmacist shall not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years without a prescription;

(5) The pharmacist documents, to the extent possible, the services provided by the pharmacist in the patient's record in the patient profile record system maintained by the pharmacy. The

pharmacist shall maintain records of PrEP or PEP drugs dispensed or administered to each patient;

(6) The pharmacist does not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years, unless otherwise directed by a practitioner; and

(7) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider that the pharmacist completed the requirements specified in this subsection. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(d) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a complete course of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The pharmacist screens the patient and determines that the exposure occurred within the previous seventy-two (72) hours and the patient otherwise meets the clinical criteria for a post exposure prophylaxis drug under CDC guidelines;

(2) The pharmacist provides HIV testing to the patient or determines that the patient is willing to undergo HIV testing consistent with CDC guidelines. If the patient refuses to undergo HIV testing but is otherwise eligible for a post-exposure prophylaxis drug under this subsection, the pharmacist may dispense or administer a post-exposure prophylaxis drug;

(3) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the use of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug. The pharmacist shall also inform the patient of the availability of a PrEP or PEP drug for persons who are at substantial risk of acquiring HIV; and

(4) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider of the dispensing or administering of the post-exposure prophylaxis drug. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(e) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards for authorizing pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer HIV prevention drugs in accordance with this section, including adequate training requirements and protocols for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement.

SECTION 2. Chapter 27-19 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Hospital Service Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

**27-19-83. Coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV infection.**

(a) Every group health insurance contract, or every group hospital or medical expense insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, by any health insurance carrier, on or after January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis ("PrEP") for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis ("PEP") to prevent HIV infection. Each long-acting injectable drug with a different duration shall constitute a separate method of administration. A health insurer is not required to cover any preexposure prophylaxis drug or post exposure prophylaxis drug dispensed or administered by an out-of-network pharmacy provider unless the enrollee's health plan provides an out-of-network pharmacy benefit.

(b) The healthcare benefits outlined in this chapter apply only to services delivered within the health insurer's provider network; provided that, all health insurers shall be required to provide coverage for those benefits mandated by this chapter outside of the health insurer's provider network where it can be established that the required services are not available from a provider in the health insurer's network.

**27-19-84. Expedited Prior Authorization.**

To the extent a prior authorization is permitted and applied, then it shall be conducted in an

expedited manner as soon as possible, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours pursuant to § 27-18.9-6(a)(1).

**27-19-85. Dispensing and Administration of HIV PrEP or PEP Drugs.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as authorized by the Rhode Island board of pharmacy (the "board") in accordance with rules and regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, a pharmacist may prescribe, dispense and administer HIV PrEP or PEP drugs (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "prevention drugs") as described in § 27-18-91(a) pursuant to a standing order or collaborative practice agreement or to protocols developed by the board for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement in accordance with the requirements in this subsection and may also order laboratory testing for HIV infection as necessary.

(b) Before furnishing an HIV PrEP or PEP drug to a patient, a pharmacist shall complete a training program approved by the board on the use of protocols developed by the board for prescribing, dispensing and administering an HIV prevention drug, on the requirements for any laboratory testing for HIV infection and on guidelines for prescription adherence and best practices to counsel patients prescribed an HIV prevention drug.

(c) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a PrEP or PEP drug in at least a thirty (30) day supply, and up to a sixty (60) day supply, as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The patient tests negative for HIV infection, as documented by a negative HIV test result obtained within the previous seven (7) days. If the patient does not provide evidence of a negative HIV test result, the pharmacist shall order an HIV test. If the test results are not transmitted directly to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall verify the test results to the pharmacist's satisfaction. If the patient tests positive for HIV infection, the pharmacist or person administering the test shall direct the patient to a primary care provider and provide a list of primary care providers and clinics within a reasonable travel distance of the patient's residence;

(2) The patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection on a self-reporting checklist of acute HIV infection signs and symptoms;

(3) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications;

(4) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the ongoing use of a PrEP or PEP drug. The pharmacist shall notify the patient that the patient shall be seen by a primary care provider to receive subsequent prescriptions for a PrEP or PEP drug and that a pharmacist shall not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years without a prescription;

(5) The pharmacist documents, to the extent possible, the services provided by the pharmacist in the patient's record in the patient profile record system maintained by the pharmacy. The pharmacist shall maintain records of PrEP or PEP drugs dispensed or administered to each patient;

(6) The pharmacist does not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years, unless otherwise directed by a practitioner; and

(7) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider that the pharmacist completed the requirements specified in this subsection. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(d) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a complete course of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The pharmacist screens the patient and determines that the exposure occurred within the previous seventy-two (72) hours and the patient otherwise meets the clinical criteria for a post exposure prophylaxis drug under CDC guidelines;

(2) The pharmacist provides HIV testing to the patient or determines that the patient is willing to undergo HIV testing consistent with CDC guidelines. If the patient refuses to undergo HIV testing but is otherwise eligible for a post-exposure prophylaxis drug under this subsection, the pharmacist may dispense or administer a post-exposure prophylaxis drug;

(3) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the use of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug. The pharmacist shall also inform the patient of the availability of a PrEP or PEP drug for persons who are at substantial risk of acquiring HIV; and

(4) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider of the dispensing or administering of the post-exposure prophylaxis drug. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(e) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards for authorizing pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer HIV prevention drugs in accordance with this section, including adequate training requirements and protocols for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement.

SECTION 3. Chapter 27-20 of the General Laws entitled "Nonprofit Medical Service Corporations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

**27-20-79. Coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV infection.**

(a) Every group health insurance contract, or every group hospital or medical expense insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, by any health insurance carrier, on or after January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis ("PrEP") for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis ("PEP") to prevent HIV infection. Each long-acting injectable drug with a different duration shall constitute a separate method of administration. A health insurer is not required to cover any preexposure prophylaxis drug or post exposure prophylaxis drug dispensed or administered by an out-of-network pharmacy provider unless the enrollee's health plan provides an out-of-network pharmacy benefit.

(b) The healthcare benefits outlined in this chapter apply only to services delivered within the health insurer's provider network; provided that, all health insurers shall be required to provide coverage for those benefits mandated by this chapter outside of the health insurer's provider network where it can be established that the required services are not available from a provider in the health insurer's network.

**27-20-80. Expedited Prior Authorization.**

To the extent a prior authorization is permitted and applied, then it shall be conducted in an expedited manner as soon as possible, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours pursuant § 27-18.9-6(a)(1).

**27-20-81. Dispensing and Administration of HIV PrEP or PEP Drugs.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as authorized by the Rhode Island board of pharmacy (the "board") in accordance with rules and regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, a pharmacist may prescribe, dispense and administer HIV PrEP or PEP drugs (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "prevention drugs") as described in § 27-18-91(a) of this section pursuant to a standing order or collaborative practice agreement or to protocols developed by the board for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement in accordance with the requirements in this subsection and may also order laboratory testing for HIV infection as necessary.

(b) Before furnishing an HIV PrEP or PEP drug to a patient, a pharmacist shall complete a training program approved by the board on the use of protocols developed by the board for

prescribing, dispensing and administering an HIV prevention drug, on the requirements for any laboratory testing for HIV infection and on guidelines for prescription adherence and best practices to counsel patients prescribed an HIV prevention drug.

(c) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a PrEP or PEP drug in at least a thirty (30) day supply, and up to a sixty (60) day supply, as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The patient tests negative for HIV infection, as documented by a negative HIV test result obtained within the previous seven (7) days. If the patient does not provide evidence of a negative HIV test result, the pharmacist shall order an HIV test. If the test results are not transmitted directly to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall verify the test results to the pharmacist's satisfaction. If the patient tests positive for HIV infection, the pharmacist or person administering the test shall direct the patient to a primary care provider and provide a list of primary care providers and clinics within a reasonable travel distance of the patient's residence;

(2) The patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection on a self-reporting checklist of acute HIV infection signs and symptoms;

(3) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications;

(4) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the ongoing use of a PrEP or PEP drug. The pharmacist shall notify the patient that the patient shall be seen by a primary care provider to receive subsequent prescriptions for a PrEP or PEP drug and that a pharmacist shall not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years without a prescription;

(5) The pharmacist documents, to the extent possible, the services provided by the pharmacist in the patient's record in the patient profile record system maintained by the pharmacy. The pharmacist shall maintain records of PrEP or PEP drugs dispensed or administered to each patient;

(6) The pharmacist does not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years, unless otherwise directed by a practitioner; and

(7) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider that the pharmacist completed the requirements specified in this subsection. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(d) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a complete course of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The pharmacist screens the patient and determines that the exposure occurred within the previous seventy-two (72) hours and the patient otherwise meets the clinical criteria for a post exposure prophylaxis drug under CDC guidelines;

(2) The pharmacist provides HIV testing to the patient or determines that the patient is willing to undergo HIV testing consistent with CDC guidelines. If the patient refuses to undergo HIV testing but is otherwise eligible for a post-exposure prophylaxis drug under this subsection, the pharmacist may dispense or administer a post-exposure prophylaxis drug;

(3) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the use of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug. The pharmacist shall also inform the patient of the availability of a PrEP or PEP drug for persons who are at substantial risk of acquiring HIV; and

(4) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider of the dispensing or administering of the post-exposure prophylaxis drug. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(e) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards for authorizing



pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer HIV prevention drugs in accordance with this section, including adequate training requirements and protocols for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order to collaborative practice agreement.

SECTION 4. Chapter 27-41 of the General Laws entitled "Health Maintenance Organizations" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

**27-41-96. Coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) to prevent HIV infection.**

(a) Every group health insurance contract, or every group hospital or medical expense insurance policy, plan, or group policy delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in this state, by any health insurance carrier, on or after January 1, 2024, shall provide coverage for treatment of pre-exposure prophylaxis ("PrEP") for the prevention of HIV and post-exposure prophylaxis ("PEP") to prevent HIV infection. Each long-acting injectable drug with a different duration shall constitute a separate method of administration. A health insurer is not required to cover any preexposure prophylaxis drug or post exposure prophylaxis drug dispensed or administered by an out-of-network pharmacy provider unless the enrollee's health plan provides an out-of-network pharmacy benefit.

(b) The healthcare benefits outlined in this chapter apply only to services delivered within the health insurer's provider network; provided that, all health insurers shall be required to provide coverage for those benefits mandated by this chapter outside of the health insurer's provider network where it can be established that the required services are not available from a provider in the health insurer's network.

**27-41-97. Expedited Prior Authorization.**

To the extent a prior authorization is permitted and applied, then it shall be conducted in an expedited manner as soon as possible, but no later than seventy-two (72) hours pursuant to § 27-18.9-6(a)(1).

**27-41-98. Dispensing and Administration of HIV PrEP or PEP Drugs.**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as authorized by the Rhode Island board of pharmacy (the "board") in accordance with rules and regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, a pharmacist may prescribe, dispense and administer HIV PrEP or PEP drugs (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "prevention drugs") as described in § 27-18-91(a) pursuant to a standing order or collaborative practice agreement or to protocols developed by the board for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement in accordance with the requirements in this subsection and may also order laboratory testing for HIV infection as necessary.

(b) Before furnishing an HIV PrEP or PEP drug to a patient, a pharmacist shall complete a training program approved by the board on the use of protocols developed by the board for prescribing, dispensing and administering an HIV prevention drug, on the requirements for any laboratory testing for HIV infection and on guidelines for prescription adherence and best practices to counsel patients prescribed an HIV prevention drug.

(c) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a PrEP or PEP drug in at least a thirty (30) day supply, and up to a sixty (60) day supply, as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The patient tests negative for HIV infection, as documented by a negative HIV test result obtained within the previous seven (7) days. If the patient does not provide evidence of a negative HIV test result, the pharmacist shall order an HIV test. If the test results are not transmitted directly to the pharmacist, the pharmacist shall verify the test results to the pharmacist's satisfaction. If the patient tests positive for HIV infection, the pharmacist or person administering the test shall direct the patient to a primary care provider and provide a list of primary care providers and clinics within a reasonable travel distance of the patient's residence;

(2) The patient does not report any signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection on a self-

reporting checklist of acute HIV infection signs and symptoms;

(3) The patient does not report taking any contraindicated medications;

(4) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the ongoing use of a PrEP or PEP drug. The pharmacist shall notify the patient that the patient shall be seen by a primary care provider to receive subsequent prescriptions for a PrEP or PEP drug and that a pharmacist shall not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years without a prescription;

(5) The pharmacist documents, to the extent possible, the services provided by the pharmacist in the patient's record in the patient profile record system maintained by the pharmacy. The pharmacist shall maintain records of PrEP or PEP drugs dispensed or administered to each patient;

(6) The pharmacist does not dispense or administer more than a sixty (60) day supply of a PrEP or PEP drug to a single patient once every two (2) years, unless otherwise directed by a practitioner; and

(7) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider that the pharmacist completed the requirements specified in this subsection. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(d) A pharmacist shall dispense or administer a complete course of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug as long as all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The pharmacist screens the patient and determines that the exposure occurred within the previous seventy-two (72) hours and the patient otherwise meets the clinical criteria for a post exposure prophylaxis drug under CDC guidelines;

(2) The pharmacist provides HIV testing to the patient or determines that the patient is willing to undergo HIV testing consistent with CDC guidelines. If the patient refuses to undergo HIV testing but is otherwise eligible for a post-exposure prophylaxis drug under this subsection, the pharmacist may dispense or administer a post-exposure prophylaxis drug;

(3) The pharmacist provides counseling to the patient, consistent with CDC guidelines, on the use of a post-exposure prophylaxis drug. The pharmacist shall also inform the patient of the availability of a PrEP or PEP drug for persons who are at substantial risk of acquiring HIV; and

(4) The pharmacist notifies the patient's primary care provider of the dispensing or administering of the post-exposure prophylaxis drug. If the patient does not have a primary care provider, or refuses consent to notify the patient's primary care provider, the pharmacist shall provide the patient a list of physicians, clinics or other health care providers to contact regarding follow-up care.

(e) The board shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards for authorizing pharmacists to prescribe, dispense and administer HIV prevention drugs in accordance with this section, including adequate training requirements and protocols for when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement.

SECTION 5. Section 23-6.3-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-6.3 entitled "Prevention and Suppression of Contagious Diseases - HIV/AIDS" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**23-6.3-2. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter the following words shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Agent" means a person empowered by the patient to assert or waive the confidentiality, or to disclose or consent to the disclosure of confidential information, as established by chapter 37.3 of title 5, as amended, entitled "Confidentiality of Health Care Communications and Information Act."

(2) "AIDS" means the medical condition known as acquired immune deficiency syndrome, caused by infection of an individual by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

(3) "Anonymous HIV testing" means an HIV test that utilizes a laboratory generated code based system, which does not require an individual's name or other identifying information that may reveal one's identity, including information related to the individual's health insurance policy, to be associated with the test.

(4) "Antibody" means a protein produced by the body in response to specific foreign substances such as bacteria or viruses.

(5) "Community-based organization" means an entity that has written authorization from the department for HIV counseling, testing and referral services (HIV CTRS).

(6) "Confidential HIV testing" means an HIV test that requires the individual's name and other identifying information including information related to the individual's health insurance policy, as appropriate.

(7) "Consent" means an explicit exchange of information between a person and a healthcare provider or qualified professional HIV test counselor through which an informed individual can choose whether to undergo HIV testing or decline to do so. Elements of consent shall include providing each individual with verbal or written information regarding an explanation of HIV infection, a description of interventions that can reduce HIV transmission, the meanings of positive and negative test results, the voluntary nature of the HIV testing, an opportunity to ask questions and to decline testing.

(8) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor in schedules I-V listed in the provisions of chapter 28 of title 21 entitled, "Uniform Controlled Substances Act."

(9) "Department" means the Rhode Island department of health.

(10) "Diagnosis of AIDS" means the most current surveillance case definition for AIDS published in the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

(11) "Diagnosis of HIV" means the most current surveillance case definition for HIV infection published in the CDC's (MMWR).

(12) "Director" means the director of the Rhode Island department of health.

(13) "ELISA result" means enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay or EIA (enzyme immunoassay) which is a serologic technique used in immunology to detect the presence of either antibody or antigen.

(14) "Health benefits" include accident and sickness, including disability or health insurance, health benefit plans and/or policies, hospital, health, or medical service plans, or any health maintenance organization plan pursuant to title 27 or otherwise.

(15) "Healthcare facility" means those facilities licensed by the department in accordance with the provisions of chapter 17 of this title.

(16) "Healthcare provider," as used herein, means a licensed physician, physician assistant, certified nurse practitioner, pharmacist or midwife.

(17) "Healthcare settings" means venues offering clinical STD services including, but not limited to, hospitals, urgent care clinics, STD clinics and other substance abuse treatment facilities, mental health treatment facilities, community health centers, primary care and OB/GYN physician offices, and family planning providers.

(18) "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus, the pathogenic organism responsible for HIV infection and/or the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in humans.

(19) "HIV CD4 T-lymphocyte test result" means the results of any currently medically accepted and/or FDA approved test used to count CD4 T-lymphatic cells in the blood of an HIV-infected person.

(20) "HIV counseling" means an interactive process of communication between a person and a healthcare provider or qualified professional HIV test counselor during which there is an assessment of the person's risks for HIV infection and the provision of counseling to assist the person

with behavior changes that can reduce risks for acquiring HIV infection.

(21) "HIV screening" means the conduct of HIV testing among those who do not show signs or symptoms of an HIV infection.

(22) "HIV test" means any currently medically accepted and/or FDA approved test for determining HIV infection in humans.

(23) "Occupational health representative" means a person, within a healthcare facility, trained to respond to occupational, particularly blood borne, exposures.

(24) "Opts out" means that a person who has been notified that a voluntary HIV test will be performed, has elected to decline or defer testing. Consent to HIV testing is inferred unless the individual declines testing.

(25) "Perinatal case report for HIV" means the information that is provided to the department related to a child aged less than eighteen (18) months born to an HIV-infected mother and the child does not meet the criteria for HIV infection or the criteria for "not infected" with HIV as defined in the most current surveillance case definition for HIV infection published by the CDC.

(26) "Person" means any individual, trust or estate, partnership, corporation (including associations, joint stock companies), limited liability companies, state, or political subdivision or instrumentality of a state.

(27) "Persons at high risk for HIV infection" means persons defined as being high risk in the CDC's most current recommendations for HIV testing of adults, adolescents and pregnant women in healthcare settings or through authority and responsibilities conferred on the director by law in protecting the public's health.

(28) "Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test" means a common laboratory method of creating copies of specific fragments of DNA or RNA.

(29) "Qualified professional HIV test counselor" means: (i) A physician, physician assistant, certified nurse practitioner, midwife, or nurse licensed to practice in accordance with applicable state law; (ii) A medical student who is actively matriculating in a medical degree program and who performs duties assigned to them by a physician; or (iii) A person who has completed an HIV counseling training program, in accordance with regulations hereunder promulgated.

(30) "Sexually transmitted diseases (STD's)" means those diseases included in § 23-11-1, as amended, entitled "Sexually Transmitted Diseases," and any other sexually transmitted disease that may be required to be reported by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Donovan

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LC001940/2  
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Chairwoman Donovan discusses the amendment.

**Representative Kislak moves item #84 to the bottom of the Calendar. There is no objection.**

Read, and by unanimous consent, ordered to be placed further down on the Calendar.

**85. 2023-H 6240 SUB A****BY** Baginski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Representative Lima.

Chairman Shanley discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**86. 2023-S 653 SUB A****BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Craven seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO**

2023 -- S 0653

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- S 0653, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 6, by inserting after the language, "restitution", the language "or any

assessment made pursuant to § 12-25-28 that has not been waived by the court".

2. On page 2, line 7, by inserting after the language "restitution order", the language "or assessment".

3. On page 2, line 8, by inserting after the language "the order", the language "or assessment".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Craven

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LC002048/2  
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Chairman Craven discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

87. 2023-H 5685

BY Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

Ordered on the Calendar

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Craven seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski offers a written motion to amend.

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO

2023 -- H 5685

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5685, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE", as follows:

1. On page 2, line 5, by inserting after the language "a judgment" the language "ordering the payment of restitution or any assessment made pursuant to § 12-25-28 that has not been waived by the court".

2. On page 2, lines 6 and 7, by restoring the stricken language "must apply the money in satisfaction of the".

3. On page 2, line 8, by inserting before the language "must refund" the language "judgement's restitution order or assessment and after satisfying the order or assessment".

4. On page 2, line 8, by deleting the language "the money" and by inserting in place thereof the language "the money surplus, if any".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Craven

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Chairman Craven discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 10:44 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy.





State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, JOSEPH Shekarchi, State Representative, District 23, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 366

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: OUT OF Abundance of CAUTION

3. (Please select one of the following):

[ ] A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

[x] B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June 2023

Notary Public signature
Michael R. Egan
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Shekarchi is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Speaker signature
SPEAKER

**89. 2023-S 366 SUB A as amended****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 51 members voting in the affirmative and 16 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 51: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 16: Representatives Ajello, Batista, Chippendale, Cotter, Cruz, Henries, McGaw, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Speakman, Spears, Stewart.

RECUSED - 1: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, BA Fenton Fung, State Representative, District 15, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 724A22

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: potential financial conflict

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15

Michael R. Egan  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 57679  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Fenton Fung is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**NOW PRESIDING**

At 10:46 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy yields the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi.

**93. 2023-S 724 SUB A as amended****BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER

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

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Representatives and Phillips.

Chairman Bennet discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 68 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Fenton-Fung.

**111. 2023-H 5602 SUB A as amended****BY** Slater**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

Chairman Casey moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski and Representative Brien.

Chairman Casey discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, BA Fenton Fung State Representative, District 15, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: H 5861 Sub A

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: potential financial conflict

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this

Michael R. Egan  
REPRESENTATIVE  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2028  
Commission # 57679  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Fenton-Fung is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**112. 2023-H 5861 SUB A as amended****BY** Speakman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER

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

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Phillips.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 8 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 68: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Fenton-Fung.

**113. 2023-H 5962 SUB A as amended****BY** Newberry**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING

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

Chairman Shanley moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Brien.

Chairman Shanley and Representative Sanchez discuss the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 42 members voting in the affirmative and 27 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 42: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Baginski, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Cardillo, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Marszalkowski, McNamara, Messier, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Voas.

NAYS - 27: Representatives Ajello, Alzate, Batista, Biah, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Cortvriend, Cotter, Cruz, Felix, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Kislak, Knight, Lima, McEntee, McGaw, Morales, Perez, Sanchez, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

RECUSED - 0:

**114. 2023-S 1112**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**115. 2023-S 1126**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE REDUCED CATCH OF QUAHOGS IN NARRAGANSETT BAY

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

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Solomon.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**84. 2023-S 563 SUB A**

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION

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

**The act and amendment (LC0001940/2) have been moved and seconded above.**

Chairwoman Donovan and Representative McGaw discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Hull, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Ajello, Boylan, Felix, Fogarty, Handy, Henries, McGaw, Sanchez, Stewart.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**116. 2023-S 311 SUB A**

**BY** Murray

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

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Morgan, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**34. 2023-S 342 as amended**

**BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

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

Chairman Corvese moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Corvese discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, 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 Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### AT EASE

At 10:57 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

#### ORDER

At 12:33 o'clock, A.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

#### ROLL CALL

**PRESENT** – 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

#### 118. 2023-S 275 SUB A

**BY** Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### RECONSIDERATION

From the Desk is taken:

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves to reconsider **2023-S 111** seconded by Representative Marszalkowski.

The motion to reconsider prevails, on a roll call vote 59 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### 117. **2023-S 111**

**BY** E Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND

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

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**119. 2023-S 575 SUB A**

**BY** Lauria

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

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

Chairwoman Donovan moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Donovan discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**120. 2023-S 620**

**BY** Kallman

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK  
FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM  
OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION

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

Chairman Craven moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Craven discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**121. 2023-S 855 SUB A**

**BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Representative Kislak, Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Cortvriend, Speakman, Cardillo and Ajello.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**122. 2023-S 992**

**BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

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

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski. Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**123. 2023-S 925 SUB A**

**BY** Goodwin

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Knight, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**124. 2023-S 1106 as amended**

**BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 56 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Nardone, Place, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**125. 2023-S 1119**

**BY** Ruggiero

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MERCURY  
REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT

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

Chairman Bennett moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazewski.

Chairman Bennett discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:





State of Rhode Island
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Megan Cotter, State Representative, District 31, hereby under oath depose and say:

- 1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: S 1120
2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: fishing industry
3. (Please select one of the following):
A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).
B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

State of Rhode Island
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June 2023

Megan Cotter
REPRESENTATIVE
Notary Public
State of Rhode Island
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026
Commission # 57679
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Cotter is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

Speaker signature
SPEAKER

**126. 2023-S 1120****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPROVAL FOR A SUBMERGED LAND LEASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVOLUTION WIND PROJECT

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

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 54 members voting in the affirmative and 6 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 54: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Rea, Roberts, Slater.

RECUSED - 1: Representative Cotter.

**127. 2023-S 1135****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Cardillo, Knight and Newberry.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO RIGL § 36-14-6

I, Brian C. Neuber, State Representative, District 48, hereby under oath depose and say:

1. (Matter requiring action: i.e. Bill number) I expect to be called upon, in my capacity as State Representative to participate in the consideration of, and/or to vote upon: 5776

2. (Nature of the potential conflict) I have the following interest in the matter: Avoid Approval of Funding

3. (Please select one of the following):

A. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) of the General Laws I hereby state that, despite the potential conflict stated above, I am able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively and in the public interest regarding the matter described in paragraph 1 above for the following reason(s).

B. In compliance with Section 36-14-6(1) & (2)A of the General Laws, I hereby request the Speaker of the House of Representatives to excuse me from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
REPRESENTATIVE

State of Rhode Island  
County of: Providence

Subscribed and sworn to under the penalties for perjury before me this 15 day of June, 2023

Michael R. Egan  
Notary Public  
State of Rhode Island  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 03-30-2026  
Commission # 57879  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Representative Neuber is excused from voting on or participating in the consideration of the matter described in paragraph 1 above.

[Signature]  
SPEAKER

**128. 2023-S 776****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

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

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote 60 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 1: Representative Newberry.

**129. 2023-H 6128 SUB A****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT

Ordered on the Calendar

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Slater.

RECUSED - 0:

**130. 2023-H 6084 SUB B**

**BY** Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

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

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Vice-Chairwoman Fogarty discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 60 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**131. 2023-H 5767 SUB A**

**BY** Baginski

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

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

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Knight and Brien.

Majority Leader Blazejewski discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight,

Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**132. 2023-H 5339 as amended**

**BY** Donovan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**133. 2023-H 5335 as amended**

**BY** Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### AT EASE

At 12:52 o'clock A.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi declares the House to be at ease.

#### ORDER

At 12:54 o'clock A.M. the Honorable Speaker Shekarchi calls the House to order.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Shekarchi thanks all of his colleagues for allowing him to serve as Speaker for the past three years. He values the members of the House expertise and commitment to the citizens of Rhode Island and is proud to work with the entire membership.

Speaker Shekarchi expresses his gratitude to the leadership team led by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Majority Whip Kazarian, Deputy Whip Ackerman, Floor Manager Edwards, and the rest of the team. He gives a special acknowledgment to all the committee chairs who tirelessly review bills and offer insightful analysis. The Speaker also appreciates Minority Leader Chippendale for his cooperation and collaborative efforts toward improving the state.

Speaker Shekarchi expressed his gratitude towards his staff members for their professionalism and dedication. He specifically mentioned his Chief Legal Counsel, Nicole McCarty, who works tirelessly day and night, including weekends and holidays, to ensure that our legislative agenda is fulfilled. He acknowledged her hard work in putting together floor and committee calendars, drafting bills and amendments, and handling every necessary task. He also thanked Stacy Custer for her attention to detail in managing "the pit" and ensuring that all committee hearings run smoothly throughout the year, and Dee DeOliveira Data Systems Manager for her invaluable contributions, including posting all committee meetings and floor calendars. Speaker Shekarchi expressed his gratitude towards all of them for their unwavering support and dedication.

Speaker Shekarchi expressed his gratitude to his senior staff, Raymond Simone, Steve Kavanagh, Lynne Urbani, Lynn DiPetrillo, Larry Berman, Emmanuel Falck, Henry Kinch, Emily Martineau, and Jason Holt. He highlighted the exceptional work of House Fiscal Advisor Sharon Reynolds Ferland and staff and acknowledge Legislative Council, Law Revision, Legislative Press Bureau, Capitol TV, Legislative Data Systems, JCLS, House Policy Office, House Constituent Services, and the House

Operations Staff for their unwavering dedication and hard work and expressed his appreciation to the committee clerks, clerks in the pit and Parliamentarian Mike Egan.

Majority Leader Blazejewski thanks the Democrat Caucus for the privilege to serve as Democratic Majority Leader and commends Speaker Shekarchi for his exceptional leadership. He also expresses his appreciation for the hard work of his administrative assistant Jen Amerantes and Chief Legal Counsel, Danica Iacoi.

Chairman Abney expresses his gratitude towards Finance Clerks Chris O'Brien, and Steve Sepe, as well as his Executive Assistant, Kathleen Morgan, for their hard work and contributions.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### CALENDAR

**135. 2023-S 182 SUB A**

**BY DiMario**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 58 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Place, Rea, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:



**136. 2023-S 77 as amended****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT

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

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Nardone, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

**137. 2023-H 5099****BY** McNamara**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT

Ordered on the Calendar

Chairman McNamara moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman McNamara discusses the act.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Minority Leader Chippendale offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT****TO**

2023 -- H 5099

**AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2023 -- H 5099, entitled "AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -

- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT”, as follows:

1. By deleting all of the language after the enactment clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 112

RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT

16-112-1. Short title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program Act".

16-112-2. Legislative findings and purpose.

(a) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(1) Education is critical for the state's young people to achieve their aspirations and develop their talents;

(2) The state's economic success depends on a highly educated and skilled workforce;

(3) The state's future prosperity depends upon its ability to make educational opportunities beyond high school available for all students;

(4) The coronavirus has inflicted undue hardships on students and their families, creating barriers to a four (4) year college degree;

(5) A merit-based tuition reduction program will help make a four (4) year college degree available to all students;

(6) Rhode Island college offers students a feasible opportunity to obtain a four (4) year degree, but remains an underutilized resource in the state; and

(7) The State of Rhode Island's motto is "Hope".

(b) In order to address the findings set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the purpose of this chapter is to increase the number of students enrolling in and completing four (4) year degrees and certificates on time from Rhode Island college, and to promote more graduates in high-need fields such as nursing, pre-k through grade twelve (12) education, and the trades, which are fields for which Rhode Island college provides a strong and affordable education.

(c) The purpose of the pilot program is also to determine whether a scholarship program for Rhode Island college that is modeled on the promise scholarship program established in chapter 107 of title 16 would be successful in attaining the goals set forth in this section."

16-112-3. Establishment of scholarship program.

There is hereby established the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program. The general assembly shall annually appropriate the funds necessary to implement the purposes of this chapter for the periods of the pilot program. Additional funds beyond the scholarships may be appropriated to support and advance the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program. In addition to appropriation by the general assembly, charitable donations may be accepted into the scholarship program.

16-112-4. Definitions.

When used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "ADA" means the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., as may be amended from time to time.

(2) "Certificate" means any certificate program with labor market value as defined by the postsecondary commissioner.

(3) "College-level credit" means credit awarded by a college or university for completion of its own courses or other academic work.

(4) "FAFSA" means the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form.

(5) "General education coursework" means the educational foundation of knowledge, skills,

and attitudes that prepare students for success in their majors and their personal and professional lives after graduation. It includes, but is not limited to, the required coursework of all degrees developed by each eligible postsecondary institution that is approved by the council on postsecondary education that is intended to ensure that all graduates of a state institution have a balanced core of competencies and knowledge. This does not necessarily include coursework specifically required for one's major.

(6) "Mandatory fees and tuition" means the costs that every student is required to pay in order to enroll in classes, and does not include room and board, textbooks, program fees that may exist in some majors, course fees that may exist for some specific courses, meal plans, or travel.

(7) "On track to graduate on time" means the standards determined by Rhode Island college in establishing the expectation of a student to graduate with a bachelor's degree within four (4) years of enrollment, or the prescribed completion time for a student completing a certificate (recognizing that some students, including students who require developmental education, are double majors, or are enrolled in certain professional programs may require an extended time period for degree completion).

(8) "Reasonable accommodations" means any necessary modifications or adjustment to a facility, equipment, program, or manner of operation as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 791, as may be amended from time to time;

(10) "Recipient student" means a student attending Rhode Island college who qualifies to receive the Rhode Island hope scholarship pursuant to § 16-112-6.

(9) "Pilot program" and "scholarship program" means the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program that is established pursuant to § 16-112-3.

(11) "State" means the State of Rhode Island.

(12) "Student with a disability" means any student otherwise eligible pursuant to this chapter who has a physical, developmental, or hidden disability or disabilities, as defined in § 42-87-1, that would create a hardship or other functional obstacles preventing participation in this program.

16-112-5. Administration of scholarship program.

(a) The financial aid office at Rhode Island college, in conjunction with the admissions office or their respective equivalent offices at Rhode Island college, shall administer the scholarship program for state residents seeking bachelor's degrees and/or certificates who meet the eligibility requirements in this chapter.

(b) An award of the scholarship program shall cover the cost of up to two (2) years of tuition and mandatory fees, for the junior and senior years of the student, or in the case of an adult student, who has attained at least sixty (60) credit hours, then the award may cover tuition and mandatory fees over a duration of not more than two (2) years. In all instances, these awards shall be reduced by the amount of federal and all other financial aid monies available to the recipient student. None of any grants received by students from the department of children, youth and families' higher education opportunity incentive grant as established by chapter 72.8 of title 42 or the college crusade scholarship act as established in chapter 70 of title 16 shall be considered federal or financial aid for the purposes of this chapter.

(c) The scholarship program is limited to one award per student as required by § 16-112-6(a)(7); provided that, the award may cover the two (2) years which constitute the junior and senior years of the student, or the two (2) years for an adult student, and may be dispersed in separate installments.

16-112-6. Eligibility for merit based tuition reduction scholarship at Rhode Island college.

(a) Beginning with the students who enrolled at Rhode Island college in the fall of 2023, a student:

(1) Must qualify for in-state tuition and fees pursuant to the residency policy adopted by the

council on postsecondary education, as amended, supplemented, restated, or otherwise modified from time to time ("residency policy");

(2) Must be a currently enrolled full-time student who has declared a major and earned a minimum of sixty (60) total credit hours towards an eligible program of study, as determined by Rhode Island college;

(3) Must complete the FAFSA and any required FAFSA verification by the deadline prescribed by Rhode Island college for each year in which the student seeks to receive funding under the scholarship program; provided that, persons who are legally unable to complete the FAFSA must complete a comparable form created by Rhode Island college, by the deadline prescribed by Rhode Island college, for each year in which the student seeks to receive funding under the scholarship program;

(4) Must enroll or have enrolled full-time as a freshman as a first-time student and continue to be enrolled on a full-time basis at Rhode Island college, by the dates indicated within this chapter;

(5) Must maintain an average annual cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater, as determined by Rhode Island college, prior to obtaining the scholarship and also as a condition of being able to continue to be a scholarship recipient;

(6) Must remain on track to graduate on time as determined by Rhode Island college and must complete both the student's freshman and sophomore years at Rhode Island college, or in the case of an adult student, have completed sixty (60) credit hours of tuition and mandatory fees at Rhode Island college over a duration of no more than four (4) years;

(7) Must not have already received an award under this program or under chapter 107 of title 16; and

(8) Must commit to live, work, or continue their education in Rhode Island after graduation.

(b) Rhode Island college, in conjunction with the office of the postsecondary commissioner, shall develop a policy that will secure the commitment set forth in subsection (a) of this section from recipient students.

(c) Notwithstanding the eligibility requirements under subsection (a) of this section ("specified conditions"):

(1) In the case of a recipient student who has an approved medical or personal leave of absence or is unable to satisfy one or more specified conditions because of the student's medical or personal circumstances, the student may continue to receive an award under the scholarship program upon resuming the student's education so long as the student continues to meet all other applicable eligibility requirements;

(2) In the case of a recipient student who is a member of the national guard or a member of a reserve unit of a branch of the United States military and is unable to satisfy one or more specified conditions because the student is or will be in basic or special military training, or is or will be participating in a deployment of the student's guard or reserve unit, the student may continue to receive an award under the scholarship program upon completion of the student's basic or special military training or deployment; and

(3) Students enrolled in Rhode Island college as of July 1, 2021, who have attained junior status at Rhode Island college as of July 1, 2023, or who enrolled in Rhode Island college as of July 1, 2022, and who have attained junior status at Rhode Island college as of July 1, 2024, and who are otherwise in compliance with this chapter, shall be eligible for a hope scholarship under this chapter.

(4) Any student with a disability, otherwise eligible for a scholarship pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to access this program and shall be afforded all reasonable accommodations, as required by the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including, but not limited to, enrolling on a part-time basis and taking longer than four (4) years to graduate with a bachelor's degree.

(d) The decision of whether or not a student has attained junior or senior status by the appropriate date shall be determined by the appropriate body of Rhode Island college, subject to the rules, regulations, and procedures established pursuant to § 16-112-8.

16-112-7. Reporting and disbursement.

(a) On or before November 10, 2023, and on or before November 10 thereafter for every year through and including calendar year 2028, Rhode Island college shall submit a report to the director of the office of management and budget, the state budget officer, the house fiscal advisor, the senate fiscal advisor, the commissioner of postsecondary education, and the chair of the council on postsecondary education, a report detailing the following:

- (1) The number of students eligible to participate in the scholarship program;
- (2) The amount of federal and institutional financial aid anticipated to be received by recipient students;
- (3) The aggregate tuition and mandatory fee costs attributable to recipient students;
- (4) The resulting total cost of the scholarship program to the state; and
- (5) The report shall contain such data for both the current fiscal year and the most up-to-date forecast for the following fiscal year. Data reported shall be subdivided by student-year cohort and shall be accompanied by a written explanation detailing the estimating methodology utilized and any impact(s) the forecasted data may present to institutional capacity, operational costs, and the tuition/fee revenue base of the institution.

(b) On or before July 1, 2024, and on before July 1 thereafter for every year until through and including calendar year 2028, Rhode Island college, in conjunction with the office of the postsecondary commissioner, shall submit a report evaluating the program to the governor, speaker of the house, and the president of the senate. This evaluation shall include the following:

- (1) The number of students who started in each cohort;
- (2) The number of students in each cohort who have attained a degree or certification in an on-time manner;
- (3) The number of students in each cohort who have not attained a degree or certification in an on-time manner and an analysis of why that has happened;
- (4) The number of students in each cohort who began the program but have been unable to continue or complete the program and an analysis of why that has happened;
- (5) The costs of the program and the costs of continuing the program;
- (6) Suggestions for ways to increase the success of the program;
- (7) Recommendations as to modifying, continuing, expanding, curtailing, or discontinuing the program; and
- (8) Any such other recommendations or information as Rhode Island college and the commissioner of postsecondary education deem appropriate to include in the evaluation.

(c) The office of management and budget, in consultation with the office of the postsecondary commissioner, shall oversee the apportionment and disbursement of all funds appropriated for the purpose of the scholarship program.

16-112-8. Rules, regulations, and procedures.

The council on postsecondary education is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the residency policy, and Rhode Island college shall establish appeal procedures for the award, denial, or revocation of funding under the scholarship program. The rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with § 16-59-4.

16-112-9. Applicability to current students.

Currently enrolled students at Rhode Island college who have attained junior status as of July 1, 2023, or July 1, 2024, and who otherwise meet the requirements of this chapter, shall be eligible

for a hope scholarship under this chapter.

16-112-10. Funding of and sunset of pilot program.

The Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program shall be funded from July 1, 2023, through and including July 1, 2028. There shall be no further funding of the pilot program without further action of the general assembly. Any final reports due pursuant to this chapter shall be filed pursuant to the dates set forth herein.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote 55 members voting in the affirmative and 4 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 4: Representatives Nardone, Place, Rea, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

Read and passed, as amended, on a roll call vote, 55 members voting in the affirmative and 3 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 55: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 3: Representatives Nardone, Place, Rea.

RECUSED - 0:

**134. 2023-H 6027 SUB A as amended****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE

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

Chairman Solomon moves passage of the act, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski. Representatives Knight and Brien.

Chairman Solomon discusses the act.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Cardillo, Carson, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Finkelman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Handy, Henries, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Noret, Rea, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Vella-Wilkinson, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Place.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

**DESK HELD OPEN**

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi announces that the desk will be held open.

**RECESS**

At 1:37 o'clock A.M. on motion of Representative Batista, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Mattie L. Smith; on motion of Representative Ackerman, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of David Ayick; on motion of Representative Noret, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of William F. Kane; seconded by Leaders Blazejewski and Chippendale the House is in recess on a unanimous rising vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**



**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE JOHN G. EDWARDS**

Dear Lord: As we come to the end of this session, let us take pride in our accomplishments. We have shown that by working together, we have made Rhode Island a better place for all. Amen

APPENDIX

## TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR

**Senate Bill No. 228 SUB A**

**BY** Murray, LaMountain, McKenney, Tikoian, Euer, Sosnowski, Lombardi F, Ciccone, DiMario, Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows participating municipalities to elect to its employees the deferred compensation plans offered by the state.) {LC1450/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 255**

**BY** DiMario, Lawson, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, Miller

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Provides that starting December 2024, renewal fee for a pharmacist shall not be more than \$250, that fee for nonresident pharmacy license not be less than \$625 and pharmacy intern licenses valid for 5 years and technician licenses valid for 2 years.) {LC1054/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 305 SUB A**

**BY** Quezada, Ujifusa, Miller, McKenney, LaMountain, Cano

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING (Empowers the secretary of housing to create a written guide for consumers relating to the rights and duties of landlords and tenants, updated on an annual basis, at a minimum.) {LC1257/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 338 SUB A**

**BY** Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Requires that all vehicle model years prior to 2002 would not be required to be issued a title certificate until ownership is transferred or the current owner creates a security interest in the vehicle.) {LC1852/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 373 as amended**

**BY** Acosta, Mack, DiPalma, Kallman, Murray, LaMountain, Euer, Britto, DiMario, Lawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT-- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Directs the department of corrections to collect information from individuals entering its custody: sex, race, nativity (country of origin), religion, and level of education.) {LC1330/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 419 SUB A**

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Sosnowski, de la Cruz, Felag, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS (Establishes regulations for the registration and operation of low-speed vehicles in this state.) {LC1147/A/1}  
06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 565**

**BY** Gallo, Quezada, Pearson, Cano, Mack, Zurier  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.) {LC2394/1}  
06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 705**

(Dept. of Revenue)  
**BY** Tikoian, Britto, Burke, DiPalma, McKenney, Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Amends the reimbursements to cities, towns and fire districts from state revenues for lost tax revenue due to any phase-out or reduction of the motor vehicle excise tax.) {LC2278/1}  
06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 707**

(Dept. of Revenue)  
**BY** Acosta, Miller, Mack  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX (Provides that the sale of cannabis be exempt from taxation under chapter 20 of title 44 relating to taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products.) {LC2379/1}  
06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 710**

(Veterans)  
**BY** Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria, Euer, Lawson, Acosta, Raptakis, Tikoian, Mack, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Includes the national guard in the definition of who is eligible for veterans' exemptions.) {LC2294/1}  
06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 714**

(Dept. of Administration)  
**BY** Britto, Lombardi F, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, DiMario, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS (Allows state employees the ability to make an after tax contribution to a qualified Roth contribution program as a part of a deferred compensation plan.) {LC1572/1}  
06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 715**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Britto, Lombardi F, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (Makes statutory amendments throughout several sections of the general laws relating to the department of revenue changing the references of "collection unit" to "central collections unit.") {LC2280/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 759 SUB A as amended****BY** Gu, Sosnowski, Euer, Mack, Britto, Kallman, DiPalma, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD (Requires sellers of gift cards to post notice warning of scams/instructing consumers what to do as victims/train employees to identify/respond to fraud/violations punishable by a civil fine of \$500.) {LC1496/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 787****BY** Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Allows Bristol to adopt tax classification plan for tax relief for taxes assessed on 12/31/23 and any tax year thereafter.) {LC2646/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 830 SUB A****BY** Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone, Gallo, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS (Enables Rhode Island licensed new motor vehicle dealers to conduct vehicle identification number inspections and submits them for an NCIC check by the chiefs of police or designees.) {LC2536/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 850 SUB A**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY** LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION ACT (Amends the Real Estate Appraiser Certification Act and the Real Estate Appraisal Management Company ("AMC") Registration Act.) {LC1641/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 895**

(Judiciary)

**BY** McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Lombardi F, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- POWER OF OFFICERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS (Adds active magistrates and retired and active justices of the worker's compensation court to those public officers and employees authorized to administer oaths within the State of Rhode Island.) {LC2523/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1009****BY** Acosta, Mack, Lombardo, Miller**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT (Permits the office of cannabis regulation to provide forms, procedures and requirements with respect to the advertising of cannabis products during the transitional period.) {LC2445/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1031****BY** Raptakis, Rogers**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY (Would validate and ratify amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Coventry.) {LC3030/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1056 SUB A****BY** Euer, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- DEATH BY WRONGFUL ACT (Raises the minimum recovery in a civil action to recover for a wrongful death from \$250,000 to \$365,000 and automatically increases for inflation the minimum recovery annually on January 31. The increase is based on the consumer price index.) {LC2977/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1071 SUB A****BY** LaMountain, Pearson, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES (Establishes a new, temporary process in the department of children, youth and families, for the hiring of social workers and child protective investigators at the department for a one year period commencing on August 1, 2023.) {LC3017/A/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1074****BY** de la Cruz, Paolino, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD TO FINANCE THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION OR THE RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION AND REPAIR OF AN EXISTING BUILDING TO BE USED AS A POLICE STATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THEREOF BY THE ISSUE OF NOT MORE THAN \$18,000,000 OF BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR (Authorizes North Smithfield to issue 18,000,000 of general obligation bonds and notes to finance the construction of a new police station or the renovation, improvement, alteration and repair of an existing building to be used as a police station.) {LC3091/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1077****BY** de la Cruz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE OAKLAND--MAPLEVILLE #4 AND THE NASONVILLE FIRE DISTRICTS INTO THE EAST BURRILLVILLE FIRE DISTRICT (AuthorizeS, subject to voter approval, the merger and consolidation of the Oakland-Mapleville Fire District #4 and the Nasonville Fire District into a district to be called the "East Burrillville Fire District.") {LC3059/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1080****BY** LaMountain

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allows the Honorable Arkadiusz Z. Smigielski to join Danielle St. Pierre and Michael Smigielski in marriage on or about October 27, 2023, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.) {LC3049/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1082****BY** Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- HEALTHY AND SAFE FAMILIES AND WORKPLACES ACT (Amends the definition of employee to remove apprenticeships and interns and any other individuals pursuant to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. Section 203 et seq.) {LC3084/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1098****BY** Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Permits a signed release to be transmitted to the party responsible for paying the settlement or their attorney by electronic means.) {LC3155/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Resolution No. 1105****BY** Gallo

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study the governance structure of Rhode Island's public education system, from March 1, 2023, to March 1, 2024, and would expire on July 1, 2024.) {LC3196/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1111****BY** Picard

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM (Requires that the motorcycle education courses provide accommodations for person's with disabilities.) {LC3181/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1121****BY** Lombardi F, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires insurers to provide coverage to children under court appointed guardianship of an insured.) {LC3225/1}

06/16/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 3****BY** Ruggerio, Goodwin, Felag, Gallo, Murray, Ciccone, Miller, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING (Amends the definitions of "collegiate sports or athletic event" and "sporting event" within the chapter on "video lottery games, table games and sports wagering".) {LC569/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 38****BY** Lawson, Lauria, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES (Authorizes the city of East Providence to grant a retailer's Class B license to property located at 136 Taunton Avenue, Map 106, Block 6, Parcel 15 of the applicable city of East Providence tax assessment map.) {LC90/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 77 as amended****BY** Pearson, Gallo, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Mack, Valverde, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT (Establishes the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program to provide two-year scholarships to junior and seniors at Rhode Island college.) {LC1193/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 97****BY** McKenney, Burke, Kallman, LaMountain, Euer, Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT (Requires department of health to establish an informal dispute resolution to address any changes to department of health violations.) {LC782/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 103 SUB A as amended****BY** Kallman, McKenney, Euer, Miller, Mack, DiMario, Lauria, LaMountain, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.) {LC1050/A/2}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 111****BY** Morgan E, DeLuca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE RATIFICATION OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF RICHMOND (Validates and ratifies amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the town of Richmond, which amendments were adopted and approved by the electors of the Town of Richmond on November 4, 2008 and November 8, 2022.) {LC444/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 137****BY** Lombardi F, Ciccone, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS -- PRESUMPTION FOR HEART DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION (Allows the presumption of in-the-line-of-duty illness unless contrary evidence is presented.) {LC568/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 182 SUB A****BY** DiMario, Euer, Gallo, Lawson, Acosta, Lauria, Valverde, DiPalma, Picard, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION (Adds the Rhode Island teacher of the year as an additional ex officio member of the council on elementary and secondary education as well as the board of education.) {LC1443/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 203****BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Euer, DiMario, McKenney, Gu, Valverde, Felag, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Creates appointment of executive director of coastal resources management as an employee and respected staff of coastal resource management to coordinate with DEM and division leaders to plan management of coastal resources.) {LC936/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 275 SUB A****BY** Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.) {LC290/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 302****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS (Allows town of Narragansett to sell highway or driftway to abutting owner at fair market value.) {LC1082/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor



**Senate Bill No. 311 SUB A**

**BY** Murray, Mack, Miller, Euer, Sosnowski, Quezada, Acosta, DiMario, Kallman, Raptakis  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND  
TENANT ACT (Prohibits the requirement that a fee be paid for a rental application for real property.)  
{LC1658/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 342 as amended**

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Murray, Gu, Valverde, Lauria, Ujifusa, LaMountain, Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to execute a  
nondisclosure agreement or non-disparagement agreement, regarding alleged violations of civil rights  
or criminal conduct, as a condition of employment.) {LC1065/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 366 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Ciccone, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Britto, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES  
(Requires default notices to lessees of self-service storage facilities to be sent to the lessee's last  
known address, would repeal the necessity of certified mail for three and repeal the necessity of  
publication for 3 weeks.) {LC1402/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 381 as amended**

**BY** Lombardi F, Ciccone, Euer, LaMountain, DiMario, Lawson, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE  
GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION (Provides immunity from liability for school employees  
whose position involves work with students for accidental injury or damage. Provides compensation  
for certain injuries received by school employees whose position involves work with students.)  
{LC1609/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 387**

**BY** LaMountain, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Euer, Tikoian, Lombardi F  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY  
PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS (Provides judges the discretion to make the time period of  
a filing under § 12-10-12, but in no event longer than the maximum jail sentence allowed by law.)  
{LC1242/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 401**

**BY** DiMario, Euer, Murray, Tikoian, Miller, Lawson, DiPalma, Lombardi F, Quezada, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE  
OFFICERS--COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police officers  
commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for officers and trainees to  
more accurately identify complaints involving persons with cognitive or communication-related  
disabilities.) {LC1070/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 417 SUB A**

**BY** McKenney, Sosnowski, Euer, Pearson, Miller, DiMario, Gallo, DiPalma, Gu, Kallman  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides rights/privileges of shore may be exercised, where shore exists, on wet/dry sand/rocky beaches up the natural vegetation line to be determined by CRMC with limited liability for abutters.) {LC1241/A/2}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 434 SUB A as amended**

**BY** DiPalma, Felag, Ruggerio  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Provides that only facilities located within the state be eligible for permits to operate as official inspection stations for the inspection of vehicles.) {LC1451/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 439**

**BY** DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Would designate a fishing site at Black Point in Narragansett as the "Stephen J. Medeiros Fishing Area at Black Point".) {LC1198/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 483**

**BY** Sosnowski, DiPalma, Gallo, Rogers, Britto, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Provides that school policies which provide for excused absences for participation in a sport or other extracurricular activity be amended and deemed to include attending agricultural fairs as an excused absence.) {LC2034/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 489**

**BY** DiMario, Murray, Lawson, DiPalma, Gallo, Euer, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Would require public school districts to take certain actions to promote notice and disseminate information regarding the district's special education local advisory committee.) {LC1736/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 575 SUB A**

**BY** Lauria, Miller, Ujifusa, Bell, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires health plans that provide coverage for prescription epinephrine auto injectors (epi-pens) to charge no more than \$35.00 for a thirty-day supply. Coverage for prescription epinephrine auto injectors would not be subject to any deductible.) {LC1879/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 583 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Lawson, Miller, DiMario, Acosta, Euer, Britto, Lauria, Murray, DiPalma, Felag  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT  
INSURANCE POLICIES (Provides all Medicare recipients over sixty-five (65) years of age applying  
for Medicare supplement plan guaranteed issue rights regardless of medical or health or receipt of  
health care by the applicant.) {LC2104/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 613 SUB A**

**BY** Lombardi F, Felag, Britto, Burke, Ciccone  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS  
(Authorizes voting districts to be combined for an election) {LC2384/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 630 SUB A**

**BY** Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DNA DETECTION OF  
SEXUAL AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS (Requires the state crime laboratory to conduct an audit of  
DNA samples in the DNA databank to ascertain the rate of compliance with DNA recording  
requirements.) {LC2314/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 635**

**BY** Mack, Britto, Acosta, Tikoian, Euer, Kallman, McKenney, LaMountain, Lauria, Bell  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Increases the maximum amount maintained in a prisoners  
account from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to two thousand dollars (\$2,000), with said funds to be  
turned over to the prisoner at the time of their release from incarceration.) {LC1662/1}  
06/14/2023 House passed in concurrence

**Senate Bill No. 655**

**BY** Euer  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT  
AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (Creates a doing business  
as for Discover Newport as a short title for the bureau.) {LC2232/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 666**

**BY** Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT  
COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER  
STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames bridges 00201, 17801 and 17601 in South Kingstown after 3  
Medal of Honor recipients, to wit, Sgt. William G. Fournier, Sgt. William J. Babcock, Cpl. David B.  
Champagne, respectively.) {LC2473/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 669****BY** Ciccone, Lombardi F, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows Providence board of licenses to grant an exemptions relating to issuance of a Class BL or Class BV alcoholic beverage retail licenses for 566 Plainfield Street &amp; 777 Elmwood Avenue.)

{LC2474/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 684 SUB A****BY** DiMario, Euer, Britto, Miller, Lawson, Ruggerio, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET

METERING (Defines core forest and preferred sites and provides that any net metering resource owned or operated by a renewable energy developer be treated as an eligible net metering system provided it is not in a core forest.) {LC2574/A/2}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 699 SUB A**

(Dept. of Education)

**BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Ciccone, Pearson, Cano**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY

YOUNG CHILDREN (Amends applicability and operational requirements of the chapter on Education Services to Very Young Children.) {LC1568/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 709**

(Dept. of Administration)

**BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES (Provides that the maximum aggregate amounts for small purchases within the chapter on state purchases be adjusted to not exceed \$25,000 for construction and \$10,000 for all other purchases.) {LC1573/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 713 SUB A**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY** Britto, Lombardi F, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE

ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION (Streamlines tax incentive reporting by eliminating certain division of taxation reporting requirements and using alternative methods of reporting such as the tax division website.) {LC2533/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 719**

(Dept. of BHDDH)

**BY** McKenney, DiMario, Cano, Euer, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW (Amends provisions of law relative to the disclosure of confidential healthcare information and records and the disclosure thereof occurring through electronic means.) {LC1644/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 724 SUB A as amended**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Provides that water supply systems that have PFAS contaminants that exceed the interim drinking water standard be required to enter into a consent agreement with department of health to implement treatment to reduce the levels of PFAS contaminants.) {LC2293/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 727**

(Dept. of Corrections)

**BY** Mack, Acosta, Britto, Zurier, Euer, Bell, McKenney, Lombardi F, Kallman, Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT (Provides additional earned time for good behavior or program participation or completion for prisoners not serving a life sentence.) {LC1648/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 738**

(Attorney General)

**BY** Lauria, Miller, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT (Provides that Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act consist of drugs and other substances, by whatever official name, common or usual name, chemical name or name designated by the director of the department of health.) {LC2248/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 767 SUB A****BY** Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires every school district/local education agency/city/town to report each fiscal year relating to funding/ administrative/program information from the American Rescue plan, elementary/secondary school emergency relief, and state/local recovery funds.) {LC2538/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 771****BY** Britto, Ruggerio, Lawson, Ciccone, DiPalma, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LABOR STANDARDS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS (Amends the definition of "covered project" having a total nameplate capacity of three megawatts (3 MW) down to one megawatt (1 MW).) {LC1752/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 776****BY** Lawson, Britto, Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables the city of East Providence to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods for fiscal years 2023 and 2024 for waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments and motor vehicle tax payments.) {LC2600/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 812****BY** Acosta, Quezada, Britto, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS (Allows persons who are on parole, a suspended sentence or on probation to serve on juries.) {LC2551/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 829 SUB A****BY** Gallo, Pearson, Lombardo, DiPalma, Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Requires the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to prescribe or approve power-of-attorney forms to be used in connection with vehicle registrations.) {LC2611/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 846 SUB A as amended****BY** Paolino, Morgan E**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Raises aggregate reporting to \$200, individual/PAC contributions to \$2,000. Defines FMV/accounts payable. Prohibits financing to candidates owing fines to BOE. Exempts candidates from aggregate reporting. Provides public financing for primaries in 2026.) {LC1870/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 855 SUB A****BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE (Requires the state building code standards committee to revise the state energy conservation code to meet 2024 International Energy Conservation Code electric readiness provisions.) {LC2306/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 869 SUB A****BY** Cano, Gu, DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- THE PROMOTING ACCESS TO INCREASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (Requires that services provided by school social workers and certified school psychologists be included as health care related services eligible for federal Medicaid reimbursement.) {LC744/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 879 SUB A as amended****BY** Felag, Picard**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables all municipalities to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods during fiscal years 2024 or 2025 for the waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments.) {LC2720/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 906 SUB A**

(Judiciary)

**BY** Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS (Amends the current time frame for automatic sealing of criminal cases in the district court.) {LC2521/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 912 SUB A as amended****BY** Mack, Kallman, LaMountain, McKenney, Euer, Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Provides for the sealing of court files in residential eviction proceedings upon the filing of a motion.) {LC696/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 924 SUB A****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Subjects to taxation real property owned by non-profit institutions of higher education/nonprofit hospitals also amends charters issued by the general assembly to non-profit institutions/hospitals.) {LC1799/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 925 SUB A****BY** Goodwin, Gallo, Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS PRACTICES ACT (Amends the definition of unfair claims settlement practices by insurers & motor vehicle damage appraisers, and creates a chapter providing for the appraisal of damaged motor vehicles, when the insurer & the insured cannot agree on the amount of the loss.) {LC2002/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 983****BY** DiPalma, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts the real and personal property of the Little Flower Home in Tiverton, Rhode Island from taxation.) {LC3008/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 991 SUB A as amended****BY** Ruggerio, Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma, Lombardo, Pearson, Britto, Felag**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (Authorizes the state department of transportation to efficiently operate a single, integrated intermodal transportation system and to address unrealized funding opportunities.) {LC2917/A/2}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 992****BY** de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the total amount of all flat tax credits from three percent (3%) to four percent (4%) of the prior year's tax levy.) {LC2855/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1032 SUB A****BY** Lombardi F, LaMountain, McKenney, Ujifusa, Zurier, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Amends certain general laws relative to zoning ordinance variances, special use permits, modifications thereto and also amends provisions relative to substandard lots of record and the merger of such lots.) {LC2508/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1033 SUB A****BY** Pearson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends the required contents of a comprehensive plan providing that the "implementation program" component of the requirements include a 5 year strategic plan to ensure that the comprehensive plan goals and policies are implemented in a timely fashion.) {LC2502/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1034 SUB A****BY** Pearson, McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Amends the provisions relative to the subdivision of land and the application process requesting relief from zoning ordinances and the review process thereof.) {LC2501/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor



**Senate Bill No. 1035 SUB A****BY** Kallman, Burke**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Provides that adaptive reuse for the conversion of commercial property into residential or mixed-use developments shall be a permitted use and allowable by specific and objective provisions of a zoning ordinance, subject to certain restrictions.) {LC2504/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1037 SUB A****BY** Ruggerio, Pearson, Gallo, Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Provides amendments relative to low- and moderate-income housing and modifies and clarifies the procedure for review of applications to build such housing.) {LC2500/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1038 SUB A****BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT (Amends certain notification procedures relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land and zoning ordinances)

{LC3016/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1049****BY** Burke, Tikoian, Quezada, LaMountain, McKenney, Raptakis, Lombardi F**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE

OFFICERS - COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING (Requires police training on recognizing the possible existence of mental health disorders and substance use disorders and requires certified crisis intervention team training for all officers.) {LC3040/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1050 SUB A****BY** McKenney, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING (Amends several sections of law relating to low-and moderate-income housing and the application, appeal, and judicial review process.) {LC2505/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1051 SUB A****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

(Increases the amount of allowable units per acre for all projects subject to inclusionary zoning as well as other incentives and subsidies to offset differential costs of below-market units.)

{LC2507/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1052 SUB A****BY** Kallman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Creates the transit oriented development pilot program to encourage residential housing near convenient public transportation.) {LC2503/A/2}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1053 SUB A****BY** McKenney, LaMountain**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT (Establishes a land use court within the superior court, effective January 1, 2024.) {LC2506/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1097****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Route 114 A, East Providence between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts state line.) {LC3041/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1099****BY** Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (Increases the amount of costs for repairs that a tenant may deduct from his or her rent from one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) to five hundred dollars (\$500).) {LC3149/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1104****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (This act would extend the dates for statistical updates following revaluations for the city of Woonsocket.) {LC3178/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1106 as amended****BY** Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE (Provides that if liability is accepted by causing a total loss of the other party's vehicle, coverage for a rental vehicle for no less than an additional seven (7) days be provided.) {LC3192/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Resolution No. 1112****BY** DiPalma, Britto, Zurier, Felag, Sosnowski, Murray**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS (Makes appropriation to pay certain claims.) {LC3160/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1119****BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MERCURY REDUCTION AND EDUCATION ACT (Prohibits the sale: eff. 1/1/24 of screw/bayonet base compact fluorescent lamps; eff. 1/1/25 of pin-base type compact and linear fluorescent lamps with civil penalties for violations.) {LC3220/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1120****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPROVAL FOR A SUBMERGED LAND LEASE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REVOLUTION WIND PROJECT {LC3224/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1129****BY** Ruggerio**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (For purposes of teachers' retirement benefits, amends the definition "former spouse divorced" to include someone who was married to a deceased member 10+ yrs & deceased member was required by court order to contribute support post-divorce.) {LC3232/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1134****BY** Sosnowski, Miller, Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- MAMMOGRAMS AND PAP SMEARS -- COVERAGE MANDATED {LC3240/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1135****BY** Pearson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS {LC3241/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5034 SUB A as amended****BY** Edwards, McGaw, Solomon, Chippendale, Kennedy, Azzinaro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- INSPECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (Provides that only facilities located within the state be eligible for permits to operate as official inspection stations for the inspection of vehicles.) {LC386/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5174 SUB A**

**BY** Cortvriend, Carson, McNamara, Craven, Spears, Fogarty, Knight, Edwards, Kennedy, Kazarian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Provides a definition of the recognizable high tide line for the public's rights and privileges of the shore.) {LC193/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5339 as amended**

(Dept. of Education (RIDE))

**BY** Donovan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN (Amends applicability and operational requirements of the chapter on Education Services to Very Young Children.) {LC1159/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5602 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Slater, Diaz, Potter, Cruz, Brien, Solomon, Bennett, Felix, Hull, Lombardi J

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Enables all municipalities to offer tax amnesty for two (2) separate sixty (60) day periods during fiscal years 2024 or 2025 for the waiver of interest and penalties on overdue tangible tax payments.) {LC1589/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5767 SUB A**

**BY** Baginski, Finkelman, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Requires the administrator of the division of motor vehicles to prescribe or approve power-of-attorney forms to be used in connection with vehicle registrations.) {LC1982/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5861 SUB A as amended**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY** Speakman, Cortvriend

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER (Provides that water supply systems that have PFAS contaminants that exceed the interim drinking water standard be required to enter into a consent agreement with department of health to implement treatment to reduce the levels of PFAS contaminants.) {LC2186/A/1}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5962 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Newberry, Edwards, Kazarian, Solomon, Chippendale, Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES REPORTING (Raises aggregate reporting to \$200, individual/PAC contributions to \$2,000. Defines FMV/accounts payable. Prohibits financing to candidates owing fines to BOE. Exempts candidates from aggregate reporting. Provides public financing for primaries in 2026.) {LC1869/A/3}  
06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 6027 SUB A as amended****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE (Provides that if liability is accepted by causing a total loss of the other party's vehicle, coverage for a rental vehicle for no less than an additional seven (7) days be provided.) {LC2061/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 6084 SUB B****BY** Felix, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, Hull, Kazarian, Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES (Creates the transit oriented development pilot program to encourage residential housing near convenient public transportation.) {LC2193/B/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 6128 SUB A****BY** Edwards, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Messier, Bennett**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Requires every school district/local education agency/city/town to report each fiscal year relating to funding/ administrative/program information from the American Rescue plan, elementary/secondary school emergency relief, and state/local recovery funds.) {LC2209/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 6240 SUB A****BY** Baginski, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Requires unanimous vote of local board of canvassers for the combination of voting districts for any special election and requires unanimous vote of canvassers for combination of voting districts for any special election or presidential primary.) {LC2483/A/1}

06/19/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Resolution No. 620****BY** Kallman, Mack, LaMountain, McKenney, Acosta, DiPalma, DiMario, Lauria, Burke, Miller**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM OF FEMALES WITHIN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POPULATION (Creates a 19 member task force whose purpose it would be to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism of females in the criminal justice system, and who would report back by February 5, 2024, and expire on April 5, 2024.) {LC1532/1}

06/22/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Resolution No. 671 SUB A**

**BY** Miller, Euer, LaMountain, Valverde, DiMario, Lawson, Sosnowski, Lauria, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES FROM PLASTIC BOTTLE WASTE (Creates an 18 member special joint legislative commission whose purpose it would be to study and provide recommendations to protect our environment from plastic bottle waste/report back to the general assembly no later than 6/10/24 and expire on 6/30/24.) {LC2472/A/1}  
06/22/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Resolution No. 1126**

**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE REDUCED CATCH OF QUAHOGS IN NARRAGANSETT BAY (Creates a 13 member joint commission to study and provide recommendations on the issues relating to the reduced catch of quahogs in Narragansett Bay, and who would report back to the General Assembly by May 31, 2024, and expire on June 30, 2024.) {LC3227/1}  
06/22/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**House Bill No. 5335 as amended**

**BY** Place, Rea, Nardone, Roberts  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE (Provides for improving license portability for military service members and their spouses who are relocated to Rhode Island.) {LC1098/1}  
08/30/2023 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****VETO MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR****STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE**

June 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of article IX, section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2023-H 5206 – “An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Size, Weight and Load Limits – Weight Restrictions on Route 114 A East Providence.”

This legislation would impose restrictions, by weight, on certain commercial vehicles operating on Route 114 A in East Providence between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts state line. This legislation also imposes a fine for anyone who violates its provisions.

Route 114 A is a state highway. Decisions to restrict or exclude certain vehicles from state highways and bridges on the basis of weight are made by the State Traffic Commission. R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-25-27. In deciding to restrict access to such facilities by weight, the Traffic Commission relies on deficiencies documented by a safety inspection or load rating. Federal law prohibits any state from enacting or enforcing laws denying these commercial vehicles reasonable access to the “national network” of roads of which Route 114 A is a part. 23 C.F.R § 658.19 (Reasonable Access).

The weight restriction on commercial vehicles proposed by this legislation do not come from the Traffic Commission and they do not arise from a public safety study. Indeed, there does not seem to be any public safety rationale for the measure. I respect the concerns of neighbors who support this legislation. But without using the proper statutory procedure for limiting access to the East Providence portion of Route 114 A and without the appropriate supporting safety study, this measure would likely violate federal reasonable access laws.

For this reason, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. McKEE**

June 24, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of article IX, section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2023-H5815 – “An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Registration of Vehicles.”

This act would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) to issue a one-year renewal registration for vehicles leased for a period of thirty-six months when the vehicle is registered in two-year cycles and to modify the fee for said renewal accordingly. This act would also enable the DMV to refund the registrant of a leased vehicle who voluntarily cancels the registration, certain portions of the registration fee paid.

This act would impose significant implementation burdens on the DMV. It would also have a negative fiscal impact. Implementation of the act would require substantial structural changes to the DMV’s computer system, “RIMS”, because registration expiration dates are not editable or optional under the current system. Significant RIMS programming would be required to build expiration date rules for leased vehicles across all forty-seven plate types. This major change would require a substantial diversion of resources currently dedicated to developing enhanced online transaction capabilities.

The act would also require modification to the title and registration process for leased vehicles. Currently, the DMV does not track the term of any leased vehicles as motor vehicle dealers and motorists are not required to submit a copy of a lease agreement at the time of initial registration. As a result, it would be impossible for the DMV to know the lease term at the time of renewal since most registrations are renewed online or through the mail. Even if the DMV were to require the submission of lease agreements at the time of initial registration, further RIMS programming would be necessary to add fields to the registration transaction to track the lease term and then perform calculations to ensure the proper renewal period and registration fee were assessed at the time of renewal.

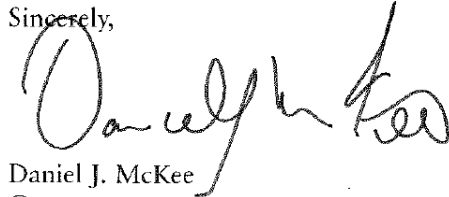
Finally, this act would have a fiscal impact. In addition to the expenditures that would be needed to make changes to RIMS, discussed above, the act would lead to a reduction in registration fees and DOT surcharge fees collected on the renewal of leased vehicles.



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For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

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

Daniel J. McKee  
Governor



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

September 26, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Rhode Island General Laws S 43-1-4, I am transmitting herewith my disapproval, 2023 — H 6494 As Amended, "An Act Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers — Rhode Island Utility Fair Share Roadway Repair Act. "

This bill would prohibit utilities from using ratepayer funds to pay for necessary road restoration/repairs on state roads or state rights-of-ways if the work was not done in accord with the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a long-range program for improving roads and transportation infrastructure in Rhode Island. The bill would also prohibit a utility from assessing road repair costs to a homeowner for residential utility projects while also prohibiting the utility from recovering those costs from ratepayers or consumers under any circumstances.

The coordination of public utility infrastructure projects with the STIP is an important policy objective. But this bill elevates coordination with the STIP over all other priorities in supplying critical utilities to consumers, including their emergency repair. If this bill were to become law, it would effectively prevent many utilities, including water and sewer, from making important upgrades and emergency repairs to the State's critical utility infrastructure. For example, Providence Water is responsible for providing affordable, high quality drinking water to more than 600,000 retail and wholesale consumers. It is prohibited by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission from making a profit and its operating budget is financed entirely by water rates. If this bill were to pass, Providence Water — and many other utilities — would have no mechanism to fund necessary road repairs incurred during critical infrastructure work such as water main rehabilitation and lead service line replacement. The same is true for emergency repairs which must be made whenever they occur, not just when an adjacent road is scheduled to be improved. Without ratepayer funding, utilities like Providence Water would have to abandon any upgrades and emergency repairs that did not coincide with existing STIP work. Utilities would invest less in infrastructure resulting in reduced safety and reliability over time.

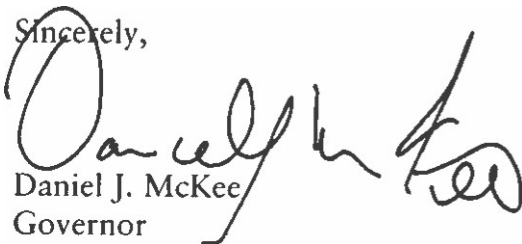
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Another provision of the bill prohibits a utility from passing along the state road repair expense of a residential utility project to the homeowner. This provision would have a serious impact on projects that are performed at the request of the homeowners or on other critical projects like lead service replacements.

While I am eager to minimize disruptions to state roadways, I cannot support legislation that would hinder the implementation of federally-funded projects that improve the quality of life for all Rhode Islanders, particularly funds to replace lead pipes and improve broadband service across the state. The health of our children and enhancement of public infrastructure is too important to jeopardize millions of time-limited federal dollars that will improve quality of life in our state. I have spoken to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate about my concerns about this bill. We are all in agreement that it is important to coordinate, to the greatest extent possible, utility work with road work being carried out pursuant to the STIP, without undermining critical state utility infrastructure and the consumers who depend on it. I do not believe this bill achieves those ends.

I am committed to working with the General Assembly and stakeholders including the Department of Transportation, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the Public Utilities Commission, and impacted utilities to redraft this bill so that construction projects can be coordinated to minimize disruptions for residents and businesses, improve public health and safety, and enhance utility services for all Rhode Islanders. For all these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKee  
Governor