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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS  
2021 AND 2022

Introduced By: Representative Patricia A. Serpa

Date Introduced: January 11, 2023

Referred To: House Rules

1           RESOLVED, That section 22 of the rules for the House of Representatives adopted by  
2 the House of Representatives at its January session A.D. 2021 entitled "House Resolution  
3 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2021 and 2022", be and the  
4 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5           (22) When any member desires to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the House,  
6 the member shall activate his or her recognition button, and when recognized from the rostrum  
7 rise and proceed by respectfully addressing the Speaker. Debate shall be confined to the matter  
8 before the House. No member shall be permitted to ask, nor shall the Speaker entertain, any  
9 question not directly related to the matter before the House; provided, further a member may not  
10 claim the floor during a session for the purpose of speaking on a subject matter not germane to  
11 legislative business, including, but not limited to, the reading of any text, the recital of any poem,  
12 the singing of any song or the broadcast of any material using an electronic device.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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- 1 This resolution would amend the House Rules on what matters may be debated or spoken
- 2 on the House floor.

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