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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE YEARS
2023 AND 2024

Introduced By: Representatives Boylan, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Spears, Carson, Corvese,
Ackerman, Dawson, Knight, and Craven

Date Introduced: January 10, 2025

Referred To: House Rules

1 RESOLVED, that section 7(d) of the rules of the House of Representatives adopted by
2 the House of Representatives at its January session, A.D. 2023, entitled "House Resolution
3 Adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the years 2023 and 2024", be and the
4 same is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 (d)(i) Unless the matter is submitted with the approval of the Speaker, a member may not
6 introduce more than eighteen (18) bills or resolutions during the course of a legislative session,
7 inclusive of bills introduced pursuant to subsection (iii) of this rule. This limitation shall not apply
8 to city or town bills, to bills for the reinstatement of corporate charters, to bills relating to the
9 solemnization of marriages, to ceremonial resolutions of congratulations or condolence, to
10 appropriations and budget bills, to bills creating or extending the reporting dates of study
11 commissions or to bills introduced on behalf of a study commission by the commission's
12 chairperson or other member with the approval of the Speaker.

13 (ii) All bills and resolutions shall be filed no later than February ~~16, 2023~~ 27, 2025 (for
14 the ~~2023~~ 2025 session) and February ~~15, 2024~~ 12, 2026 (for the ~~2024~~ 2026 session). The
15 provisions of this section shall not apply to city or town bills, to bills for the reinstatement of
16 corporate charters, to bills relating to the solemnization of marriages, to ceremonial resolutions of
17 congratulations or condolences, to appropriations and budget bills, or to bills ~~to create or extend~~
18 creating or extending the reporting dates of study commissions or to bills introduced on behalf of
19 a study commission by the commission's chairperson or other member with the approval of the

1 [Speaker](#).

2 ~~Further, a~~ [\(iii\) A](#) member may introduce a public bill or resolution after this date in
3 February if one day previous to such introduction, the member shall have notified the House of
4 his or her intention to introduce such bill or resolution by reading the title and giving a brief
5 explanation of its purpose. ~~A~~ [Subject to introduction limits imposed by this rule, a](#) member may
6 avail himself or herself of the opportunity afforded by this rule three (3) times only in each
7 calendar year, but in no event after the fortieth (40th) legislative day unless the matter is submitted
8 with the approval of the Speaker. House Committees may, but shall not be obligated to, hear and
9 consider public bills or resolutions approved for introduction pursuant to this rule.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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1 This resolution would provide that members be limited to the introduction of eighteen
2 (18) bills or resolutions during any legislative session excluding city or town bills, bills
3 reinstating corporate charters, bills or resolutions of a ceremonial nature, appropriation and
4 budget bills, bills extending or creating reporting dates or bills introduced on behalf of study
5 commissions.

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