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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-7145 **NIGHTCLUBS** (Kilmartin) This act would mandate that nightclubs have cameras at all emergency exit doors and at the entrances to the buildings, and have silent alarms on all emergency exit doors. Corporations

H-7327 **FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act" which mandates that the purchaser of a property at foreclosure maintain the property according to the provisions of the housing maintenance and occupancy code. It would also require that the purchaser file a foreclosed property upkeep bond with the city/town clerk's office at the time the foreclosure deed is recorded. Municipal Government

H-7345 **SPRINKLER AND FIRE ALARM TAX CREDITS** (Menard & Others) This act would provide tax credits for "qualified sprinkler and alarm expenditures" when such are installed in buildings in order to comply with additional requirements arising directly from enactment of the "Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003". Finance

H-7402 **SPRINKLER AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS** (Menard & Others) This act would extend the expiration date of the sales tax exemption on sprinkler and fire alarm systems that are purchased in order to comply with additional requirements arising directly from enactment of the "Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003". Finance

H-7531 **FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION** (Gallison & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Fire Safety Commission for purposes including the appointment of the State Fire Marshal, and promulgation of rules pertaining to the operation of the office of the State Fire Marshal. Finance

H-7673 **FIRE SAFETY CODE BOARD** (Lewiss & Others) This act would require that one member of the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review be an officer, partner or proprietor of a Rhode Island company that is a small business as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Separation of Powers

H-7716 **FIRE SAFETY CODE** (McCauley) This act would authorize the State Fire Marshal to implement a required training and certification program for firefighters. It would also add the definition of 'Fire Watch / Uniformed Firefighter Detail' to the "Comprehensive Fire Safety Act". H.E.W.

H-7729 **FIRE SAFETY CODE** (Trillo & Others) This act would amend provisions of "The Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003". It would relax certain requirements, and would extend time deadlines for accomplishing certain goals and taking certain actions required under the provisions of the 2003 Act. It would also adopt the National Fire Alarm Code (NFPA 72) as the "Rhode Island Fire Alarm Code". Also it would mandate that local water suppliers cannot prevent residential or commercial users from tying in alternative fire protection sprinkler systems into water distribution piping. H.E.W.

H-8022 **BUILDING PERMITS** (San Bento & Others) This act would require building officials to issue or reject permits for the rehabilitation of existing residential dwellings occupied by no more than three families, and affecting not more than 50% of the square footage of the original dwelling within 15 calendar days after the filing of the application. H.E.W.

H-8046 **TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would require the Department of Health to adopt permissible exposure limits to mold in indoor environments, procedures for the assessment of the health risk posed by the presence of mold, mold identification guidelines and remediation procedures. H.E.W.

H-8057 **SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require that private dwellings occupied by 1 or 2 families be equipped with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with standards established by the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review. H.E.W.

H-8212 **FIRE SAFETY CODE** (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend compliance with fire safety code provisions applicable to public school buildings to a date no earlier than January 1, 2010. H.E.W.

H-8218 **BUILDING PERMITS** (Lima & Others) This act would require city/town building officials to fax/mail "temporary building permits" to applicants by the next business day upon payment of the permit fee. The official permit must be mailed within 7 business days. Municipal Government

H-8237 **LICENSING BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (Lima)** This resolution would extend the reporting date to July 8, 2009, and amend the membership of the Special House Commission to Examine the Issue of Licensing Builders and Contractors. (Enacted as Resolution 206 effective 5/1/08)

H-8313 **PLACES OF ASSEMBLY: SPRINKLERS** (Mattiello) This act would allow deadlines for sprinkler compliance in all places of assembly to be extended beyond July 1, 2008, by the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review for good cause shown. H.E.W.

H-8316 **BUILDING PERMITS** (Lima & Others) This act would provide that, upon the submission of a properly completed building permit application for residential re-roofing, vinyl siding, or replacement windows, the local building official would have to review the permit application and respond with an approval or denial within 2 business days of the submission. Municipal Government

S-2291 **SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that private dwellings occupied by 1 or 2 families be equipped with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in accordance with standards established by the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2419 FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION (Tassoni & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Fire Safety Commission for purposes including the appointment of the State Fire Marshal, and promulgation of rules pertaining to the operation of the office of the State Fire Marshal. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2776 FIRE SAFETY CODE (Blais) This act would amend provisions of "The Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003". It would relax certain requirements, and would extend time deadlines for accomplishing certain goals and taking certain actions required under the provisions of the 2003 Act. It would also adopt the National Fire Alarm Code (NFPA 72) as the "Rhode Island Fire Alarm Code". Also it would mandate that local water suppliers cannot prevent residential or commercial users from tying in alternative fire protection sprinkler systems into water distribution piping. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2870 BUILDING PERMITS (Walaska) This act would require building officials to issue or reject permits for the rehabilitation of existing residential dwellings occupied by no more than three families, and affecting not more than 50% of the square footage of the original dwelling within 15 calendar days after the filing of the application. Housing & Municipal Government

S-3154 PLACES OF ASSEMBLY: SPRINKLERS (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow deadlines for sprinkler compliance in all places of assembly to be extended beyond July 1, 2008, by the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review for good cause shown. Housing & Municipal Government

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-7014 DIABETIC STUDENTS (Gemma & Others) This act would require school departments to develop policies and procedures for administering injections to diabetic students in the event of an emergency. The policies would include parent authorization and the training of school personnel. H.E.W

H-7028 CHILDREN WITH AUTISM (Palumbo & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting date of the Special House Commission to Study the Education of Children with Autism in the State of Rhode Island from January 30, 2008 to March 31, 2009. (Enacted as Resolution 10 effective 1/2/08)

H-7036 TRESPASS WITHIN SCHOOL BUILDINGS (Corvese & Others) This act would amend the penalty provision for willful trespass within school buildings by mandating a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for 1 year, or both. Judiciary

H-7042 **SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COSTS** (Savage & Others) This act would provide that the cities/towns would be reimbursed by the state for transportation costs associated with pupils receiving bus transportation to any school located outside the city/town limits. Finance

H-7043 **SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES** (Story & Others) This act would provide for the reimbursement of extraordinary services equal to 90% of extraordinary special education expenditures payable to school districts each fiscal year. Finance

H-7059 **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Savage & Others) This act would give a presumption of validity to a school district in hearings before the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education when a school district determines that a child is no longer a resident of that district for purposes of public education. H.E.W.

H-7078 **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** (Moffitt & Others) This act would require that 1% of the net terminal income derived from video lottery games be allocated to the permanent school fund. Finance

H-7079 **HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS** (Malik & Others) This act would require that every student violating a school policy regarding the possession or use of alcohol or drugs, whether or not the violation occurred on school premises, be suspended from all sports programs, teams or other extracurricular activities, including clubs, dances and proms for a period of one full calendar year. H.E.W.

H-7096 **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would require the operation of video lottery games on a 24 hour basis at the Twin River and Newport Grand facilities. The revenue gained from the additional hours of operation would be distributed as school aid. Finance

H-7097 **SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS** (Melo & Others) This resolution would support a cap of \$20,000 on the cost of educating each individual special education student at the local level. The state will reimburse for costs incurred by school districts in excess of \$20,000 per individual. H.E.W.

H-7116 **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Gallison & Others) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities/towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or other residential facility for reimbursement of educational costs. Finance

H-7125 **PEANUT/TREE NUT ALLERGIES** (Petrarca & Others) This act would amend certain provisions relative to peanut/tree nut allergies and the responsibilities and requirements of school districts and parents including developing a plan for making reasonable accommodations to meet the needs of students so affected. H.E.W.

H-7160 **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Long & Others) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities/towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or other residential facility for reimbursement of educational costs. Finance

H-7170 **PRIVATE SCHOOLS: ATHLETICS** (Picard) This act would permit students who attend a private school to participate as members of a public school team in the city/town in which they reside if their private school does not field a team in that sport. H.E.W.

H-7204Aaa **REVISED APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Mumford & Others)**
ART. 5 SCHOOL BUDGETS AND HOUSING AID This article would require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to cause to be monitored the potential for refunding outstanding bonds of local communities, municipal public building authorities and the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation, and exempt certain bonds issued to finance school housing projects from the requirement of the passage of an enabling act by the general assembly.
(Enacted as Public Law 9 effective 1/1/08)

H-7205 **CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS** (Silva & Others) This act would require all elementary and secondary schools, hether public, private, parochial or charter, to use environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products. H.E.W.

H-7206 **STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (Corvese & Others) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding shall be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. H.E.W.

H-7207 **TEACHERS: NOTICE OF DISMISSAL** (Corvese & Others) This act would push back the date by which school districts would be required to notify teachers that they are not being rehired from March 1st to June 1st of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the dismissal would become effective. H.E.W.

H-7208 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES** (Corvese & Others) This act would amend and clarify the general powers and duties of school committees, and would also add a new section of the general laws (16-2-9.5) entitled "Authority of School Committee". H.E.W.

H-7209 **TEACHERS' TENURE** (Gablinske & Others) This act would require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a seniority protection system for teachers based on a statewide performance evaluation that would be implemented by each school committee. H.E.W.

H-7210 STATEWIDE TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM (Gablinske & Others) This act would direct the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop statewide teacher performance standards, and to recommend a statewide system of teacher evaluation. H.E.W.

H-7211 COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Gablinske & Others) This act would reorganize and reconstitute the educational collaboratives in this state by creating the "Cooperative Service Among School Districts Act of 2008". H.E.W.

H-7213A STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODES (McNamara & Others) This act would add electronic communications to the definition of what constitutes harassment, intimidation or bullying under the student discipline codes section of the general laws. H.E.W.

H-7214 SCHOOLS: EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS (McNamara & Others) This act would require school districts to adopt policies and procedures for weather-related school evacuations. H.E.W.

H-7220 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Church & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

H-7237 STATE AND FEDERAL EDUCATION MANDATES (Mattiello & Serpa)
This resolution would extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to make a comprehensive study of the effect state and federal mandates have on the education and finances of school districts.
(Enacted as Resolution 42 effective 1/24/08)

H-7250 EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVES (McNamara & Costantino) This act would expand the reporting requirements of educational collaboratives by also requiring filings with the house committees on Health, Education and Welfare and Finance. H.E.W.

H-7251 EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVES (McNamara & Costantino) This act would require regional collaboratives to comply with the uniform system of accounting promulgated by the auditor general. It would also expand the reporting requirements of educational collaboratives by also requiring filings with the house committees on Health, Education and Welfare and Finance. H.E.W.

H-7261 TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS (Long & Others) This act would require the state to reimburse city/town school committees for the entire cost of transportation of pupils to another city/town when the transportation is required by mandate. This act would also require the director of the Department of Education to determine the appropriate formula for reimbursement. Finance

H-7274 **ART HIGH SCHOOLS** (Kilmartin) This act would provide that the general assembly annually appropriate \$3,000,000 to any school district that creates an art high school. Finance

H-7280A **HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM** (McNamara & Others) This act would require that commencing September 1, 2012, the health and physical education curricula in schools be based on standards set by the R.I. Health Education Framework: Health Literacy for All Students; and the R.I. Physical Education Framework: Supporting Physically Active Lifestyles through Quality Physical Education. H.E.W.

H-7283Aaa **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AUDITS** (Kilmartin) This act would provide that, in the event of an audit of a school department, the auditor general would select the auditor if the audit is not performed by the office of the auditor general. H.E.W.

H-7285 **COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS** (Kilmartin) This act would establish a regional county school superintendent in each county of the state, but within Providence County there would be appointed two school superintendents. The mission of each superintendent would be to provide constructive oversight, and to facilitate the combination of resources in each county. H.E.W.

H-7324 **REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Moffitt & Others) This act would group the various public school districts into 4 regional administrative school districts for purposes of administration and the purchase of school products and supplies. H.E.W.

H-7325 **STUDENT DISCIPLINE** (Story & Others) This act would provide that a school principal may suspend a student upon the issuance of criminal complaint charging a felony, and may expel a student upon the subsequent conviction of a commission of a felony. It would also provide for notice and appeals hearings. H.E.W.

H-7346 **TAX CREDITS** (Walsh & Others) This act would establish a tax credit for a "Public Education Partnership Fund", which is defined as a charitable organization that is established by a public school to provide supplemental education programs to public school students in partnership with corporate contributors. Finance

H-7353 **SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS** (McCauley) This act would provide that the provisions of this section (Intervention and Support of Failing Schools – 16-7.1-5) would not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal, state and local laws or collective bargaining agreements. H.E.W.

H-7388 **EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVES** (McNamara & Costantino) This act would require regional collaboratives to comply with the uniform system of accounting promulgated by the auditor general. Finance

H-7390Aaa 2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 38 SCHOOL AID This article delineates the total education aid to be distributed to communities in FY 2009; and authorizes the establishment of mayoral academies under the charter public schools provisions. Finance

H-7392 TEACHER CERTIFICATION (Church) This act would require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to maintain a list of certified teachers seeking employment. Any school district seeking issuance of an emergency teaching certificate would be required to consult and interview candidates from the list before an emergency certificate could be issued. H.E.W.

H-7403 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (Dennigan & Others) This act would establish a "Universal Breakfast Program" for all Rhode Island students regardless of family income. All public schools in which 40% of the children are eligible for free or reduced meals must offer this program beginning September, 2008. Finance

H-7410 KINDERGARTEN (Ucci & Others) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1, of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

H-7463A PEANUT / TREE NUT ALLERGIES (Baldelli-Hunt) This act would direct the governing bodies of each school to develop a policy designed to provide a safe environment for students with peanut/tree nut allergies including implementation of a protocol that provides the students with protections. This act would also repeal the current provision requiring the posting of notices in schools regarding the presence of children with such peanut/tree nut allergies. H.E.W.

H-7535 SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM TAX CREDIT (Winfield) This act would provide a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, up to \$200, to qualified employers who participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

H-7540 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT AID (Menard & Others) This act would require a municipality that sells an old replaced school to reimburse the state for an amount up to its proportional share of school housing support. Finance

H-7542 REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Loughlin & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for all tuition and costs for students attending state elementary and secondary vocational technical schools. Finance

H-7543 STATEWIDE TEACHER CONTRACT (Loughlin & Others) This act would require the creation of a uniform statewide teacher contract for all teachers newly hired after July 1, 2009. This act would also provide that these teachers would be eligible to participate in a defined contribution plan to be established by the Retirement Board, and would not participate in the current defined benefit plan system. Finance

H-7544 **SCHOOL AID: GROUP HOMES** (Loughlin & Others) This act would provide an annual appropriation to cities/towns for the cost of the education of students residing in a group home in the school district under DCYF control. Finance

H-7545 **SCHOOL AID: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational/technological training school. This requirement would be phased in over a 3 year period with reimbursement amounts graduating from 33% to 66% and to 100% in fiscal year 2010-2011. Finance

H-7546 **SCHOOL AID: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for 100% of the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational/technological training school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

H-7563 **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (Rice & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to address in its comprehensive plan the out-of-district transportation for non-special education students to parochial or private schools. H.E.W.

H-7564 **TEXTBOOKS** (Rice & Others) This act would require that students attending public schools must be provided access to the same loaned textbooks that are provided to community residents attending non-public schools. H.E.W.

H-7565 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Rice & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Administration to develop a plan concerning a statewide system of financing for the education of students which occurs out-of-district. H.E.W.

H-7566aa **TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Lewiss & Others) This resolution requests the Department of Education to conduct a study on the financing, organization and effectiveness of teacher professional development in Rhode Island. (Enacted as Resolution 169 effective 4/23/08)**

H-7567 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Loughlin & Others) This act would allow city/town councils to seek waivers of any state law or regulation related to education, including, but not limited to, regulations governing the education of children with disabilities, in order to reduce school budget increases to specified levels. H.E.W.

H-7568 **CREDITS FOR LIFEGUARD SERVICE** (Loughlin & Others) This act would provide that high school students would be able to earn credits towards graduation through completion of a Red Cross and state licensed health and/or lifesaving program or at least six weeks of employment during a single summer as a lifeguard at a state or municipal beach. H.E.W.

H-7569A STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODES (Giannini & Others) This act would provide that the training school districts must provide may also include promotion of conflict resolution and mediation techniques, and a process for preventing and resolving conflicts without violence. H.E.W.

H-7577 SCHOOL HOUSING AID (Segal & Others) This act would prohibit housing aid from being used to cover the costs of remediation, and it would also prohibit locating schools on toxic waste sites. H.E.W.

H-7588 OBSCENITY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS (Singleton & DeSimone) This act would prohibit any school employee from possessing any obscene matter or obscene device on school grounds. Judiciary

H-7601 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LABOR CONTRACTS (Singleton & Others) This act would require city/town council approval of any labor contract entered into by a school committee. Labor

H-7606 TEACHERS' TENURE (Amaral & Others) This act would modify the requirements for a teacher to qualify for tenure. Labor

H-7634 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT AID (Lewiss) This act would require a municipality that sells a school building to reimburse the state an amount equal to the percentage of the total acquisition cost contributed by the state. The amount of school housing aid provided by the state would constitute a lien. Finance

H-7649 SCHOOLS: ENERGY DRINKS (Long & Others) This act would prohibit the sale, consumption, or possession of "energy drinks" on the grounds of all schools in Rhode Island. "Energy drinks" are defined to mean beverages with an excessive caffeine content. H.E.W.

H-7688 FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Slater & Others) This joint resolution seeks to approve, publish and submit to the voters an amendment to the state Constitution requiring the general assembly to establish and maintain a system of free public schools. Finance

H-7691 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (Smith) This act would require school districts to employ one full-time certified speech language pathologist for every 40 students receiving speech language services. Finance

H-7692 STUDENTS CHRONICALLY SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION (Smith) This act would establish an "alternative school investment fund" to provide school districts with resources necessary to provide a school-based education program for students chronically subject to suspension. Finance

H-7693 PROGRAMS FOR CHRONICALLY DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS (Smith) This act would establish an “alternative school pilot program” to be adopted by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and local school committees for the purpose of educating children who have been expelled from school or have otherwise been determined to be unsuitable for attendance at a regular school.
Finance

H-7713 TEACHER CERTIFICATION (Smith) This act would amend the composition and duties of the Policy Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. It would also change the status of the board by deleting the term “Advisory” from its title. H.E.W.

H-7714 CHRONICALLY DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS (Smith) This act would give the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education the authority to require parents of chronically disruptive students to attend conferences. H.E.W.

H-7715 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Lally & Shanley) This act requires that the school committee of a city/town in which a child with a disability resides would provide the child who is placed in a private school with the same free and appropriate education it provides to children in public schools. H.E.W.

H-7738 BILINGUAL EDUCATION (Singleton) This act would repeal the current law applicable to bilingual education – chapter 16-54 entitled “Education of Limited English Proficient Students”. It would provide that all instruction in public schools be taught in the English language. H.E.W.

H-7739 HAND-SANITIZING STATIONS (Moffitt & Others) This act would require that personal hand sanitation stations are to be installed and maintained in all schools according to criteria adopted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Health. This act would also prohibit construction of a new school on landfills, and would require the Department of Health to conduct annual air quality inspections in each public school building. H.E.W.

H-7755 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT (O’Neill & Others) This act would authorize the state and its municipalities to install automated systems on school buses to detect and monitor school bus traffic violations. Judiciary

H-7814 HEALTH EDUCATION (Walsh & Others) This act would expand instruction in health education in public schools to include children in kindergarten, and now would also require instruction in human development and sexuality. H.E.W.

H-7815 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: HEALTH PLANS (Gablinske & Others) This act would prohibit school committee members from participating in any health plan or other benefit plan provided to teachers or other school department employees pursuant to a municipal contract. H.E.W.

H-7833 **HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS** (Dennigan & Others) This act would allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials if the students possess certain designated qualifications. Judiciary

H-7848 **TEXTBOOKS** (Walsh & Others) This act would provide that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education would now have the responsibility to furnish textbooks to students rather than the school committee in each community. Finance

H-7854 **SCHOOL BUDGETS AND LEVY CAP** (Almeida & Others) This act would increase the maximum levy amount that a city/town may levy for the years 2010 through 2013, and would also amend the yearly maximum school budget increase for those same years. Finance

H-7874 **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Vaudreuil & Others) This act would authorize mayors and elected town administrators to create certain charter schools through nonprofit organizations established for that purpose, which schools would be known as "mayoral academies". These schools would be exempted from certain provisions of Title 16 of the general laws. Finance

H-7931aa **VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TRAINING** (Jacquard & Walsh) This act would permit students who successfully complete a vocational program authorized by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to receive credit in certain apprenticeship programs. H.E.W.

H-7932 **HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUBCOMMITTEES** (Fox) This act would expand the responsibilities of the school districts' health and wellness subcommittees to develop programs to encourage children to make healthy lifestyle choices, and to assist in developing program options for children at risk due to obesity or smoking in the home. H.E.W.

H-7933 **SCHOOL BUSES** (Jacquard & Walsh) This act would require that effective August 1, 2008, all school buses purchased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for the operator and each passenger seat, and would also require mandatory safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger. H.E.W.

H-7937 **ADMINISTRATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Carter) This act would group the various public school districts into 5 administrative school districts based upon counties, and would provide for the appointment of an administrative district superintendent, as well as a deputy, for each administrative district. H.E.W.

H-7957 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Ajello & Savage) This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island based upon an objective assessment of student needs, and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the state. Finance

H-7989 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Naughton & Others) This act would add various new sections to the general law chapter entitled "Children with Disabilities". This new language would closely reflect language contained in certain regulations promulgated by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. Many of the added amendments would address the employment by school districts of speech/language pathologists, social workers, psychologists and therapists. Finance

H-8004 TEACHERS' TENURE (Amaral & Others) This act would amend various sections of the "Teachers' Tenure" chapter of the general laws by amending the dates by which teachers must be notified from March 1 to June 1. H.E.W.

H-8084 YOUTH FINANCIAL EDUCATION (Church) This joint resolution would extend the reporting date of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Youth Financial Education from April 1, 2008, to May 29, 2008. Read and Passed

H-8091 SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS (Fox & Others) This act would empower the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education when intervening in a support of failing schools situation to suspend contractual and/or noncontractual provisions regarding assignment of teachers, and to require a rigorous evaluation framework. This act would also require the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to include in its uniform statewide school reporting system criteria for a fair, accurate and objective performance based statewide evaluation system. H.E.W.

H-8158 TRANSPORTATION FOR AFTERSCHOOL AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS (Sullivan) **This joint resolution would reinstate and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Legislative Commission to Study Transportation for Afterschool and Childcare Programs. (Enacted as Resolution 151 effective 4/9/08)**

H-8168 PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION (Fox & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Prekindergarten Education Act" which provisions would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to plan a pilot prekindergarten program to serve children ages 3 and 4 residing in communities with low performing schools. H.E.W.

H-8212 FIRE SAFETY CODE (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend compliance with fire safety code provisions applicable to public school buildings to a date no earlier than January 1, 2010. H.E.W.

H-8239 **APRIL SCHOOL VACATIONS** (Amaral & Others) This resolution would request the Department of Education to strongly urge all Rhode Island school districts to permanently synchronize the April school vacation with that of Massachusetts' public schools. Read and Passed

H-8241 **SEAT BELTS ON BUSES** (Gemma & Others) This act would require that all school buses be equipped with three-point lap and shoulder seat belts as approved by the Division of Motor Vehicles. H.E.W.

H-8249 **TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS** (Jacquard & Others) This act would authorize the Department of Administration to oversee a statewide transportation system that has been put into operation. It would require all school committees to implement the statewide system to transport students, unless a school committee utilizes district-owned buses and district employees. H.E.W.

H-8273 **COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE PLANNING** (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide a free, comprehensive service for Rhode Island students and families seeking a college education. The R.I. Student Loan Authority would be required to offer comprehensive college planning services at no cost through the college planning center of Rhode Island. H.E.W.

H-8294 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Kilmartin) This act would amend various sections of chapter 16-3.1 entitled "Cooperative Service Among School Districts". It would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules and regulations governing the operation of these collaboratives, and also require collaboratives to implement a uniform system of accounting. H.E.W.

H-8332 **PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Church & Others) This joint resolution requests the Department of Education to create a task force on youth financial literacy in order to increase middle and high school students' knowledge of personal financial literacy. Read and Passed

H-8385 **PUBLIC EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT** (Ajello & Others) This act would establish the "Public Education Emergency Relief Act of 2008". The purpose of this act would be to relieve public school districts of the responsibility to provide certain services to private schools, specifically, transportation, school bus monitors, textbooks, nurses and crossing guards. H.E.W.

H-8436 **HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION** (DeSimone & Slater) This act would require that appointees to the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation board of directors receive the advice and consent of the senate. It would also require that newly appointed board members attend a training course to be developed and approved by the board. Judiciary

S-2012 **STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would add electronic communications to the definition of what constitutes harassment, intimidation or bullying under the student discipline codes section of the general laws. It would also mandate that repeated violations of policies adopted pursuant to this section (16-21-26) constitute grounds for filing a petition in family court to determine that the offending student is wayward and/or delinquent.. Education

S-2014 **SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM TAX CREDIT** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, up to \$200, to qualified employers who participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

S-2090 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** (Walaska) This act would provide that a selected city/town council member would be included in any contract negotiations in which a school committee is involved, and have the right to vote on the approval of such contract. Labor

S-2102 **KINDERGARTEN** (Moura & Maselli) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1, of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education

S-2103 **SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS** (Ciccione & Others) This act would require that all athletic directors hold the position full-time as athletic administrators. Education

S-2105 **HOUSING BONUS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide a housing bonus to school districts to offset increased education expenses resulting from the development of affordable housing units with 2 or more bedrooms. The amount of the bonus would be \$1,250 for each unit. This act would also allow cities/towns to assess an impact fee for the impact on education resulting from low and moderate income housing construction. Finance

S-2106 **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to assess an impact fee for the impact on education resulting from low and moderate income housing construction. Finance

S-2107 **SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS** (Moura & DaPonte) This act would provide for the reimbursement of extraordinary services equal to 90% of extraordinary special education expenditures payable to school districts each fiscal year. Finance

S-2128 **EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require regional collaboratives to comply with the uniform system of accounting promulgated by the auditor general. It would also expand the reporting requirements of educational collaboratives by also requiring filings with the house committees on Health, Education and Welfare and Finance. Education

S-2129 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Felag) This act would reorganize and reconstitute the educational collaboratives in this state by creating the “Cooperative Service Among School Districts Act of 2008”. Education

S-2130A **PEANUT / TREE NUT ALLERGIES** (Gallo & Others) This act would direct the governing bodies of each school to develop a policy designed to provide a safe environment for students with peanut/tree nut allergies including implementation of a protocol that provides the students with protections. This act would also repeal the current provision requiring the posting of notices in schools regarding the presence of children with peanut/tree nut allergies. Education

S-2131 **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Moura & DaPonte) This act would give a presumption of validity to a school district in hearings before the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education when a school district determines that a child is no longer a resident of that district for purposes of public education. Education

S-2132 **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Gibbs & Others) This act would require a reimbursement for educational costs of \$45,000 per “bed” for each bed certified by DCYF, and all group home or other residential facility “beds” located at or associated with Bradley Hospital. Finance

S-2133 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Gibbs & Others) This act would allow city/town councils to seek waivers of any state law or regulation related to education, including, but not limited to, regulations governing the education of children with disabilities, in order to reduce school budget increases to specified levels. Finance

S-2156 **PLAYGROUND SAFETY** (Blais) This act would provide grants to cities/towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education’s and the Department of Health’s joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations, and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

S-2218 **TAX CREDITS** (Perry & Others) This act would establish a tax credit for a “Public Education Partnership Fund”, which is defined as a charitable organization that is established by a public school to provide supplemental education programs to public school students in partnership with corporate contributors. Finance

S-2267 **STATE EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (Blais & Raptakis) This act would require that state educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding shall be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. Education

S-2268 **TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS** (Walaska & Others) This act would make it optional for school districts to provide school bus monitors for secondary and middle school pupils. The school district must file its intention with the Commission for Elementary and Secondary Education by August 1st of each year. Education

S-2277 **DIABETIC STUDENTS** (Levesque & Others) This act would require school departments to develop policies and procedures for administering injections to diabetic students in the event of an emergency. The policies would include parent authorization, and the training of school personnel. Health & Human Services

S-2315 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS** (Jabour & Maselli) This act would amend the open meetings law by eliminating the requirement that school committees give public notice of their meetings by publication in a newspaper of general circulation. Judiciary

S-2328 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Gallo & Goodwin) This act would make it a felony for any registered sex offender to frequent any location within 500 feet of any school. Judiciary

S-2347 **UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Levesque & Others) This act would establish a "Universal Breakfast Program" for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased-in during the years 2008-2010. Finance

S-2351 **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Levesque) This act would mandate that city/town school systems in which students are placed in foster care by DCYF shall receive an increase in state aid, if there is an increased enrollment. Finance

S-2395A **TEXTBOOKS** (Fogarty & Levesque) This act would provide that non-public schools may not change a textbook assignment in a field more often than once in a 3 year period if the textbook is furnished to the student by the local school committee. Education

S-2397 **SCHOOL AID: LEVEL FUNDING** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that in determining local school aid the state would annually provide each community no less than the amount of the aid given in the preceding fiscal year. Finance

S-2417 **TEACHERS: NOTICE OF DISMISSAL** (Issa) This act would push back the date by which school districts would be required to notify teachers that they are not being rehired from March 1st to June 1st of the school year immediately preceding the school year in which the dismissal would become effective. Education

S-2418 **SCHOOL YEAR: 190 DAYS** (Issa) This act would provide that, effective at the commencement of the 2009-2010 school year, all teachers and administrators would be required to be in attendance at school for at least 190 days annually exclusive of holidays. These 10 additional days would be used for professional development and planning. Education

S-2452 TEACHERS' TENURE (Issa) This act would require school districts to retain teachers with lower seniority when necessary to comply with the "No Child Left Behind Act" because they are deemed more qualified for the position than teachers of earlier appointment. Education

S-2620 DISMISSAL OF TEACHERS (Perry) This act would amend the provisions governing and the process for the dismissal of teachers in Rhode Island public schools. It would also mandate a system by which the performance of teachers must be evaluated. Education

S-2621 HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM (Doyle & Others) This act would require that the health and physical education curricula in schools be based on standards set by the R.I. Health Education Framework: Health Literacy for All Students; and the R.I. Physical Education Framework: Supporting Physically Active Lifestyles through Quality Physical Education. Education

S-2622 HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUBCOMMITTEES (Perry & Others) This act would expand the responsibilities of the school districts' health and wellness subcommittees to develop programs to encourage children to make healthy lifestyle choices, and to assist in developing program options for children at risk due to obesity or smoking in the home. Education

S-2641 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COSTS (Moura & DaPonte) This act would provide that the cities/towns would be reimbursed by the state for transportation costs associated with pupils receiving bus transportation to any school located outside the city/town limits. Finance

S-2650 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT (Gallo & Perry) This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island, based upon an objective assessment of student needs, and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the state. Finance

S-2655 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT COSTS (Fogarty) This act would provide that for school housing project costs approved after June 30,2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least A, as established by several rating services identified in the act. Finance

S-2707 HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS (Doyle & Others) This act would allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials if the students possess certain designated qualifications. Judiciary

S-2709 TRAINEE ELECTION OFFICIALS (Doyle & Others) This act would repeal the section of the general laws (17-19-23.3) which grants certain high school students eligibility to be appointed as trainee election officials in the municipalities in which the students reside. Judiciary

S-2802 **SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Levesque) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws permitting school committees to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Instead, school committees would be able to appeal for a hearing at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and, if needed, may seek a final departmental review before the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. Finance

S-2806A **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES** (Ruggerio) This act requires that the school committee of a city/town in which a child resides who has a disability or develops a disability, and which child is parentally placed in a private school, to be responsible for payment of services related to the child's disability as determined in the child's individual education plan. Finance

S-2807 **SCHOOL AID: VOCATIONAL EDUCATION** (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for 100% of the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational/technological training school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Finance

S-2812 **APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARDS: LEGAL COUNSEL** (Issa) This act would authorize appointed school boards to retain the services of such independent legal counsel as they may deem necessary and convenient. Judiciary

S-2856 **REGIONAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES** (Gallo & Others) **This resolution would request the Department of Education and the regional education collaboratives to explore greater opportunities for collaboration and cost-sharing. (Enacted as Resolution 130 effective 4/2/08)**

S-2858 **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Issa & Connors) This act would authorize mayors and elected town administrators to create certain charter schools through nonprofit organizations established for that purpose, which schools would be known as "mayoral academies". These schools would be exempted from certain provisions of Title 16 of the general laws. Finance

S-2909 **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** (Moura) This act would authorize the state and its municipalities to install automated systems on school buses to detect and monitor school bus traffic violations. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2921 **PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION** (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Prekindergarten Education Act" which provisions would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to plan a pilot prekindergarten program to serve children ages 3 and 4 residing in communities with low performing schools. Education

S-2999 **CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would submit to the qualified electors at the next general election a non-binding referendum question as to whether the 36 public school districts should be consolidated into 5 regional districts based on boundaries. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-3034 **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the statewide system of student transportation that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Administration are developing to include transportation to and from after-school programs and child care providers. Finance

S-3056 **PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Issa & Others) This joint resolution requests the Department of Education to create a task force on youth financial literacy in order to increase middle and high school students' knowledge of personal financial literacy. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-3060 **COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (McBurney) This act would amend various sections of chapter 16-3.1 entitled "Cooperative Service Among School Districts". It would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules and regulations governing the operation of these collaboratives, and also require collaboratives to implement a uniform system of accounting. Education

S-3070 **EDUCATION ADEQUACY ACT** (Gallo & Paiva-Weed) This act would establish the "Education Adequacy Act". Its provisions would require educational regional collaboratives to comply with the uniform system of accounting promulgated by the Office of Auditor General; it would amend provisions of general law section 16-5-34 entitled "Statewide Purchasing System"; also it would make various amendments to general law chapter 16-7.2 – "The Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act", as well as to chapter 16-7 – "Foundation Level School Support" by adding several new sections changing the education aid formula; and lastly it would establish the Rhode Island Strategic Purchasing Advisory Commission. Finance

S-3121A **TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS** (Paiva-Weed & Algieri) This act would authorize the Department of Administration to oversee a statewide transportation system that has been put into operation. It would require all school committees to implement the statewide system to transport students, unless a school committee utilizes district-owned buses and district employees. Finance

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H-7034A **CLOSING OF POLLS** (Shanley & Others) This act would set the statewide poll closing time as 8:00 p.m. rather than the current time of 9:00 p.m. It would also amend various sections of the chapter entitled "Mail Ballots" to reflect the new 8:00 p.m. closing time. Judiciary

H-7104 **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE** (O'Neill & Others) This act would authorize persons who reach the age of 18 on or before the day of the general election to vote in the primary immediately preceding. Judiciary

H-7106 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Pacheco & Others) This act would create pre-registration procedures for persons who are 16 or 17 years of age. Judiciary

H-7320 **VOTER PROTECTION ACT** (Sullivan & Others) This act would create a "Voter Protection Act" to ensure that all qualified adults are guaranteed the right to vote by creating procedures with penalties to ensure that voters will not be intimidated or suppressed. Judiciary

H-7420 **MAIL BALLOTS** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would expand the right to vote via the use of an early in-person absentee ballot at the local board of canvassers without setting forth a reason. Judiciary

H-7421Aaa **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES: STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS** (Ajello & Others) This act would remove the current exemption to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedures Act" granted to the State Board of Elections with the exception of sections 42-35-9 thru 42-35-13. Judiciary

H-7428 **POLLING PLACES** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 3,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 200 voters. Municipal Government

H-7429 **MAIL BALLOTS** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would authorize appointment by the Board of Elections of one or more members or employees of the local board of canvassers to witness the casting of votes by persons using mail ballots. Municipal Government

H-7430 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would mandate that nomination papers be furnished electronically to local boards of canvassers through the central voter registration system, and also mandates the use of the central voter registration system to complete the certification process. Municipal Government

H-7473 **VOTING PROCEDURES: FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION** (Story & Others) This act would require every person, before they receive the ballot, to produce either one form of identification that bears their name, address and photograph, or two forms of identification that bear the name and address of that person. Judiciary

H-7701 **POLITICAL SIGNS** (Slater & Others) This act would regulate political signs, i.e.: no signs on public property or on business or commercial property; no signs on residential property without written permission of owner; and signs shall only be posted and erected within 60 days of the election and removed no later than 21 days after. Judiciary

H-7703 STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS (Smith) This act would provide a procedure for arguments for and against ballot measures to be printed in the voter handbook distributed to each resident's address prior to each general election. Judiciary

H-7704 RANKED CHOICE VOTING (Segal) This act would establish a new chapter of the the general laws (17-29) entitled "Ranked Choice Voting". It would allow cities/towns to conduct a local election using ranked voting in which voters rank the candidates for office in order of preference. It would apply both to single-winner and multiple-winner elections. Judiciary

H-7824 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Mattiello & Others) This act would remove the duty of the the Board of Elections to furnish cities/towns with any special professional assistance that may be necessary to assure the proper installation and servicing of equipment. It would also remove the requirement that the Division of Motor Vehicles provide a hard copy of a voter registration to the local board of canvassers, and also allow a person who erroneously has been excluded from the certified voting list to cast a provisional ballot. Judiciary

H-7825 ELECTION PROCEDURES (Mattiello & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

H-7833aa HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS (Dennigan & Others) This act would allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials if the students possess certain designated qualifications. Judiciary

H-7837 TABULATION OF VOTES (Vaudreuil & Silva) This act would give the local boards of canvassers that count ballots some time deadline flexibility in the counting of votes, as well as limiting when the number of votes a write-in-candidate receives must be reported. Judiciary

H-7941 VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS (Serpa) This act would amend the general law section relative to the use, storage, and certification of registration cards used at polling places, and would repeal the section allowing issuance of temporary registration certificates. Judiciary

H-7942 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Fellela) This act would amend the timetable in which moderators or clerks are to be sworn in for an election, and would provide that certain designated members of a candidate's family cannot be appointed as election officials including as moderator or clerk. Judiciary

H-7943 VOTING OFFICIALS: MODERATORS AND CLERKS (Fellela) This act would amend and/or repeal certain provisions regarding the appointment or election of moderators and clerks in certain towns and districts, pursuant to recommendations from the Board of Elections. Judiciary

H-7964 **ELECTION PROCEDURES** (Church) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

H-7965 **TABULATION OF RETURNS** (Church & Pacheco) This act would require that the opening, counting, canvassing and tabulation of mail ballots be done within a railed space which is open to public viewing. This act would also repeal the provision of the general laws allowing candidates or their representatives to view the ballots. Judiciary

H-7966 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Church & Pacheco) This act would remove the duty of the Board of Elections to furnish cities/towns with any special professional assistance that may be necessary to assure the proper installation and servicing of equipment. It would also remove the requirement that the Division of Motor Vehicles provide a hard copy of a voter registration to the local board of canvassers, and also allow a person who erroneously has been excluded from the certified voting list to cast a provisional ballot. Judiciary

H-7970 **TABULATION AND CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS** (Ajello & Others) This act would require the Attorney General to appoint an independent audit team to conduct random hand counts of the certified results in at least 2% of the voting districts where elections are held. Judiciary

H-7976 **ELECTION SUPPLIES** (Silva & Others) This act would provide that the Board of Elections would no longer be responsible for furnishing binders, forms, cabinets and other supplies for the operation of the system of permanent registration of voters. Judiciary

H-7986 **MAIL BALLOTS** (Silva & Others) This act would simplify the rules governing the validity of mail ballots, and change the method by which mail ballots, applications and envelopes are stored by the Board of Elections after certification of the results. Judiciary

H-8108 **STRAIGHT PARTY MASTER LEVERS** (Brien & Others) This act would require submission to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning the removal of "straight party master levers" and "straight party computer ballot marks" from all voting equipment. Judiciary

H-8144 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS: DISAFFILIATION** (Coaty & Others) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days preceding the primary election. Judiciary

H-8170 **VOTING BOOTHS** (Corvese) This act would eliminate the requirement that polling places have an amount of voting booths equal to a ratio of one booth for approximately every 175 voters. Judiciary

H-8173 **POLLING PLACES: HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY** (Corvese) This act would address the issues of handicapped accessibility at voting places, and the provision by the Board of Elections of an election day package to each candidate for distribution to poll workers. Judiciary

H-8175 **UPDATING OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS** (Corvese) This act would mandate, subject to state and/or federal funding, that the local board of canvassers in each city/town annually send a notice to all active registered voters who have not voted in the past 5 calendar years informing the voter that if the notice is returned as undeliverable a voter registration confirmation process will be initiated. Judiciary

H-8176 **SATURDAY POLLING PLACES** (Corvese) This act would establish the ability for electors to cast a computer ballot on the Saturday prior to the first Monday in November in even numbered election years. Each board of canvassers would be required to furnish polling places for Saturday voting under rules issued by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

H-8177 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS: FORMS** (Corvese) This act would require local boards of canvassers to scan all new voter registration forms and change forms into the central voter registration system within 5 business days of entering the voter registration information in the central voter registration system. This act would also allow for additional questions to be posed at a hearing on a challenge to a registration, and amend the section of the general laws entitled "Publication of Preliminary Lists". Judiciary

H-8178 **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Corvese) This act would require that voters have no more than one voter registration. It would also require local boards of canvassers to review their voter registration files on a quarterly basis. Judiciary

H-8179 **INACTIVE VOTER LISTS** (Corvese) This act would mandate that the registrar of vital statistics submit to the Secretary of State a monthly list of individuals who have died. The Secretary would in turn notify electronically the local board of canvassers of the changes to the central voter registration system. Judiciary

H-8180 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Corvese) This act would expand the list of those persons/voters who may protect the confidentiality of their addresses from the recipients of domestic violence restraining orders to include members of the victim's household. Judiciary

H-8181 **VOTER REGISTRATION: HIGHER EDUCATION** (Corvese) This act would require each institution of higher education within the state to notify the Secretary of State of the names and current addresses of graduating students regarding the students' intent to continue to reside in the state. Judiciary

H-8243 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Gorham & Others) This act would require the presentation of identification by those wishing to vote, and defines the acceptable forms of identification. Judiciary

H-8434 **VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS** (Melo) This act would provide that local boards of canvassers must furnish without cost the names and addresses of all persons who are newly registered to vote in the city/town not more than once per month, amending the current language requiring not more than once per week. Judiciary

S-2029aa **LOCAL REFERENDA QUESTIONS** (Issa and Connors) This act would require local boards of canvassers to provide detailed notice to voters concerning all local public questions including bond issues. Judiciary

S-2058 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS: DISAFFILIATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days preceding the primary election. Judiciary

S-2081 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Perry & Others) This act would create pre-registration procedures for persons who are 16 or 17 years of age. Judiciary

S-2316 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would provide that nomination papers would not be necessary for any candidate for any election in which there are no other declared candidates for that particular office. Judiciary

S-2408 **POLITICAL PARTY DESIGNATIONS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming affiliated party voters. Judiciary

S-2421 **MAIL BALLOTS** (McCaffrey) This act would allow the State Board of Elections to appoint members and employees of the boards of canvassers to witness mail ballots cast, in the absence of bipartisan supervisors appointed by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-2496 **MAIL BALLOTS** (Connors) This act would simplify the rules governing the validity of mail ballots, and change the method by which mail ballots, applications and envelopes are stored by the Board of Elections after certification of the results. Judiciary

S-2497 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Connors) This act would remove the duty of the Board of Elections to furnish cities/towns with any special professional assistance that may be necessary to assure the proper installation and servicing of equipment. It would also remove the requirement that the Division of Motor Vehicles provide a hard copy of a voter registration to the local board of canvassers, and also allow a person who erroneously has been excluded from the certified voting list to cast a provisional ballot. Judiciary

S-2503 **VOTER REGISTRATION CARDS** (Connors) This act would amend the general law section relative to the use, storage, and certification of registration cards used at polling places, and would repeal the section allowing issuance of temporary registration certificates. Judiciary

S-2523 **ELECTION PROCEDURES** (Connors) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

S-2538 **TABULATION OF VOTES** (Connors) This act would give the local boards of canvassers that count ballots some time deadline flexibility in the counting of votes, as well as limiting when the number of votes a write-in-candidate receives must be reported. Judiciary

S-2539 **ELECTIONS: RECOUNTS** (Connors) This act would change the description of ballots from "irregular" to "write-in" as contained in three recount eligibility statutes. Judiciary

S-2542 **ELECTION SUPPLIES** (Connors) This act would provide that the Board of Elections would no longer be responsible for furnishing binders, forms, cabinets and other supplies for the operation of the system of permanent registration of voters. Judiciary

S-2543 **COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (Connors) This act would give the local board of canvassers more discretion to exercise its authority to combine two or more voting districts. Judiciary

S-2545 **VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (Connors) This act would amend the timetable in which moderators or clerks are to be sworn in for an election, and would provide that certain designated members of a candidate's family cannot be appointed as election officials including as moderator or clerk. Judiciary

S-2546 **VOTING OFFICIALS: MODERATORS AND CLERKS** (Connors) This act would amend and/or repeal certain provisions regarding the appointment or election of moderators and clerks in certain towns and districts, pursuant to recommendations from the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-2548 **TABULATION OF RETURNS** (Connors) This act would require that the opening, counting, canvassing and tabulation of mail ballots be done within a railed space which is open to public viewing. This act would also repeal the provision of the general laws allowing candidates or their representatives to view the ballots. Judiciary

S-2549 **PRIMARY ELECTIONS: OFFICIALS** (Connors) This act would require that only voters registered in Rhode Island may be wardens or moderators during a primary election, and persons may not be disqualified because they are officers or employees of the United States, the state or a city/town. The act would also require that party checkers are seated outside the voting area of a polling place. Judiciary

S-2550 **TELEPHONES AT POLLING PLACES** (Connors) This act would clarify two conflicting general law sections on the availability of telephones at polling places. Every polling place would have a telephone available for use by election officials for official functions. Judiciary

S-2551 **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE** (Pichardo & Others) This act would authorize persons who reach the age of 18 on or before the day of the general election to vote in the primary immediately preceding. Judiciary

S-2707 **HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS** (Doyle & Others) This act would allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials if the students possess certain designated qualifications. Judiciary

S-2709 **TRAINEE ELECTION OFFICIALS** (Doyle & Others) This act would repeal the section of the general laws (17-19-23.3) which grants certain high students eligibility to be appointed as trainee election officials in the municipalities in which the students reside. Judiciary

S-2731 **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE** (Doyle & Others) This act would authorize persons who will be 18 on or before the day of the general election to vote in the primary immediately preceding. Judiciary

S-2749 **CONDUCT OF ELECTION** (Moura & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

S-2751 **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE** (Doyle & Others) This act would authorize persons who will be 18 on or before the day of the general election to vote in the primary immediately preceding. Judiciary

S-2813 **CLOSING OF POLLS** (Sosnowski & Breene) This act would set the statewide poll closing time as 8:00 p.m. rather than the current time of 9:00 p.m. Judiciary

S-2815 **MAIL BALLOTS** (McCaffrey) This act would expand the right to vote via the use of an early in-person absentee ballot at the local board of canvassers without setting forth a reason. Judiciary

S-2817 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS** (Goodwin) This act would expand the list of those persons/voters who may protect the confidentiality of their addresses from the recipients of domestic violence restraining orders to include members of the victim's household. Judiciary

S-2818 **INACTIVE VOTER LISTS** (Pichardo & Others) This act would mandate that the registrar of vital statistics submit to the Secretary of State a monthly list of individuals who have died. The Secretary would in turn notify electronically the local boards of canvassers of the changes to the central voter registration system. Judiciary

S-2819 **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Pichardo & Others) This act would require that voters have no more than one voter registration. It would also require local boards of canvassers to review their voter registration files on a quarterly basis. Judiciary

S-2820 **VOTING BOOTHS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that polling places have an amount of voting booths equal to a ratio of one booth for approximately every 175 voters. Judiciary

S-2825 **SATURDAY POLLING PLACES** (Maselli) This act would establish the ability for electors to cast a computer ballot on the Saturday prior to the first Monday in November in even numbered election years. Each Board of Canvassers would be required to furnish polling places for Saturday voting under rules issued by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-2826 **VOTER REGISTRATION: HIGHER EDUCATION** (Gibbs & Others) This act would require each institution of higher education within the state to notify the Secretary of State of the names and current addresses of graduating students regarding the students' intent to continue to reside in the state. Judiciary

S-2827 **UPDATING OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS** (Gibbs & Others) This act would mandate, subject to state and/or federal funding, that the local board of canvassers in each city/town annually send a notice to all active registered voters who have not voted in the past 5 calendar years informing the voter that if the notice is returned as undeliverable a voter registration confirmation process will be initiated. Judiciary

S-2828 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS: FORMS** (Gibbs & Others) This act would require local boards of canvassers to scan all new voter registration forms and change forms into the central voter registration system within 5 business days of entering the voter registration information in the central voter registration system. This act would also allow for additional questions to be posed at a hearing on a challenge to a registration, and amend the section of the general laws entitled "Publication of Preliminary Lists". Judiciary

S-2830 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (McCaffrey) This act would mandate that nomination papers be furnished electronically to local boards of canvassers through the central voter registration system, and also mandates the use of the central voter registration system to complete the certification process. Judiciary

S-2831 **POLLING PLACES** (McCaffrey) This act would change the maximum number of voters to be served by each polling place from 1,900 to 3,000 without creating a polling place serving less than 200 voters. Judiciary

S-2832 **POLLING PLACES: HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would address the issues of handicapped accessibility at voting places, and the provision by the Board of Elections of an election day package to each candidate for distribution to poll workers. Judiciary

S-2932 **VOTER REGISTRATION LISTS** (DaPonte & Moura) This act would provide that the local boards of canvassers must furnish without cost the names and addresses of all persons who are newly registered to vote in the city/town not more than once a month, amending the current language requiring not more than once per week. Judiciary

S-3124 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Blais) This act would require the presentation of identification by those wishing to vote, and defines the acceptable forms of identification. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-7068 **TIPPING FEES** (Savage & Others) This act would lower the per ton tipping fees paid by municipalities to the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation based upon the percentage of solid waste that is recycled by the municipality. Corporations

H-7242 **TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS** (Gallison & Others) This act would require that the R.I. Emergency Management Agency issue and implement an emergency response plan for the transportation of liquefied natural gas through the waters of Narragansett Bay and Mount Hope Bay. It would be required that this plan have the prior approval of the general assembly and the city/town councils of various communities that would be greatly impacted. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7296 **RIGHTS-OF-WAY** (Kilmartin) This act would require cities/towns to provide free parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island shore. Municipal Government

H-7390Aaa **2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 13 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** This article sets the municipal tipping fee @\$32 per ton for FY 2009. Finance

H-7475 **PUBLIC BEACH SMOKING** (Lewiss & others) This act would prohibit smoking on public beaches in the state. Judiciary

H-7524 **DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION** (Sullivan & Others) This act would expand the "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act" in several regards, including the requirement that newly contracted waste haulers incorporate new technologies and use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7539 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEE** (Menard & Others) This act would set the municipal tipping fee charged by the Resource Recovery Corporation @ \$27 per ton for FY 2009. Finance

H-7552 **GREEN BUILDINGS ACT** (Dennigan & Others) This act would create "The Green Buildings Act". It would require that all public buildings, including schools, being constructed or renovated meet the green building rating referred to as the "silver standard" as developed by the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. Finance

H-7608 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** (Menard & Others) This act would repeal the provision concerning the maximum amount of municipal solid waste that each municipality will be entitled to deliver to the corporation at the municipal tipping fee. Municipal Government

H-7675 **NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION** (Gorham) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Narragansett Bay Commission in accordance with the separation of powers amendment to the state Constitution. Separation of Powers

H-7779 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Ehrhardt) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Separation of Powers

H-7780 **NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION** (Gorham & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Narragansett Bay Commission in accordance with the separation of powers amendment to the state Constitution. Separation of Powers

H-7784 **R.I. POWER AUTHORITY: ENERGY PROJECTS** (Long) This act would create "The Rhode Island Power Authority Act". It would make the Rhode Island Power Authority the lead agency for energy projects in the state including entering into agreements with the municipalities in which the projects are located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7787 **RHODE ISLAND SHARED WATER RESOURCES ACT** (Ferri & Others)
This act would create the "Rhode Island Shared Water Resources Act". It would address issues such as: the adequacy of rates charged by water suppliers; the aspects of municipal comprehensive plans that deal with the implementation of water conservation measures; the goals and implementation of water supply systems management plans; and the establishment of a conservation and revenue stabilization program.
Environment & Natural Resources

H-7806 **MUNICIPAL ENERGY PROJECTS** (Rice & Others) This act would establish a municipal renewable energy fund to be administered by the commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources (PUC) for the purpose of providing grants to cities/towns for municipal renewable energy projects. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7917 **WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCES** (Winfield) This act would require the Department of Environmental Management to develop a model water conservation plan which would identify and evaluate conservation measures to be utilized by cities/towns to meet water conservation goals. It would also authorize cities/towns to adopt ordinances and programs to promote water conservation measures so as to avoid water shortages and contamination. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7956 **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION** (Handy) This act would require the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation to issue a written report containing a recommendation of a fee schedule for the disposal of solid waste at the central landfill.
Finance

H-8125 **UNDERGROUND UTILITIES: CITIES AND TOWNS** (Segal & Others)
This act would provide that whenever a city/town pays 2/3 of the cost for undergrounding transmission or distribution facilities, the electric distribution company would provide the remaining funding for the specific project by including 1/3 of the project cost in its general distribution rate base. Corporations

H-8148 **NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION** (McCauley) This act would clarify the status of the Narragansett Bay Commission as a governmental agency and public instrumentality of the municipalities within the district, and would now include the Blackstone Valley area under the authority of the Commission. It also amends the composition and appointment of member provisions. This act would also repeal sections of the general laws relating to the Commission's borrowing and other financial operations. Separation of Powers

H-8204 **EMINENT DOMAIN** (Fox) This act would provide that the use of eminent domain by the Narragansett Bay Commission would be limited to the acquisition of private rights or private property. Judiciary

H-8310 **BIG RIVER RESERVOIR** (Moffitt) This act would repeal provisions of the general laws which prohibited development of the "Big River Reservoir", and designated the Water Resources Board as the sole administrator of those lands. It would require that those lands acquired for development to be offered for sale to the parties from whom they were purchased or taken by eminent domain. Finance

H-8345 **WATER SUPPLY** (Malik & Others) This act would make numerous changes to the water supply management laws to centralize planning and supervision. These changes would include the addition of three new chapters to the general laws as follows: (46-15.8) "Water Supply Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 2008"; (39-15.1) "Water Suppliers Subject to Commission (PUC) Rate Regulation"; and (45-39.1) "Municipal Water Supplies". Environment & Natural Resources

H-8380 **RECYCLING** (Malik) This act would amend two chapters of the general laws – "Refuse Disposal" (23-18) and "Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation" (23-19). Under chapter 23-18 cities/towns would be required to recycle a minimum of 35% of their solid waste and divert a minimum of 50%. Under chapter 23-19 cities/towns would be required to prepare an addendum to their fiscal year 2010 contract with the corporation describing the process to be used to reach the goals stated above. Environment & Natural Resources

H-8381 **YARD WASTE** (Malik) This act would require that the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation accept segregated leaf and yard debris collected from municipalities as part of a municipal leaf and yard waste diversion program. This material would be composted at the Corporation's facility, and may be made available to municipalities at no charge. Environment & Natural Resources

S-2453A **SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL (Sosnowski & Others)** This Senate resolution would request the the director of the Department of Transportation to provide a report on alternatives to sodium chloride as a de-icing agent. (Enacted as Resolution 187 effective 4/24/08)

S-2521 **NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION** (Algiere) This act would alter the composition and the method of appointment of the members of the Narragansett Bay Commission in accordance with the separation of powers amendment to the state Constitution. Judiciary

S-2600 **R.I. POWER AUTHORITY: ENERGY PROJECTS** (Algiere & Gibbs) This act would create "The Rhode Island Power Authority Act". It would make the Rhode Island Power Authority the lead agency for energy projects within the state including entering into agreements with the municipalities in which the projects are located. Corporations

S-2632 **PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Breene) This act would expand the "Public Drinking Water Supply System Protection Act" to include the protection of water quantity as well as water quality projects and programs. The water quality protection charge, and the use of water quality protection funds shall now also apply to issues of water quantity. Environment & Agriculture

S-2633 **DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION** (Moura & Others) This act would expand the "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act" in several regards, including the requirement that newly contracted waste haulers incorporate new technologies and use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel. Environment & Agriculture

S-2635 **WATER USE EFFICIENCY** (Breene) This act would create the "Water Use Efficiency and Conservation and Big River Groundwater Development Act of 2008". It requires the Water Resources Board to prepare a statewide water use and efficiency plan and develop conservation programs, and public water suppliers are responsible for preparation and implementation of local plans in accordance with the state plan. Environment & Agriculture

S-2637 **RHODE ISLAND SHARED WATER RESOURCES ACT** (Bates & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Shared Water Resources Act". It would address issues such as: the adequacy of rates charged by water suppliers; the aspects of municipal comprehensive plans that deal with the implementation of water conservation measures; the goals and implementation of water supply systems management plans; and the establishment of a conservation and revenue stabilization program. Environment & Agriculture

S-2669 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Blais) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Government Oversight

S-2797 **RECYCLING** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would amend two chapters of the general laws – "Refuse Disposal" (23-18) and "Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation" (23-19). Under chapter 23-18 cities/towns would be required to recycle a minimum of 35% of their solid waste and divert a minimum of 50%. Under chapter 23-19 cities/towns would be required to prepare an addendum to their fiscal year 2010 contract with the corporation describing the process to be used to reach the goals stated above. Environment & Agriculture

S-2798Aaa **WATER SUPPLY** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make numerous changes to the water supply management laws to centralize planning and supervision. These changes would include the addition of three new chapters to the general laws as follows: (46-15.8) "Water Supply Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 2008"; (39-15.1) "Water Suppliers Subject to Commission (PUC) Rate Regulation"; and (45-39.1) "Municipal Water Supplies". Environment & Agriculture

S-2852Aaa MUNICIPAL RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS (Montalbano & Others) This act would mandate that the Economic Development Corporation create the municipal renewable energy investment program. Through this program the corporation would award grants or loans for eligible municipal projects. It would also require the Economic Development Corporation to create the nonprofit affordable housing renewable energy investment program in consultation with Rhode Island Housing. Corporations

S-2853Aaa YARD WASTE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require that the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation accept segregated leaf and yard debris collected from municipalities as part of a municipal leaf and yard waste diversion program. This material would be composted at the Corporation's facility, and may be made available to municipalities at no charge. Environment & Agriculture

S-2855A COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Government Oversight

S-2901 UNDERGROUND UTILITIES: CITIES AND TOWNS (Perry & Others) This act would provide that whenever a city/town pays 2/3 of the cost for undergrounding transmission or distribution facilities, the electric distribution company would provide the remaining funding for the specific project by including 1/3 of the project cost in its general distribution rate base. Corporations

S-3019 EMINENT DOMAIN (Goodwin) This act would provide that the use of eminent domain by the Narragansett Bay Commission would be limited to the acquisition of private rights or private property. Judiciary

S-3101 WORKING WATERFRONTS PROTECTION ACT (Moura) This act would establish "The Rhode Island Working Waterfronts Protection Act" which would require the Coastal Resources Management Council to preserve and protect the rights in working waterfronts for the inhabitants of the state by ensuring that working waterfronts are utilized only for water-dependent uses or otherwise serve a proper public purpose. Corporations

S-3102 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL: "REGIONAL BENEFIT" (Moura) This act would require the Coastal Resources Management Council to develop a management program for uses of "regional benefit". "Regional benefit" is defined as land or water uses that serve or affect more than a single unit of local municipal government, result in an environmental, economic, social or cultural benefit and have a direct impact on the coastal land and water area. Environment & Agriculture

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-7054 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Pacheco & Others) This act would increase the amount of monies that municipalities receive from the real estate conveyance tax from \$1.10 to \$1.40 per every \$2.00 of the face value of the stamps.
Finance

H-7124 LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES (Loughlin & Ehrhardt) This resolution would create a 7 member special house commission which purposes are to make a comprehensive study of the current method of determining local property taxes, and to investigate alternative methods which would be more equitable to property owners.
Finance

H-7149 PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES: FORECLOSURE DEEDS (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale, and would also require that all outstanding real estate taxes be paid at the time of the recording of the foreclosure deed.
Municipal Government

H-7164 FIRE DISTRICTS: LEVY CAP (Sullivan & Others) This act would make fire districts subject to the same maximum levy provisions that are applied to cities/towns. Finance

H-7183 MUNICIPAL DEBT COLLECTION (Long & Others) This act would require the state tax administrator to forward to a municipality that portion of a state income tax refund which is due to a taxpayer who owes any unpaid municipal taxes.
Municipal Government

H-7184 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Rice & Others) This act would require every city/town to set aside fifty cents of the balance of the real estate conveyance tax retained by the municipality for the acquisition, protection and preservation of open space within the municipality. Municipal Government

H-7200 PROPERTY REVALUATION SCHEDULES (Gemma & Others) This act would amend the current revaluation and update schedules for cities/towns, and, upon completion of these schedules, then revaluations would be performed every 12 years and updates every 4 years. Finance

H-7204Aaa REVISED APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Mumford & Others)
ART. 17 STATE AID This article reduces general revenue sharing by \$10,000,000 so that each municipality would lose state support ratably proportioned to its originally appropriated entitlement. It also limits the reimbursement for the motor vehicle excise tax phase-out to 98% of what otherwise would be due to reflect a collection rate comparable to that achieved by municipalities. (Enacted as Public Law 9 effective 5/1/08)

H-7248 MOTOR VEHICLES (Petrarca & Others) This act would expand the definition of the owners of motor vehicles for registration and property tax purposes to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations and limited liability companies authorized to do business in this state. Finance

H-7272 REVALUATIONS AND STATISTICAL UPDATES (Schadone & Others) This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that the revaluation would be required every 8 years instead of the current 9 years, and updated 4 years from the last revaluation rather than the current 3 years. Finance

H-7273 ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTIONS (Kilmartin) This act would permit city/town councils to provide by ordinance for a deferment of a portion of property taxes on owner-occupied dwelling units which are occupied by persons who are age 65 or older, and who meet certain income thresholds. Finance

H-7276 FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS: RESIDENCY (Kilmartin) This act would impose the state income tax on a property owner who is not domiciled in this state if that person votes at a financial town meeting. Finance

H-7294 PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES: FORECLOSURE DEEDS (Kilmartin & Coderre) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale, and would also require financial institutions which are successful bidders at the foreclosure sale to create escrow accounts for the payment of outstanding real estate taxes. Municipal Government

H-7343 STATE AID: CAPITAL GAINS RATE (Lima & Others) This act would raise the capital gains rate for the years 2009-2011 to 5%, with the increased amount raised for the 2009 tax year distributed to cities/towns to compensate for cuts in state aid. Finance

H-7368 SEWAGE CHARGES (Flaherty & Others) This act would exempt any building used exclusively for religious worship and up to 5 acres of land immediately surrounding that building from municipal sewage charges. Municipal Government

H-7390Aaa 2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 14 MUNICIPAL FINANCES: ADVISORY COUNCIL This article would create an advisory council on municipal finances that would be charged with making recommendations on standardized municipal financial reporting consistent with the new standards recently implemented for all school districts. Finance

H-7390Aaa 2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 15 STATE AID This article would specify the amount of video lottery terminal revenues dedicated to state aid, and would set the level and distribution method for general revenue sharing to municipalities. Also general law Chapter 29-6 entitled "State Aid to Libraries" would be changed by repealing section 29-6-2 –"Public Library Services", and amending section 29-6-3. Finance

H-7406 MUNICIPAL SPENDING (Ucci & Others) This act would prohibit municipal officers and employees from making or authorizing expenditures exceeding appropriations. Finance

H-7407 RESOURCE RECOVERY: LEASED LAND (Ucci & Others) This act would make land leased by the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation to a private entity subject to taxation by the municipality within which it is located. Finance

H-7458 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (Serpa & Others) This act would provide that any excess tax increment debt generated from a tax increment area designated to a project plan adopted pursuant to the "Tax Increment Financing Act" is included in the calculation of the maximum tax a city/town may levy. Finance

H-7459 COLLECTION OF TAXES (Segal & Church) This act would provide that all warrants for the collection of taxes shall continue in force for 10 years after the levy or assessment of the tax, unless a timely proceeding in court is commenced that extends the time period for the tax to be collected. Finance

H-7538 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (Menard & Others) This act would repeal the exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones .. Finance

H-7541 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (Rose & Others) This act would provide that any excess tax increment debt generated from a tax increment area designated to a project plan adopted pursuant to the "Tax Increment Financing Act" is included in the calculation of the maximum tax a city/town may levy. Finance

H-7558 REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT: STATISTICAL UPDATES (Singleton & Others) This act would reduce the frequency of the performance of updates of real property from every 3 years to every 5 years from the last revaluation. Finance

H-7635 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Winfield & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead real estate of a veteran or surviving spouse, if veteran was honorably discharged and has been totally disabled from a service connected disability. Finance

H-7637 **AGGREGATE PROPERTY TAX LEVIES** (Gorham) This joint resolution seeks to approve and submit to the voters an amendment to the state constitution which would include an amendment to Section 5 "Local Taxing and Borrowing Powers", and relates to aggregate property tax levies. Finance

H-7671 **FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE** (Gorham) This act would allow the Rhode Island Farm, Forest and Open Space Land Value Subcommittee to recommend the methodology and values for the assessment of land for property taxation also on the basis of the value of farmhouse lots. Municipal Government

H-7717 **TAX RELIEF FOR REAL PROPERTY OWNERS** (Watson & Others) This resolution would create a special house commission to study methods and plans for providing effectual real tax relief for real property owners in Rhode Island. Municipal Government

H-7750 **TAX SALES** (Singleton & McCauley) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days prior notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

H-7788 **TAX EXEMPTIONS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (McManus & Others) This act would remove the requirement of prior approval by the general assembly of local tax exemptions granted for projects approved by the Economic Development Corporation or the Industrial Facilities Corporation. Finance

H-7799 **FISCAL YEARS AND MAXIMUM LEVY** (Ehrhardt) This act would authorize municipalities to establish their fiscal year as either July 1 to June 30, or October 1 to September 30, and specify dates for certifying the tax roll dependent upon the fiscal year adopted. This act would also require the filing of newly executed local collective bargaining agreements with the Departments of Revenue and Education within a month of execution. It would also apply the maximum levy provisions to fire districts, and require joint approval by tax assessors and the Department of Revenue on property values assigned to properties eligible for payment in lieu of taxes. Also this act would modify the retirement ages with respect to the municipal employees retirement system for all municipalities which have contributed less than 100% of the annual required contribution to their municipally administered pension plans. Finance

H-7854 **SCHOOL BUDGETS AND LEVY CAP** (Almeida & Others) This act would increase the maximum levy amount that a city/town may levy for the years 2010 through 2013, and would also amend the yearly maximum school budget increase for those same years. Finance

H-7919 **EXEMPTION OR STABILIZING OF TAXES** (Jacquard) This act would provide that the city/town council of any city/town that provides an exemption or stabilization of taxes must prepare and publicly release an analysis of the impact of the proposed project receiving the exemption prior to determining if the tax relief will be granted. Finance

H-7930 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Carter & Others) This act would require cities/towns to grant a total (100%) exemption from real property taxes for the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her spouse. Finance

H-7950 **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FAIRNESS ACT OF 2008** (Handy & Others) This act comprehensively changes personal and business income taxes as well as sales tax law. Among its provisions are included the following: An amendment to the "Historic Structures – Tax Credit" chapter which would cap credits at \$40,000,000 each tax year, and limit availability of credits to certain types of projects; repeal of the provision allowing sales tax exemptions for sales by writers, composers, and artists in certain economic development zones; and repeal of the provision giving tax credits for contributions to scholarship organizations. Finance

H-7951 **HISTORIC STRUCTURE TAX CREDIT** (Lewiss) This act would reduce the historic structure tax credit available to any taxpayer who seeks it for work done on a building that formerly had been a public school building which had been acquired with a state contribution under general law chapter 16-7. Finance

H-7980A **TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY** (Scott & Others) This act would provide that a tax exemption created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of an ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate in the property, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

H-8016A **HISTORIC STRUCTURES TAX CREDIT (Fox & Others)** This act would amend Chapter 44-33.2 of the general laws entitled "Historic Structures – Tax Credit" by making various substantial changes in the process for approval of a tax credit. (Enacted as Public Law 6 effective 4/12/08)

H-8053 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Gallison & Others) This act would provide honorably discharged or, in some cases, disabled veterans exemptions from certain enumerated fees and taxes. Included would be a property tax exemption based on the veteran's disability rating percentage, and a total exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax. Finance

H-8054 **PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Carter & Ehrhardt) This act would include state owned real property in determining the appropriations to cities/towns for payment in lieu of property taxes. Finance

H-8109 **OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (Kilmartin) This act would authorize municipalities to enter into trust agreements for purposes of funding any unfunded liability for other post-employment benefits (“OPEB”) including health care and dental care benefits. Municipal Government

H-8214 **STATE MANDATES** (Mattiello & Others) This act would require that, if a sunset clause or review date applies to a new mandate and/or regulation, then the performance of an assessment of the impact and necessity for the mandate would have to occur within 5 years. Judiciary

H-8248 **THE SHARED ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT** (Segal & Others) This act would create “The Shared Economic Growth Act” that would preserve the local tax base through revenue sharing by the state and communities affected by the acquisition of otherwise taxable property by tax-exempt entities. The state would be responsible for payments to the impacted community based upon a formula established by this act. Finance

H-8251 **COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL TAXES** (Jacquard) This act would require obtaining a municipal tax lien certificate, and the payment of all tangible personal property taxes assessed upon the sale or transfer of ownership of more than 50% of the assets or 50% of the ownership interest of the business. Municipal Government

H-8259 **TAX COMPACTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES** (Mumford & Fox) This act would permit cities/towns to enter into compacts establishing the amount of taxes on property devoted to a public use that is owned by a city/town but located in another city/town. Municipal Government

H-8274 **TAX AGREEMENTS AND PAYMENTS IN LIEU** (Gallison & Others) This act would make various amendments to section 44-3-9 of the general laws to be retitled “Exemption or stabilizing of taxes or agreement for payments in lieu of taxes on property used for manufacturing, commercial, or residential purposes”. This section will also now apply to payment in lieu agreements. Terms for these would be extended to 30 years, and taxes subject to these agreements would not be subject to the maximum tax levy provision (44-5-2). Municipal Government

S-2013 **VETERANS’ EXEMPTIONS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from local taxation the homestead of a totally disabled veteran or his/her surviving spouse. Finance

S-2057 **PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES: FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Doyle & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale, and would also require that all outstanding real estate taxes be paid at the time of the recording of the foreclosure deed. Judiciary

S-2074 **VETERANS OF UNDECLARED WARS OR CAMPAIGNS** (Felag & Others) This act would extend veterans' benefits to various military operations: Enduring Freedom; Iraqi Freedom; and Noble Eagle. Finance

S-2187 **MOTOR VEHICLES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would expand the definition of the owners of motor vehicles for registration and property tax purposes to include partnerships, firms, associations, corporations and limited liability companies authorized to do business in this state. Finance

S-2235 **TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY** (McBurney & Jabour) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate in the property, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

S-2272 **REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT: STATISTICAL UPDATES** (Walaska & Others) This act would reduce the frequency of the performance of updates of real property from once every 3 years to no more than 5 years from the last revaluation. Finance

S-2275 **MOTOR FUEL TAX** (Blais & Breene) This act would allow municipalities using fuel for municipal vehicles, trucks and school buses to file claims for reimbursement of any motor fuel taxes paid. Finance

S-2288 **DELINQUENT TAXES** (Gallo & Others) This act would require cities/towns to notify taxpayers by regular mail if they are delinquent in any quarterly payment of their taxes. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2376 **TAX SALES** (Bates) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days prior notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

S-2386 **PROPERTY REVALUATION SCHEDULES** (Revens) This act would amend the current revaluation and update schedules for cities/towns, and upon completion of these schedules, then revaluations would be performed every 12 years and updates every 4 years. Finance

S-2430 **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (DaPonte & Moura) This act would provide that any excess tax increment debt generated from a tax increment area designated to a project plan adopted pursuant to the "Tax Increment Financing Act" is included in the calculation of the maximum tax a city/town may levy. Finance

S-2431 **RESOURCE RECOVERY: LEASED LAND** (Maselli) This act would make land leased by the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to a private entity subject to taxation by the municipality within which it is located. Finance

S-2463 **HISTORIC STRUCTURES: TAX CREDITS** (Miller & Others) This act would amend the process governing the issuance of tax credits for rehabilitation of Rhode Island historic structures by adding qualified percentage accelerators as certified by the R.I. Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission as a criterion needed to meet certain percentages of such tax credits. Finance

S-2495 **TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY** (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that tax exemptions created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate in the property, leases the property or, continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

S-2590 **PUBLIC-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES** (Raptakis) This act would create the "Public-Private Transportation Initiatives" act which would allow public-private partnerships (PPP) which are contractual agreements formed between a public agency and private sector entity that would allow for greater private sector participation in the delivery of transportation projects. It would also grant various property tax exemptions from taxes levied by cities/towns affected by these projects. Corporations

S-2645 **GROSS REVENUE TAX: MOVIE PRODUCTIONS** (Jabour & Others) This act would impose a 1% tax on the gross revenue of any movie made in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Council on the Arts would distribute the tax revenue to each city/town in which the movie production took place. Finance

S-2658 **FIRE DISTRICTS: TAX CLASSIFICATION** (Raptakis) This act would permit fire districts, as well as cities/towns, to adopt tax classification plans. Finance

S-2659 **FIRE DISTRICTS: LEVY CAP** (Raptakis & Blais) This act would make fire districts subject to the same maximum levy provisions that are applied to cities/towns. Finance

S-2661 **TAX INCENTIVE DISCLOSURE AND ACCOUNTABILITY** (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would promote greater public disclosure and transparencies regarding the use of certain funds and tax credits, and the filing of documentation to support the use of these measures. Among the various funding sources and tax credits included in the coverage of this act are Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization and Mill Building and Economic Revitalization. Finance

S-2664 **FISCAL YEARS AND MAXIMUM LEVY** (Blais) This act would authorize municipalities to establish their fiscal year as either July 1 to June 30, or October 1 to September 30, and specify dates for certifying the tax roll dependent upon the fiscal year adopted. This act would also require the filing of newly executed local collective bargaining agreements with the Departments of Revenue and Education within a month of execution. It would also apply the maximum levy provisions to fire districts, and require joint approval by tax assessors and the Department of Revenue on property values assigned to properties eligible for payment in lieu of taxes. Also this act would modify the retirement ages with respect to the municipal employees retirement system for all municipalities which have contributed less than 100% of the annual required contribution to their municipally administered pension plans. Finance

S-2666 **EXCISE TAX PHASE-OUT** (Jabour & Others) This act would add an exemption from the motor vehicle tax for the year 2010 of \$10,000, and the state reimbursement for the exemption would also be \$10,000. It would also eliminate any exemptions for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Finance

S-2773 **PROPERTY REVALUATION SCHEDULES** (Jabour & Others) This act would delay the scheduled revaluation dates for cities/towns which were not revaluated in 2006 or earlier, and, upon completion of these schedules, then revaluations would be performed every 12 years and updates every 4 years. Finance

S-2804 **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (Blais & Raptakis) This act would provide that any excess tax increment debt generated from a tax increment area designated to a project plan adopted pursuant to the "Tax Increment Financing Act" is included in the calculation of the maximum tax a city/town may levy. Finance

S-2846A **HISTORIC STRUCTURES: TAX CREDIT** (Alves) This act would amend Chapter 44-33.2 of the general laws entitled "Historic Structures – Tax Credit" by making various substantial changes in the process for approval of a tax credit. (Enacted as Public Law 7 effective 4/12/08)

S-2862 **PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Breene) This act would include state owned real property in determining the appropriations to cities/towns for payment in lieu of property taxes. Finance

S-2958 **PROPERTY EXEMPT: INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING** (Metts & Others) This act would remove the property tax exemption for the real and personal property of any private college, university or other institution of higher learning, and for the real and personal property held for a hospital for the sick or disabled. Finance

S-2959 **MUNICIPAL DEBT COLLECTION** (Gibbs) This act would require the state tax administrator to forward to a municipality that portion of a state income tax refund that is due to a taxpayer who owes any unpaid municipal taxes. Finance

S-2971 **HOTEL TAX** (Paiva-Weed) This act would eliminate the 7% share of the hotel tax currently given to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau, and redirect 3.5% of it to the local city/town in which the hotel is located and 3.5% to RIPTA to engage a private contractor to run a ferry service between Providence and Newport. Finance

S-3010 **STATE AID** (Alves & Others) This act would require that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, apportionments of state aid be adjusted upward statewide by \$10,000,000 in the proportion that each municipal budget bears to the total of all municipal budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. Finance

S-3080 **TAX COMPACTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES** (Blais) This act would permit cities/towns to enter into compacts establishing the amount of taxes on property devoted to a public use that is owned by a city/town but located in another city/town. Housing & Municipal Government

S-3091 **TAX LIENS AND TAX SALES** (McCaffrey) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 44-9 of the general laws entitled "Tax Sales". The changes would include the repeal of section 44-9-13 – "Entry by collector not required – Recording of tax sale list" and the addition of a new section – 44-9-25.3 "Expedited foreclosure of the rights of redemption on account of vacancy". Judiciary

S-3141Aaa **OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (Alves) This act would authorize municipalities to enter into trust agreements for purposes of funding any unfunded liability for other post-employment benefits ("OPEB") including health care and dental care benefits for both municipal employees and school teachers. Finance

S-3144 **FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE** (Sosnowski & Breene) This joint resolution would extend the reporting date and the expiration date of the special legislative commission to study the taxation of farm, forest, and open space land. Read and Passed

HOUSING

H-7101 **LANDLORD AND TENANT** (Savage & Others) This act would amend the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act" to confer certain additional benefits to tenants who are 62 years of age or older. Judiciary

H-7254 **LANDLORD AND TENANT** (Kilmartin) This act would provide grounds and procedures for eviction from federally assisted housing, including violent acts against persons or property, and the possession or use of illegal drugs on the rental premises. Judiciary

H-7288A **LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL** (Ajello & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Judiciary

H-7384 **HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION** (Naughton & Others) This act would establish a program of loan guarantees or interest subsidies within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for the purpose of making home modifications to the primary residence of persons who have a disability, or are age 65 or older, or are the caregivers of such persons. Finance

H-7460 **EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Segal & Others) This act would create the chapter of the general laws entitled "Expedited Permitting for Affordable Housing". The purpose of this chapter would be to facilitate the implementation of local and state plans for the provision of affordable housing. Finance

H-7486 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Loughlin) This act would amend the definition that low and moderate income housing means it is subsidized by federal, state or municipal government programs, which would result in expanding the number of housing units used to determine whether or not a community has met its low and moderate income housing requirements. Municipal Government

H-7518 **FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy, subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act", for bone fide tenants of a mortgagor. Corporations

H-7591 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Singleton & Others) This act would limit eligibility for low and moderate income housing and any other housing assistance to those who legally reside in the state of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-7687 **HOUSING RESOURCES ACT** (Slater & Others) This act would give the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission the power to administer the Supportive Services Program which purpose is to aid in the prevention of long-term homelessness, and would appropriate \$500,000 in fiscal year 2009 to carry out the provisions of this act. Finance

H-7700 **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Slater & Others) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

H-7877 **LOW INCOME ENERGY COST ASSISTANCE** (Handy) This act would implement "The Percentage of Income Energy Cost Payment Plan". It would set up a program to be administered by the Governor's Office of Energy Assistance for the purpose of providing energy assistance to low income households. Finance

H-7878 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Kennedy & Others) This act would modify the calculation used for determining what constitutes affordable housing by reducing the percentage applicable to area median income from 120% to 100%. Finance

H-7892 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE** (Fox & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale along with contact information for Rhode Island Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies. It would also require that any successor in interest continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas.
Judiciary

H-7918 **NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Fox & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

H-7990 **HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION** (Naughton & Others) This act would establish a program of loan guarantees or interest subsidies within the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation for the purpose of making home modifications to the primary residence of persons who have a disability, or are age 65 or older, or are the caregivers of such persons. Finance

S-2105 **HOUSING BONUS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide a housing bonus to school districts to offset increased education expenses resulting from the development of affordable housing units with 2 or more bedrooms. It would also allow cities/towns to assess an impact fee for the impact on education resulting from low and moderate income housing construction. Finance

S-2106 **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to assess an impact fee for the impact on education resulting from low and moderate income housing construction. Finance

S-2109A **EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Miller & Others) This act would create the chapter of the general laws entitled "Expedited Permitting for Affordable Housing". The purpose of this chapter would be to facilitate the implementation of local and state plans for the provision of affordable housing.
Housing & Municipal Government

S-2110 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE** (Pichardo & Others) This act would require a mortgagee to notify tenants of the date, time and place of a foreclosure sale along with contact information for R.I. Legal Services and HUD approved counseling agencies. It would also require that any successor in interest continue to provide essential services such as heat, running water, hot water, electric or gas.
Judiciary

S-2165 **LANDLORD PAYMENT OF FUEL OIL** (Perry & Others) This act would require a landlord to pay a departing tenant the value of fuel oil left in the tank upon the tenant vacating the premises. Judiciary

S-2193 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING: MOBILE HOMES** (Blais & Raptakis) This act would require that year-round mobile homes be included in year-round housing units, and rented year-round mobile homes be included in year-round rental housing units for purposes of determining the need for low and moderate income housing units. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2194 **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Metts & Pichardo) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "government assistance recipient status". Judiciary

S-2219 **HOMELESS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM** (Perry & Other) This act would give the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission the power to administer the supportive services program which purpose is to aid in the prevention of homelessness among those who have experienced long-term homelessness, and for whom certain services in addition to housing are essential. The sum of \$500,000 would be appropriated in fiscal year 2009 to carry out this provision. Finance

S-2376 **TAX SALES** (Bates) This act would require the tax collector to give not less than 40 days prior notice of tax sales of property to the Department of Elderly Affairs if the property is owned by persons 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

S-2504 **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE RELIEF** (Pichardo & Others) This act would add a new section to the general laws entitled "Mortgage Foreclosure Relief". It would give a mortgagor who is the owner-occupant of residential property a 90 day right to cure a default of a required mortgage payment before foreclosure proceedings are commenced. Judiciary

S-2712 **FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy, subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act", for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

S-2735 **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Metts & Pichardo) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

S-2810 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Tassoni & Others) This act would modify the calculation used for determining what constitutes affordable housing by reducing the percentage applicable to area median income from 120% to 100%. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2852 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING: RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Montalbano & Others) This act would require the Economic Development Corporation to create the nonprofit affordable housing renewable energy investment program in consultation with Rhode Island Housing. Corporations

S-2886 **NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Pichardo & Others)
This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods.
Finance

LABOR RELATIONS

H-7013 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Gemma & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues for teachers, and it would also streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself. It would also confer the availability of mediation and binding arbitration for non-teacher employee disputes. Labor

H-7108 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS: HEALTH INSURANCE** (Schadone & Others) This act would prohibit any municipal employee, municipal police, municipal firefighter and municipal teacher collective bargaining agreement or arbitration award from containing language which identifies a specific medical, dental or optometric medical insurance company. Labor

H-7194 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (San Bento) This act would remove the \$5,000 cap on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Finance

H-7232 **TEACHER STRIKES** (Gablinske & Others) This act would impose civil penalties upon striking teachers and the unions which encourage the strikes. Labor

H-7293 **PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS** (Loughlin & Others) This act would prohibit payroll deductions from all state and municipal employees for the benefit of any private organization, including union dues. However, it would allow charitable payroll deductions. Labor

H-7380 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (McCauley) This act would require the state to pay the cost of mediation expenses when unresolved issues are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agents and the municipalities. Finance

H-7390Aaa **2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 34 HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PROVIDERS This article would prohibit any future collective bargaining agreement covering state employees, teachers or municipal employees from specifying that the employer must procure a health care benefit plan from a specific provider. Finance

H-7390Aaa 2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 36 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS This article would require school committees and city/town councils to prepare collective bargaining fiscal impact statements with respect to proposed contracts with teachers and other municipal employees. Finance

H-7426 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (San Bento & Others)

This act would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism, and limit instances when an arbitration award can be vacated. Labor

H-7601 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LABOR CONTRACTS (Singleton & Others)

This act would require city/town council approval of any labor contract entered into by a school committee. Labor

H-7603 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Flaherty) This act would make several procedural and substantive amendments to general law chapter 28-9.4 entitled "Municipal Employees' Arbitration". Labor

H-7663 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Palumbo & Others) This act would allow for the continuation of all contractual benefits in effect under a predecessor collective bargaining agreement until a new agreement has been reached or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-7664 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING LIMITATIONS (Gorham & Mumford) This act would strictly limit the areas that various authorized government employee bargaining units can address in negotiations. Negotiations would be limited only to wages and benefits, "defined in the most narrow sense". Labor

H-7665 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS (Gorham) This act would prohibit payroll deductions from all state and municipal employees for the benefit of any private organization, including union dues. However, it would allow charitable payroll deductions. Labor

H-7666 UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES (Lally) This act would expand the power of the Labor Relations Board to prevent any employer or public sector employee organization from engaging in any unfair labor practice. The power shall not be affected by the election of remedies doctrine or any procedure invoked by any public employer or employee organization pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. Labor

H-7667 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Lally) This act would allow for the continuation of all contractual benefits in effect under a predecessor collective bargaining agreement until a new agreement has been reached or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-7668 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (Lally) This act would make several procedural and substantive amendments to general law chapter 28-9.4 entitled "Municipal Employees' Arbitration". Labor

H-7674 **CODE OF ETHICS** (Trillo & Others) This act would amend the "Code of Ethics" by prohibiting general assembly members who are also employed by a public employees' union from introducing, voting on, or participating in floor or committee debate on any proposed legislation concerning state or municipal unionized government employees' rights or benefits. Separation of Powers

H-7774 **FAMILY MILITARY LEAVE** (Moffitt) This act would permit the spouse or parent of a person called to military service lasting longer than 30 days to obtain unpaid leave from work for up to 30 days. Both the State of Rhode Island and its municipalities would be required to furnish this leave upon request. Labor

H-7776 **HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PROVIDERS** (Malik) This act would prohibit any collective bargaining agreement covering state employees, teachers or municipal employees from specifying that the employer must procure a health care benefit plan from a specific provider. Labor

H-7799 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS** (Ehrhardt) This act would require the filing of newly executed collective bargaining agreements with the Departments of Revenue and Education within a month of execution. Finance

H-7860 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND CHARTERS / ORDINANCES** (Lally) This act would provide that, if there is a conflict between the terms of a collective bargaining agreement that covers a public sector employer and a public sector organization and the terms of any city/town charter or ordinance, the conflict would be resolved in favor of the collective bargaining agreement. Labor

H-8121 **FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (Rose) This act would make various amendments to the "Firefighters' Arbitration" law including a prohibition on specifying a health care provider, and a requirement that the arbitration board give weight to additional factors when rendering its decision. Labor

H-8122 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (Rose) This act would make various amendments to the "Municipal Police Arbitration" law including a prohibition on specifying a health care provider, and a requirement that the arbitration board give weight to additional factors when rendering its decision. Labor

S-2090 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** (Walaska) This act would provide that a selected city/town council member would be included in any contract negotiations in which a school committee is involved, and have the right to vote on the approval of such contract. Labor

S-2147 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Lanzi & Others) This act would provide that all contractual benefits conferred under an existing collective bargaining agreement shall continue until a new agreement has been reached by agreement among the parties or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-2294 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (McCaffrey) This act would acknowledge arbitration as the preferred alternative labor dispute resolution mechanism, and limit instances when an arbitration award can be vacated. Labor

S-2429 HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PROVIDERS (Felag) This act would prohibit any collective bargaining agreement covering state employees, teachers or municipal employees from specifying that the employer must procure a health care benefit plan from a specific provider. Labor

S-2559 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Moura) This act would allow for the continuation of all contractual benefits in effect under a predecessor collective bargaining agreement until a new agreement has been reached or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-2579 SCHOOLTEACHERS' AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would increase the cap from \$5,000 to \$15,000 on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee or municipal employer. Labor

S-2580 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require the state to pay the cost of mediation expenses when unresolved issues are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agents and the municipalities. Labor

S-2584 SCHOOLTEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would remove the \$5,000 cap on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Labor

S-2664 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (Blais) This act would require the filing of newly executed local collective bargaining agreements with the Departments of Revenue and Education within a month of execution. Finance

S-2760 FAMILY MILITARY LEAVE (Algiere) This act would permit the spouse or parent of a person called to military service lasting longer than 30 days to obtain unpaid leave from work for up to 30 days. Both the State of Rhode Island and its municipalities would be required to furnish this leave upon request. Labor

S-2761 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (Moura) This act would make several procedural and substantive amendments to general law chapter 28-9.4 entitled "Municipal Employees" Arbitration". Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-7046A **CLASS AS LICENSE** (Shanley & Others) This act would create a retailer's Class AS license that authorizes the licensee to sell at retail wines to be used for sacramental purposes only to any duly ordained priest, minister or rabbi, or to any church or religious society. Corporations

H-7156 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Picard) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Corporations

H-7247 **WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE** (Corvese & Others) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40 to \$100, and would provide that nonresident permits would be valid for one year. Finance

H-7435 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Williamson) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Corporations

H-7437A **PREMISE LIABILITY INSURANCE** (Caprio & Others) This act would require holders of the specified liquor licenses issued pursuant to Title 3 to maintain premise liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$500,000, and provide the licensing authority at the time of issuance a certificate of insurance. Corporations

H-7482 **SECOND-HAND DEALERS** (Caprio & Others) This act would require purchasers of second-hand materials to maintain identification records of the sellers of these materials. Municipal Government

H-7617 **CLASS A LICENSES: ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING** (Story & Others) This act would now also require Class A license holders to comply with certain alcohol server training program requirements when renewing their licenses. Corporations

H-7863 **ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING** (Slater & Others) This act would make an Internet or computer-based alcohol server training program eligible for certification. Corporations

H-7868 **CLASS P LICENSES – CATERERS** (Slater & Others) This act would now allow caterers who hold Class P licenses to purchase alcoholic beverages at any Rhode Island licensed wholesale or retail establishment. Corporations

H-8045 **CLASS A LICENSE: GIFT BASKETS** (Fox) This act would allow Class A license holders to sell, in gift baskets only and not for retail sale, packaged pastas, sauces, pickled artichokes, peppers, dipping oils, processed packaged cheeses, jellies and jams, packaged coffees and teas, assorted soaps, sponges, candles and towels. Judiciary

H-8110 **FARMER-WINERY LICENSES** (Rice & Others) This act would provide that a holder of a farmer-winery license would not be prohibited from applying for a Class B license as well when local licensing authorities permit such application and licensing. Corporations

H-8198 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Carter) This act would provide that holders of Class A licenses would maintain and produce on demand records of receipts and invoices for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. This act would also provide that holders of licenses other than Class A would have not more than one business day to produce receipts and invoices for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Corporations

H-8426 **ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING** (Slater & Diaz) This act would amend the requirement that alcohol server training programs entail a minimum of 4 hours duration. The amendment states that training entail no less than 2 hours, and no more than 4 hours in duration, with no absentee certification. House Calendar

S-2044A **CLASS A LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that holders of Class A licenses would maintain and produce on demand records of receipts and invoices for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. This act would also provide that holders of licenses other than Class A would have not more than one business day to produce receipts and invoices for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2095 **CLASS AS LICENSE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would create a retailer's Class AS license that authorizes the licensee to sell at retail wines to be used for sacramental purposes only to any duly ordained priest, minister or rabbi, or to any church or religious society. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2438 **ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING** (Jabour & Ciccone) This act would make an Internet or computer-based alcohol server training program eligible for certification. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2439 **CLASS P LICENSES – CATERERS** (Jabour & Ciccone) This act would now allow caterers who hold Class P licenses to purchase alcoholic beverages at any Rhode Island licensed wholesale or retail establishments. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2478 SMOKING IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS (Jabour & Ciccone) This act would allow bars and restaurants to allow smoking upon their premises provided they obtain a special license that would be issued by the city/town for a \$1,000 fee. This act would require employees of the establishment to sign an acknowledgement that smoking is hazardous to their health. Health & Human Services

S-2511 WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE (Metts) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40.00 to \$100.00, and would provide that nonresident licenses and permits would be valid for one year. Judiciary

S-2560 CLASS A LICENSE: GIFT BASKETS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would allow Class A license holders to sell, in gift baskets only and not for retail sale, packaged pasta, sauces, pickled artichokes, peppers, dipping oils, processed packaged cheeses, jellies and jams, packaged coffees and teas, assorted soaps, sponges, candles and towels. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2561 CLASS P LICENSES: CATERERS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would allow holders of Class B licenses to purchase alcoholic beverages at wholesale. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2609 LIQUOR LICENSES: EXTENDED DEPARTURE FROM PREMISES (Goodwin) This act would grant authority to local licensing authorities to designate districts in which it would be allowed for retail beverage establishments to have up to one hour after closing time to have patrons depart the premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2615 WINE AND BEER SAMPLINGS (Goodwin) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2764 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (Bates) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Labor

S-2770 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (Walaska) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

S-2904A FARMER-WINERY LICENSES (Gibbs & Others) This act would provide that a holder of a farmer-winery license may sell wine at retail by the bottle or by the glass for consumption on the winery premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2954A ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING (Goodwin & Raptakis) This act would amend the requirement that alcohol server training programs entail a minimum of 4 hours duration. The amendment states that training entail no less than 2 hours, and no more than 4 hours in duration, with no absentee certification. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

PLANNING & ZONING

H-7235 ZONING ORDINANCES (Kilmartin) This act would authorize an accessory family dwelling unit in an owner-occupied single family residence as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities. It would also require that a declaration of the accessory family dwelling unit and its restrictions be recorded in the land evidence records. Municipal Government

H-7443 DAM AND LAKE ASSOCIATIONS: FEES (Winfield & Others) This act would exempt all dam and lake associations from paying a fee to the Department of Environmental Management associated with the submission of plans for dam and lake construction, renovations and/or repairs. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7614 LOCAL PLANNING BOARDS: ALTERNATIVE ENERGY (Winfield & Others) This act would require the planning boards of each city/town to examine the use of alternative energy and adopt methods of conservation in their comprehensive plans for growth and construction. Municipal Government

H-7624 STATE RURAL CONSERVATION (Gorham & Sullivan) This act would establish a state rural conservation district in the areas known as the Pawcatuck Borderlands. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7669 PLANNING BOARD DECISIONS (Carter & Others) This act would require that decisions regarding plan approval with respect to the various categories of subdivision plans must be issued in writing. It also requires that all written decisions of the planning board be recorded in the land evidence records within 30 days of the board action, and that copies all recorded decisions be mailed within one business day of the recording to the applicant and any objector. Municipal Government

H-7944 ZONING ORDINANCES: BUILDING ENVELOPE (Carter) This act would amend the definition of "building envelope", and would expand the density and intensity of use provision. Municipal Government

H-7945 **SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Carter) This act would increase the vesting periods for approved master plans and approved preliminary plans for major land developments and major subdivisions, and would also extend the expiration date of the final approved plan. Municipal Government

H-8047 **ZONING ORDINANCES: NONCONFORMING USE** (Lewiss & Others) This act would amend variance requirements by removing the prohibition that the zoning board of review cannot consider nonconforming use of neighboring land or structures in the same district, and permitted use of land or structures in an adjacent district. Municipal Government

H-8338 **ZONING ORDINANCES: EXISTING ROADS** (Lima) This act would provide that a property owner or developer would not be required to improve an existing road bordering a development once the road has been accepted by the municipality. The property owner or developer would have to return the existing road to its original condition if the road is disturbed. Municipal Government

S-2226 **ZONING ORDINANCES: EXISTING ROADS** (Connors & Others) This act would provide that a developer would not be required to improve an existing road bordering a development once the road has been accepted by the municipality. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2290 **ZONING ORDINANCES** (Levesque & Miller) This act would require that a declaration of an accessory family unit in an owner-occupied single family residence as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities must be recorded in the land evidence records. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2425 **PLANNING BOARD DECISIONS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that decisions regarding plan approval with respect to the various categories of subdivision plans must be issued in writing. It also requires that all written decisions of the planning board be recorded in the land evidence records within 30 days of the board action, and that copies of all recorded decisions be mailed within one business day of the recording to the applicant and any objector. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2489 **HISTORICAL ZONING** (Jabour & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to demolish a historical building without the necessary permits. Judiciary

S-2591 **STATE GUIDE PLAN: FEDERAL LANDS** (Sheehan & Others) This act would provide that any project plan of the Economic Development Corporation with respect to projects on federal land must conform with the requirements of the state guide plan, and that the project plan's conformity with the applicable comprehensive plan shall be determined by the State Planning Council Corporations

S-2694 **ZONING ORDINANCES: BUILDING ENVELOPE** (Maselli) This act would amend the definition of “building envelope”, and would expand the density and intensity of use provision. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2697A **ZONING ORDINANCES** (Levesque) This act would require that a declaration of an accessory family unit in an owner-occupied single family residence as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities must be recorded in the land evidence records. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2869 **SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Maselli) This act would increase the vesting periods for approved master plans and approved preliminary plans for major land developments and major subdivisions, and would also extend the expiration date of the final approved plan. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2874 **ZONING BOARDS OF REVIEW** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require a procedure to provide for the appointment of temporary alternate members to the zoning board of review in the event that a conflict of interest occurs whereby 3 or more members must recuse themselves. Judiciary

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-7033 **REMOTE ALCOHOL MONITORING** (McNamara & Others) This act would permit a judge to require any person who is convicted of driving under the influence, driving while intoxicated, or driving while impaired to wear an alcohol monitoring device that would alert the probation office that the wearer is consuming alcohol while under sentence. Judiciary

H-7037 **UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE** (Brien & Others) This act, known as the “Unborn Victims of Violence Act”, would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-7038 **ASSAULT UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN** (Brien & Others) This act would make assault on a pregnant woman causing her to suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment, and if the fetus is determined to be 12 weeks or older punishable by life in prison. Judiciary

H-7048 **SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT** (Corvese & Others) This act would provide for the implementation of the “Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program” among law enforcement agencies, broadcast media, and other appropriate entities to alert the State Police and the public in the event of the disappearance of a senior citizen with an impaired mental condition. H.E.W.

H-7058 **MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Giannini & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device to engage in a call or text message. Corporations

H-7067 **USE OF CELL PHONES** (McNamara & Others) This act would prohibit a minor while operating a motor vehicle from using any electronic wireless communication device that sends, reads or writes a text message. Corporations

H-7083 **EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (McNamara & Others) This act would set forth procedures to be followed by a driver when operating in the presence of an emergency vehicle displaying flashing lights or other authorized vehicles. Judiciary

H-7090 **TICKET SPECULATORS** (Church & Others) This act would explicitly make internet sales of tickets for Rhode Island events subject to the criminal sanctions of the ticket speculators law. Corporations

H-7091 **TICKET SPECULATORS** (Church & Others) This act would prohibit the on-line purchase of tickets to events in Rhode Island for the purpose of reselling such tickets at prices that exceed the face value of the ticket and those additional charges allowed under Rhode Island law, regardless of where the resale would take place. Such violations would be classified as misdemeanors. Corporations

H-7095 **LEGAL AGE FOR GAMBLING** (Fellela & Others) This act would increase the legal age for gambling from 18 to 21. Violations would be subject to criminal sanctions. Finance

H-7100 **FETAL PROTECTION ACT** (Schadone & Others) This act would establish the "Fetal Protection Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-7121 **FOURTH DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT** (Rice & Others) This act would criminalize sexual contact between a psychotherapist and a patient, and deem any such conduct as fourth degree sexual assault by the psychotherapist punishable as a misdemeanor. Finance

H-7122 **NEW FIRE ACADEMY** (Gallison & Others) This resolution would urge the Department of Administration to begin construction of a new Fire Academy as approved by Rhode Island voters in the 2002 general election. Finance

H-7130 **DNA DETECTION** (Rice & Others) This act would add felony arrestees to the list of offenders who must submit a DNA sample under the "DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders" chapter of the general laws. The DNA information would be purged and destroyed if the person is not convicted of the crime that caused the DNA sample to be taken. Judiciary

H-7131 **ASSAULTS** (Rice & Others) This act would make any assault and battery that causes significant bodily injury a felony punishable by up to 3 years in prison. This act would fill in the gap among those assaults that either result in serious bodily injuries or minor injuries that are considered misdemeanors. Judiciary

H-7135 **ILLEGAL ALIENS** (Brien & Others) This act would require all state and local law enforcement officers to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of any individual they reasonably believe to be an illegal alien. Judiciary

H-7138 **TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT** (Palumbo & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2008" which would enact various laws designed to require state agencies and local municipalities to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in enforcing federal immigration laws, and would amend various existing state statutes relative to eligibility for drivers licenses. Judiciary

H-7139 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create the general law chapter entitled "Crimes Against the Public Trust" which defines and punishes theft of honest services by public servants. This act would also extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this chapter and section 11-41-27 of the general laws (wrongful conversion by state or municipal employee). Judiciary

H-7148Aaa **EMERGENCY POLICE POWER** (Kilmartin) This act would grant police officers from out of state limited emergency police powers to transport, guard and maintain custody of an arrestee who is arrested out of state but transported to a Rhode Island medical facility for treatment. Prior to entry out-of-state police departments must notify the R.I. State Police of the transport, and the site of the medical facility. Municipal Government

H-7171 **FIREFIGHTER CANCER WELLNESS ACT** (Picard & Others) This act would establish "The Firefighter Cancer Wellness Act" as a program directed by the Department of Health to test for, to collect data on, and to educate firefighters regarding bladder cancer. H.E.W.

H-7176A **ELDERLY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT** (Naughton & Others) This act would create a right to speedy trial for victims 60 years of age or older under the "Elderly Violence Prevention Act". Additionally, the act would create the criminal offense of "exploitation of elders". Judiciary

H-7195 **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS** (McCauley) This act would remove the sunset provision of July 19, 2008, from the "Rhode Island Automated Traffic Violations Monitoring Systems Act of 2005". Finance

H-7217 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Schadone & Others) This act would make it a felony to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor or drugs with a passenger under the age of 16. Judiciary

H-7219 **CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT** (Giannini & Others) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit, at the direction, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

H-7221 **DRUG OR ALCOHOL TEST** (Mattiello & Others) This act would create the misdemeanor criminal offense of “defrauding the administration of a drug or alcohol test”. It would also be an offense to sell or manufacture instruments, tools, devices or substances designed to defraud the administration of a drug or alcohol test. Judiciary

H-7222A **PROCUREMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (Malik & Others) This act would amend the section of the general laws entitled “Furnishing or Procurement of Alcoholic Beverages for Underage Persons”. It would also now apply to persons under 21 years of age, and to consumption of alcohol on a person’s property. Judiciary

H-7224 **COMPUTER CRIME** (McNamara & Others) This act would prohibit “cyberharassing” as well as cyberstalking, and would define harassing conduct. This act would also eliminate the requirement that the prohibited communication be part of a course of conduct. Judiciary

H-7253 **CYBERSTALKING** (Lewiss & Others) This act would make it a felony for an on-line predator to engage in cyberstalking of a minor or a peace officer posing as a minor. Judiciary

H-7255 **BRENDAN’S LAW** (Fellela & Others) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word “serious” as it pertains to physical injury. The law would be further amended by including negligent or reckless conduct by a caregiver that exposes a child to the risk of serious bodily injury or death. Judiciary

H-7256Aaa **UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Walsh & Others) This joint resolution would create a Special Legislative Commission to Study Methamphetamine Use and Rhode Island General Law as It Pertains to Crimes Relating to Methamphetamine Abuse. Judiciary

H-7258 **WEAPONS** (Diaz & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer’s or manufacturer’s serial number has been tampered, but would exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers. This act would also make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult. It would also establish criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

H-7286 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (Pacheco & Others) This act would establish the crime of homicide by motor vehicle for motor vehicle violations that cause the death of another person. The crime may be a felony or misdemeanor depending upon the nature of the motor vehicle violation. Judiciary

H-7291 INATTENTIVE DRIVING (Kilmartin) This act would create a secondary motor vehicle offense of inattentive driving which occurs simultaneously to the commission of a primary moving violation. Judiciary

H-7306 IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY (Long & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of CPR or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would only apply to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

H-7363 ONLINE PROPERTY OFFENSES (Mattiello & Others) This act would create the "Online Property Offenses Act" which would make it a criminal offense to use Internet access to obtain, sell or fence stolen property. Judiciary

H-7364 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (Diaz & Others) This act would make it a crime for a minor to purchase or any person to sell or deliver to a minor what is defined as drug paraphernalia. Included in this definition would be cigar "blunts" and rolling papers. Judiciary

H-7365 MOTOR VEHICLES (Gallison & Others) This act would establish fines applicable to individuals who install or adjust equipment on a motor vehicle intended for highway use that would result in an unsafe vehicle. Judiciary

H-7366 REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TEST (Menard & Others) This act would now also allow a bail commissioner to order that a person's license be suspended immediately upon the report of a law enforcement officer that the person has refused to submit to a chemical test for DUI. Judiciary

H-7390Aaa 2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY This article creates the Department of Public Safety under which auspices would be included the E-911 Emergency Telephone System, State Fire Marshal, Municipal Police Training Academy as well as other entities. The department's director would also serve as superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police. Finance

H-7390Aaa 2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 12 MUNICIPAL COURTS This article would require municipal courts to assess a hearing fee in the amount of \$35.00, an increase to the current fee of \$25.00, and it would amend the schedule of violations by increasing the fines imposed for various traffic offenses. Finance

H-7393 **BRENDAN’S LAW** (Giannini & Others) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word “serious” as it pertains to physical injury. The law would be further amended by including negligent or reckless conduct by a caregiver that exposes a child to the risk of serious bodily injury or death. Judiciary

H-7395 **JUVENILE HEARING BOARD** (Lally) This act would prohibit a juvenile hearing board or teen court from hearing or disposing of any offense which involves alcohol or illegal substances except by express written consent of the chief judge of the family court. Judiciary

H-7401 **MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle or bicycle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device to engage in a call. Corporations

H-7413 **FALSE IDENTIFICATION CARDS** (Story & Others) This act would make it a misdemeanor offense for any person to manufacture or distribute a false identification card. Judiciary

H-7416 **PROCUREMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (Menard & Others) This act would amend the section of the general laws entitled “Furnishing or Procurement of Alcoholic Beverages for Underage Persons”. It also would now apply to persons under 21 years of age, and to consumption of alcohol on a person’s property. Judiciary

H-7417 **SAFETY BELT USE** (McManus & Story) This act would make a violation of the safety belt law, as it applies to operators of motor vehicles and transportation of passengers 18 years of age and older, a primary offense commencing on July 1, 2008. Judiciary

H-7418 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 entitled “Crimes Against the Public Trust” that punishes the theft of honest services. This act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – “Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee”. Judiciary

H-7452 **FIREFIGHTER PLATES** (Williamson) This act would provide for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 lbs. Finance

H-7457Aaa **HATE CRIMES** (Ajello & Others) This act would provide that the definition of “hate crimes” is expanded to include acts that have been motivated by gender identity or gender related expression. Finance

H-7471 **FIRE ALARMS** (Garrison & Others) This act would make it unlawful to fail to evacuate a building when a fire alarm is activated, to tamper with fire protection equipment, and the access of fire alarm panels by one other than a licensed individual. Judiciary

H-7474 **CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS** (Almeida) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

H-7478 **WEAPONS: DEALER'S LICENSE** (Flaherty & Others) This act would prohibit the issuance of a dealer's license to sell firearms if the individual intends to operate the business within 500 feet of a public, private or parochial school or a place of public worship. This act would be prospective, and all licenses previously granted shall be grandfathered in, and not subject to the 500 foot buffer zone. Judiciary

H-7479 **INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE** (Giannini & Others) This act would criminalize forced commercial sexual activity. Judiciary

H-7483 **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS** (Pacheco & Others) This act would provide a maximum benefit of \$250 per month to those volunteer firefighters who become either wholly or partially incapacitated from earning a livelihood because of service related injuries. Municipal Government

H-7496 **MILITARY MUNITIONS** (Segal & Others) This act would make it unlawful to manufacture, distribute, transport, keep for sale or possess any antipersonnel mine, cluster munitions, or explosive submunitions. Judiciary

H-7498 **BREAKING AND ENTERING** (Jacquard & Walsh) This act would expand the scope of the crime of breaking and entering to include breaking into automobiles, cargo-vans, minivans, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and passenger cabs. Judiciary

H-7505 **MOTORCYCLES** (Menard & Others) This act would prohibit the removal of a motorcycle muffler baffle. Constituent Services

H-7507 **PAINTBALL** (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would regulate the possession, manner of use, and transportation of paintball guns. Constituent Services

H-7579 **PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS** (Giannini & Others) This act would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who attempt to procure the services of a prostitute, and would define the crime of permitting prostitution within premises that an individual has possession of or control over. Judiciary

H-7580A RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS (Gallison & Others) This act would add retired non-permanent sworn members of any municipal police department to the definition of “peace officer” who shall be permitted to carry firearms while in performance of their duties. Judiciary

H-7585 PURCHASE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (Story & Others) This act would make it illegal for anyone who has not reached their 21st birthday to purchase an alcoholic beverage, and it would also delineate a list of potential penalties. Judiciary

H-7587 SMUGGLING OF HUMAN BEINGS (Singleton & Others) This act would make it a felony offense to smuggle human beings, which would be defined as aiding the person with entering, passing through or remaining in Rhode Island, in exchange for money or any other thing of value in violation of the immigration laws of the United States. Judiciary

H-7590 NOTIFICATION BY ARRESTING AGENCY (Singleton & Others) This act would require an arresting agency to report the detention or arrest of any juvenile believed to be in the United States illegally to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. Judiciary

H-7593 WRONGFUL PROCUREMENT OF BENEFITS (Singleton & Others) This act would make it a felony for any state or municipal employee to knowingly provide and/or assist in the procurement of any documentation or any state benefits for anyone illegally residing or living within the state of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-7596 IMMIGRATION STATUS (Singleton & Others) This act would forbid local governments from limiting or prohibiting local officials and law enforcement officers from cooperating with federal officials regarding immigration status. It would also impose a duty upon law enforcement officers to report arrestees to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office. Judiciary

H-7597 LEGAL EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT (Singleton & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to employ an illegal immigrant within the state, and imposes a fine on the employer, the proceeds of which are to be shared between the State Police and the person providing the information that leads to an investigation. Judiciary

H-7612 FIRE DEPARTMENTS: NFPA 1500 (Gallison & Others) This act would make the Department of Attorney General responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the general law chapter entitled “Safety and Health Programs for Fire Departments”. Any fire department that violates the provisions of this section would be fined \$500 for each week the violation continues. Municipal Government

H-7638 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (Long & Gorham) This act would provide a tax credit for employers who allow employees time off for volunteer firefighter training. Finance

H-7640 **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS** (Long & Gorham) This act would permit that a volunteer firefighter be allowed a personal income tax deduction of a maximum of \$500 per year when contributing to a volunteer firefighter savings account as defined in this act. Finance

H-7645 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (Lally) This act would transfer the Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit from the court system to the Police Officers' Commission on Standards and Training. Finance

H-7647 **NURSING HOME PATIENTS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the State Police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. H.E.W.

H-7650 **TICKET SPECULATORS** (Winfield) This act would prohibit the on-line purchase of tickets to events in Rhode Island for the purpose of reselling such tickets at prices that exceed the face value of the ticket and those additional charges allowed under Rhode Island law, regardless of where the resale takes place. Such violations would be classified as misdemeanors. Judiciary

H-7652 **IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS** (Segal & Others) This act would establish procedures for identification lineups in criminal investigations, specifically including requirements of photographing or otherwise recording the identification. It would also create an improvement of lineup procedures task force to identify and recommend policies and procedures to improve the accuracy of eyewitness information. Judiciary

H-7657A **TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS** (Palumbo & Singleton) This act would make it possible to transport pistols and revolvers within the state under certain specifically enumerated circumstances, as long as the pistol/revolver is unloaded and the ammunition is transported in a different location within the vehicle not readily accessible from the passenger compartment. Judiciary

H-7658 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Gorham) This act would require all incarcerated individuals who are required to register pursuant to the sexual offender registration law to perform their initial registration and all other community registration requirements prior to being released from confinement. Judiciary

H-7670 **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING** (Long & Gorham) This act would prevent the state, cities/towns, and any labor organization from restricting any employee or member from engaging in rescue services, other than firefighting, for any volunteer organization. Municipal Government

H-7672 **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING** (Long & Gorham) This act would prevent the state, cities/towns, and any labor organization from restricting an employee or member from engaging in rescue services, other than firefighting, for any volunteer organization. Municipal Government

H-7706 **RACIAL PREVENTION PROFILING** (Almeida & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling during traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It would also add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws (“Proceedings in Family Court”) governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

H-7712 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Gorham) This act would require all incarcerated individuals who are required to register pursuant to the sexual offender registration law to perform their initial registration and all other community registration requirements prior to being released from confinement. Judiciary

H-7731 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: MOBILE SUPPORT UNITS** (Long) This act would permit the director or executive director of the Emergency Management Agency, rather than the Governor, to call to duty the mobile support teams for training, local emergencies or public events, and would provide compensation only to nonemployee mobile support personnel at similar rates to those paid by the federal government for that profession in this state. H.E.W.

H-7736 **CRIMINAL RECORDS** (Story) This act would establish certain responsibilities for the state police and local police departments regarding nationwide criminal background checks and notifications to the appropriate agencies in both foster parent and adoption situations. H.E.W.

H-7743 **ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY** (Ehthardt & Others) This act would amend the “Alcohol Boating Safety Act”. These amendments make extensive changes to the procedures to be utilized by law enforcement officers when performing chemical tests for intoxication. Judiciary

H-7744 **R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Moffit & Long) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Judiciary

H-7745 **SAFETY BELT USE** (McManus & Story) This act would make a violation of the safety belt law a primary offense as it applies to operators of motor vehicles and transportation of passengers 18 years of age and older. Judiciary

H-7752 **ALIEN DOCUMENTATION** (Singleton) This act would make it a felony for altering, forging, or counterfeiting any documentation pertaining to aliens in the United States. Judiciary

H-7753 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID** (Moffitt & Ehrhardt) This act would create a comprehensive system of intrastate mutual aid to be utilized during emergency situations. It will provide for mutual assistance among municipalities in the prevention of and response to any disaster that results in a formal state of emergency. Judiciary

H-7761 **FIREARMS OR WEAPONS IN AIRPORTS** (Long) This act would specifically criminalize the possession or transportation of firearms through any security checkpoint in airports. Judiciary

H-7762 **INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS** (Mumford) This act would give the state police and local law enforcement agencies administrative subpoena power to acquire information from "Internet service providers". Judiciary

H-7769 **SEARCH WARRANTS: MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Long) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or the performance of a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

H-7770 **UNREGISTERED VEHICLE** (Ehrhardt & McManus) This act would provide that the operation of a vehicle that is not registered as required in another state is a misdemeanor violation. Judiciary

H-7771 **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING** (Moffitt & McManus) This act would add the violation of the section of the general laws entitled "Laned Roadways" (31-15-11) to the definition of aggressive driving. Judiciary

H-7816 **MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS** (Handy & Others) This act would delete the need for a criminal background check to apply for a massage therapist license, and the issuance or revocation of a massage therapist license could not be based on the conviction of a sexual offense. H.E.W.

H-7832 **ENTICEMENT OF CHILDREN** (Rice & Others) This act would amend the requirements for what constitutes the misdemeanor offense of enticement of children by eliminating language dealing with intent. Judiciary

H-7834 **SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPONS** (Almeida & Others) This act would define "semiautomatic weapons", and require all these weapons to be capable of microstamping ammunition subject to fines for violations. Judiciary

H-7836 **BREAKING AND ENTERING** (Melo & Others) This act would provide for increased sanctions if breaking and entering is committed when there is someone within the premises, and would require mandatory jail sentences when an occupant of the premises is assaulted during the break-in. Judiciary

H-7888 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Slater & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act", including the creation and regulation of compassion centers which purposes are to aid qualifying patients and their registered primary caregivers with respect to the dispensing of marijuana and the supplying of educational materials. It would also set up a procedure for the issuance of identification cards to qualifying patients and primary caregivers. H.E.W.

H-7891 **AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM** (McCauley) This act would authorize municipalities to operate a system to issue speeding violations using an automated traffic speed enforcement system. Judiciary

H-7894 **FILING OF FALSE COMPLAINT** (Jacquard) This act would make it a misdemeanor to file a false complaint against a law enforcement officer pursuant to the "Law Enforcement Bill of Rights". Judiciary

H-7895 **CHILDREN: TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (Diaz & Others) This act would prohibit sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age, raising the present prohibition of under 18 years of age. Judiciary

H-7897 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Palumbo & Others) This act would expand the list of offenses requiring a defendant to register as a sexual offender, and impose new reporting requirements when a registered sex offender moves his/her residence, including a move solely within the state. The act would also permit the website listing of juvenile sex offenders on the State Police's and Attorney General's websites once the juvenile reaches the age of 18. Judiciary

H-7898 **REHABILITATION, RE-ENTRY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 2008** (Slater & Others) This act would allow courts to issue certificates of rehabilitation. These certificates would serve as judicial determinations that a convicted offender has successfully achieved rehabilitation, and is deserving of re-entry into society. Judiciary

H-7967 **NON-ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW** (Segal & Others) This act would prohibit state and local law enforcement authorities from inquiring as to the immigration status of any person, whether witness or arrestee, unless the arrestee was arrested for a felony, and the arresting officer or agency has reasonable grounds to believe that the person's status is a violation of immigration law. Judiciary

H-7971 **WEAPONS** (Ajello & Others) This act would define "rifle" and "shotgun". It would criminalize the carrying of a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or on one's person without a license or permit. Judiciary

H-8006 **EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS** (McCauley) This act would repeal the current law relating to the sale, use or possession of fireworks and explosives, and creates new language by adding various sections concerning hoax devices, destructive devices, and components of destructive devices. Judiciary

H-8018 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION** (Amaral) This act would allow a patient to request an ambulance service to transport the patient to the hospital of their choice upon the execution of a waiver in a non-emergency situation. H.E.W.

H-8040 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Silva & Others) This act would require any person who is subject to sexual offender registration and notification requirements to bear the costs and expenses associated with community notification, rather than the municipality. This act would also bar sexual offenders from living within 2,500 feet of certain specified venues including schools, churches, and playgrounds. Judiciary

H-8059 **CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS** (Almeida & Williams) This act would delineate and expand both the powers and the training required of campus police officers at colleges and universities. It would allow campus police officers to carry firearms after appropriate training. Training standards would be prepared and published by the Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training. Judiciary

H-8079 **SEARCH WARRANTS: MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Brien & Others) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant that would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or the performance of a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

H-8092 **TEXT MESSAGING PROHIBITED** (McNamara & Malik) This act would prohibit text messaging by operators of moving motor vehicles. Judiciary

H-8093 **SERVICE OF ARREST WARRANTS** (O'Neill) This act would amend the laws regarding payment of costs, restitution, and fines to the courts. It would require court review of the ability to pay of a person who has been arrested pursuant to a court issued warrant. Judiciary

H-8117 **FIREARMS** (Pacheco) This act would allow a local police department that has custody of a confiscated firearm to transfer ownership of the firearm to the State Crime Laboratory for the creation and maintenance of a library of weapons. Judiciary

H-8190 **FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Coderre & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

H-8207 **UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS** (Ucci) This act would require the owner of property upon which a motor fuel filling station stands that has been closed for more than 60 days to remove the fuel storage tanks and associated piping. Environment & Natural Resources

H-8216 **TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE** (Vaudreuil & Others) This act would give cities/towns and fire districts the discretion to deduct the amount of temporary disability insurance benefits received from line of duty illness or injury benefits payable to police officers and firefighters under section 45-19-1 of the general laws. Labor

H-8252 **CRIMINAL RECORDS** (Schadone) This act would allow for the sealing and/or destruction of records in criminal cases regardless of prior felony convictions if an individual meets all other criteria. Judiciary

H-8268 **ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY** (Gallison & Others) This act would significantly increase the penalties for persons under the age of 21 who operate a watercraft while under the influence of intoxicating liquor as well as changing the evidence of intoxication to .02% or more for persons under 21 years of age. Judiciary

H-8300 **UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES** (Gemma & Others) This act would establish the crime of distribution of a controlled substance to someone without that individual's knowledge, with the intent to commit a crime of violence against that person. Judiciary

H-8396aa **WEAPONS QUALIFICATION** (Corvese) This act would establish a permanent 8 member special legislative commission to be known as the "Law Enforcement Weapons Qualification of Retired Officers Commission" which purpose would be to study all aspects of firearms qualifications, etc. for all retired law enforcement officers from each city/town police department. Judiciary

H-8425 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Rice) This act would make it a violation for a person to transport horses in a vehicle or trailer containing 2 or more levels of horses, one on top of the other. House Calendar

S-2011 **DRIVERS' LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by the arresting officer if the owner was arrested for driving with a license that was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test. Judiciary

S-2021 **COMPUTER CRIME** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit "cyberharassing" as well as cyberstalking, and would define harassing conduct. This act would also eliminate the requirement that the prohibited communication be part of a course of conduct. Judiciary

S-2023 **TICKET SPECULATORS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit the on-line purchase of tickets to events in Rhode Island for the purpose of reselling such tickets at prices that exceed the face value of the ticket and those additional charges allowed under Rhode Island law, regardless of where the resale would take place. Such violations would be classified as misdemeanors. Judiciary

S-2024 **EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would set forth procedures to be followed by a driver when operating in the presence of an emergency vehicle or roadside assistance vehicle. This act also provides that a violation of this section is punishable by a fine of \$75.00. Judiciary

S-2025 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require training for new law enforcement officers to include techniques to aid investigating officers to become aware of incidents or crimes of domestic violence and other abuse crimes, and how to react and investigate them. Judiciary

S-2030 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide for mandatory imprisonment for convictions related to animal fighting. Judiciary

S-2032 **DRIVERS' LICENSES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make it a felony to operate a motor vehicle when an individual's license to operate is suspended, revoked, or cancelled due to operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor, or refusing to submit to a chemical test. This act would also require mandatory drug and/or alcohol treatment for the violator. Judiciary

S-2033 **TICKET SPECULATORS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would explicitly make internet sales of tickets for Rhode Island events subject to the criminal sanctions of the ticket speculators law. Judiciary

S-2053 **NURSING HOME PATIENTS** (Lanzi & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. Health & Human Services

S-2056 **TICKET SPECULATORS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit the on-line purchase of tickets to events in Rhode Island for the purpose of reselling such tickets at prices that exceed the face value of the ticket and those additional charges allowed under Rhode Island law, regardless of where the resale would take place. Such violations would be classified as misdemeanors. Judiciary

S-2076 **TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT** (Maselli & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act" which would enact various laws designed to require state agencies and local municipalities to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in enforcing federal immigration laws, and would amend various existing state statutes relative to eligibility for drivers licenses. Health & Human Services

S-2080 **USE OF CELL PHONES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit a minor while operating a motor vehicle from using any electronic wireless communication device that sends, reads or writes a text message. Judiciary

S-2084 EMERGENCY VEHICLES (Tassoni & Others) This act would set forth procedures to be followed by a driver when operating in the presence of an emergency vehicle displaying flashing lights or other authorized vehicles. Judiciary

S-2085 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: MINORS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it a felony when death or serious injury occurs as the result of a minor consuming alcoholic beverages which have been furnished or purchased by an adult for underage persons. Judiciary

S-2086 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device. Judiciary

S-2087 CHILDREN: TOBACCO PRODUCTS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would prohibit sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age, raising the present prohibition of under 18 years of age. Judiciary

S-2126 FIREFIGHTER PLATES (Moura) This act would provide for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 lbs. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2138 PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS (Gibbs & Others) This act would amend the provision of the general laws relating to property held by police departments. It would now allow any income from property held for more than 6 months to be used by the police departments for police related community functions, to replace stolen property, or for law enforcement purposes. Judiciary

S-2139 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS (Moura) This act would remove the sunset provision of July 19, 2008, from the "Rhode Island Automated Traffic Violations Monitoring Systems Act of 2005". Judiciary

S-2145 MOTOR VEHICLES (Bates & Others) This act would establish fines applicable to individuals who install or adjust equipment on a motor vehicle intended for highway use that would result in an unsafe vehicle. Judiciary

S-2166aa SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Connors & Others) This act would add the requirement that local law enforcement agencies provide notification of the change of residence of sex offenders even if the move occurs solely within the state. Judiciary

S-2168 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would expand the scope of the general law section governing issuance of licenses or permits to carry a pistol or revolver to include people who have been issued protective orders due to domestic assault and abuse, and would require that the permit be delivered to applicants within 10 business days, except for people with protective orders, in which case the permit shall be delivered within 3 days. Judiciary

S-2196 **WEAPONS** (Doyle & Others) This act would prohibit any person from carrying, possessing or attempting to use a taser against another person. Judiciary

S-2198 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would exempt retired police officers and those persons issued protective orders due to domestic assault or abuse situations from the weapons safety requirements of section 11-47-35 of the general laws. Judiciary

S-2199 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would exempt any person who at the time of purchase is exchanging a functional concealable firearm as part of or as the entire purchase price of another concealable firearm from the requirement of obtaining a basic pistol/revolver safety certificate. Judiciary

S-2200 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would prohibit persons from wearing or carrying concealed upon their persons any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a billy, bludgeon, baton, stun-gun or any razor or knife of any description having a blade of more than 3 inches in length. Judiciary

S-2201 **WEAPONS** (Blais & Others) This act would exempt from the application and 7 day waiting period requirement for sale of rifles and shotguns when a person is exchanging a functional rifle or shotgun as part of or as the entire purchase price of another rifle or shotgun. Judiciary

S-2211A **ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (Perry & Others) This act would provide that the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency would institute and manage an animal emergency management plan which purposes would include plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary sheltering of service animals and household pets. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2228 **IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY** (Doyle & Others) This act would amend the law granting immunity from liability for administration of CPR or automated external defibrillation in an emergency situation by removing the provision that this immunity would only apply to persons who have been trained according to certain standards. Judiciary

S-2230 **RACIAL PREVENTION PROFILING** (Perry & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling during traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It would also add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws (“Proceedings in Family Court”) governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

S-2236 **ASSAULTS** (Doyle & Others) This act would make any assault on a youth sports official or youth sports participant a felony, and make harassment of a youth sports official or youth sports participant a misdemeanor. Judiciary

S-2237 **IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING** (Pichardo & Metts) This act would establish the “Immigrant Assistance in Crime Fighting Act” to promote the safety and health of all residents by making it more likely that immigrants will report violations of state and local law by prohibiting law enforcement agencies from inquiring into the immigration status of the complainant or witness. Judiciary

S-2260 **STAR OF LIFE LICENSE PLATES** (Breene & Others) This act would make available special “Star of Life” license plates for all certified emergency medical personnel. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2307 **WEAPONS** (Blais) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address and date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

S-2309 **IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS** (Levesque & Jabour) This act would establish procedures for identification lineups in criminal investigations, specifically including requirements of photographing or otherwise recording the identification. It would also create an improvement of lineup procedures task force to identify and recommend policies and procedures to improve the accuracy of eyewitness information. Judiciary

S-2318 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (McCaffrey & Jabour) This act would transfer the Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring Unit from the court system to the Police Officers’ Commission on Standards and Training. Judiciary

S-2335 **POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE** (Levesque & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies may not collect nor maintain information about political, religious or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

S-2338 **BREAKING AND ENTERING** (McCaffrey) This act would expand the scope of the crime of breaking and entering to include breaking into automobiles, cargo-vans, minivans, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and passenger cabs.
Judiciary

S-2368 **PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide that police departments or drug control divisions would be allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for police related community functions, to replace stolen property, or for law enforcement purposes. Finance

S-2375 **AGGRESSIVE DRIVING** (Algieri) This act would add the violation of the section of the general laws entitled "Laned Roadways" (31-15-11) to the definition of aggressive driving. Judiciary

S-2396 **LOW SPEED VEHICLES** (Gibbs & Others) This act would define a neighborhood electric vehicle and set out standards by which such vehicles may operate in the state of Rhode Island. Previously this legislation applied only to low speed vehicles operated on Prudence Island. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2420 **BREAKING AND ENTERING** (Maselli & Others) This act would expand the scope of the crime of breaking and entering to include breaking into automobiles, cargo-vans, minivans, pick-up trucks, recreational vehicles and passenger cabs.
Judiciary

S-2468 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: MOBILE SUPPORT UNITS** (Blais) This act would permit the director or executive director of the Emergency Management Agency, rather than the Governor, to call to duty the mobile support teams for training, local emergencies or public events, and would provide compensation only to non-employee mobile support personnel at similar rates to those paid by the federal government for that profession in this state. Finance

S-2473 **TRAFFICKING IN DEXTROMETHORPHAN** (Blais) This act would make possession of one gram or more of pure dextromethorphan by a person other than a medical facility, medical practitioner, pharmacist or licensed pharmacy a drug violation. Health & Human Services

S-2487 **IDENTIFICATION CARDS** (Levesque) This act would change the requirements for obtaining a Rhode Island identification card for persons both 21 and older and under the age of 21. It would require the same stringent procedure newly created to obtain a driver's license. Judiciary

S-2489 **HISTORICAL ZONING** (Jabour & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to demolish a historical building without the necessary permits.
Judiciary

S-2490 **SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT** (Alves) This act would provide for the implementation of the "Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program" among law enforcement agencies, broadcast media, and other appropriate entities to alert the state police and the public in the event of the disappearance of a senior citizen with an impaired mental condition. Judiciary

S-2500 **CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT** (McCaffrey) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

S-2501 **ELDERLY VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT** (Goodwin & Maselli) This act would create a right to speedy trial for victims 60 years of age or older under the "Elderly Violence Prevention Act". Additionally, the act would create the criminal offense of "exploitation of an elder". Judiciary

S-2506 **BRENDAN'S LAW** (Lanzi & Maselli) This act would amend the definition of second degree child abuse by eliminating the word "serious" as it pertains to physical injury. The law would be further amended by including negligent or reckless conduct by a caregiver that exposes a child to the risk of serious bodily injury or death. Judiciary

S-2510 **WEAPONS** (Metts) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered, but would exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers. This act would also make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult. It would also establish criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

S-2514 **DRUG OR ALCOHOL TEST** (Connors) This act would create the misdemeanor criminal offense of "defrauding the administration of a drug or alcohol test". It would also be an offense to sell or manufacture instruments, tools, devices or substances designed to defraud the administration of a drug or alcohol test. Judiciary

S-2515 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Doyle) This act would expand the list of offenses requiring a defendant to register as a sexual offender, and impose new reporting requirements when a registered sex offender moves his/her residence including solely a move within the state. The act would also permit the website listing of juvenile sex offenders on the State Police's and Attorney General's websites once the juvenile reaches the age of 18. Judiciary

S-2517 **SEARCH WARRANTS: MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Sosnowski & Raptakis) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant that would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or the performance of a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

S-2518 **METHAMPHETAMINE** (Sosnowski & Raptakis) This act would create new criminal offenses related to methamphetamine possession and manufacture, and would establish a commission to study various related issues. Judiciary

S-2519aa **UNREGISTERED VEHICLE** (Algiere & Bates) This act would provide that the operation of a vehicle that is not registered as required in another state is a civil violation. Judiciary

S-2522 **FIREARMS OR WEAPONS IN AIRPORTS** (Blais) This act would specifically criminalize the possession or the transportation of firearms through any security checkpoint in airports. Judiciary

S-2531 **PROCUREMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the section of the general laws entitled "Furnishing or Procurement of Alcoholic Beverages for Underage Persons". It would also now apply to persons under 21 years of age, and to the consumption of alcohol on a person's property. Judiciary

S-2534 **CRIMINAL RECORDS** (Ciccione & Others) This act would allow for the sealing and/or destruction of records in criminal cases regardless of prior felony convictions if the accused is acquitted or otherwise exonerated. Judiciary

S-2536 **UNATTENDED CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES** (Jabour & Others) This act would make leaving a child 12 years of age or younger unattended in any motor vehicle a crime. Judiciary

S-2541 **SEARCH WARRANTS: MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES** (Algiere) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant that would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or the performance of a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

S-2566A **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would make it a violation for a person to transport horses in a vehicle or trailer containing 2 or more levels of horses, one on top of the other. Environment & Agriculture

S-2589 **RAILROAD SAFETY** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would comprehensively require railroads to make written risk assessments for their operation as well as protocols concerning acts of sabotage, terrorism and other crimes. These risk assessments would be provided both to state law enforcement, and to law enforcement and emergency response agencies in localities through which the railroad travels. Labor

S-2654 **R.I. NATIONAL GUARD: FORFEITURE OF MONEY AND ASSETS** (Algiere) This act would allow the Rhode Island National Guard to participate in the forfeiture of money and assets seized through counterdrug operations in which members of the National Guard support federal, state or municipal efforts. Finance

S-2687 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Blais) This act would impose additional limits on where medical marijuana can be smoked, and it would also require the Department of Health to notify state and local law enforcement agencies of the names and addresses of qualified patients and caregivers. Health & Human Services

S-2691 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS** (Doyle & Others) This act sets up a procedure by which emergency medical technicians renew licenses under the mobile intensive care unit program including a continuous education requirement. Health & Human Services

S-2693Aaa **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Perry & Others) This act would make various changes to the "Medical Marijuana Act", including the creation and regulation of compassion centers which purposes are to aid qualifying patients and their registered primary caregivers with respect to the dispensing of marijuana and the supplying of educational materials. It would also set up a procedure for the issuance of identification cards to qualifying patients and primary caregivers. Health & Human Services

S-2698 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTRASTATE MUTUAL AID** (Algiere) This act would create a comprehensive system of intrastate mutual aid to be utilized during emergency situations. It will provide for mutual assistance among municipalities in the prevention of and response to any disaster that results in a formal state of emergency. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2704 **FIREARMS** (McCaffrey & Maselli) This act would allow a local police department that has custody of a confiscated firearm to transfer ownership of the firearm to the State Crime Laboratory for the creation and maintenance of a library of weapons. Judiciary

S-2706 **TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS** (Goodwin) This act would remove the sunset provision of July 19, 2008, from the "Rhode Island Automated Traffic Violations Monitoring Systems Act of 2005", and would also require the installation of a collision avoidance feature. Judiciary

S-2708 **AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS** (Goodwin) This act would authorize municipalities to operate a system to issue speeding violations using an automated traffic speed enforcement system. Judiciary

S-2710A **TRANSPORT OF WEAPONS** (Levesque) This act would make it possible to transport pistols and revolvers within the state under certain specifically enumerated circumstances, as long as the pistol/revolver is unloaded and the ammunition is transported in a different location within the vehicle not readily accessible from the passenger compartment. Judiciary

S-2711 **PAINTBALL** (Doyle & Others) This act would regulate the possession, manner of use, and transportation of paintball guns. Judiciary

S-2719 **WEAPONS** (Pichardo & Others) This act would define “rifle” and “shotgun”. It would criminalize the carrying of a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or on one’s person without a license or permit. Judiciary

S-2720 **SEMIAUTOMATIC WEAPONS** (Metts & Others) This act would define “semiautomatic weapons”, and require all these weapons to be capable of microstamping ammunition subject to fines for violations. Judiciary

S-2723 **CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS** (Metts & Others) This act would delineate and expand both the powers and the training required of campus police officers at colleges and universities. It would allow campus police officers to carry firearms after appropriate training. Training standards would be prepared and published by the Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training. Judiciary

S-2740 **DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** (Miller & Others) This act would make it a crime for a minor to purchase or any person to sell or deliver to a minor what is defined as drug paraphernalia. Included in this definition would be cigar “blunts” and rolling papers. Judiciary

S-2741 **SELF-DEFENSE: DEADLY FORCE** (Blais & Others) This act would expand the situations under which persons can use deadly force to defend themselves when a crime is being committed. This act would also extend the right of persons to defend themselves to section 11-39-2 of the general laws – “Robbery.... of a Motor Vehicle”. Judiciary

S-2742 **NON-CODED AMMUNITION** (Walaska) This act would require that all handgun and assault weapon ammunition manufactured or sold in the state be coded by the manufacturer. It also would create a vendor registry with accompanying responsibilities for vendors. Judiciary

S-2744 CRIMINAL RECORDS (Gibbs) This act would establish certain responsibilities for the state police and local police departments regarding nationwide criminal background checks and notifications to the appropriate agencies in both foster parent and adoption situations. Judiciary

S-2745 ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY (Algiere & Bates) This act would amend the "Alcohol Boating Safety Act". These amendments make extensive changes to the procedures to be utilized by law enforcement officers when performing chemical tests for intoxication. Judiciary

S-2746 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS (Blais) This act would give the state police and local law enforcement agencies administrative subpoena power to acquire information from "Internet service providers". Judiciary

S-2747 SAFETY BELT USE (Bates) This act would make a violation of the safety belt law a primary offense, as it applies to operators of motor vehicles and transportation of passengers 18 years of age and older. Judiciary

S-2753 RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (Moura) This act would add reserve police officers of any municipal police department to the definition of "peace officer" who shall be permitted to carry firearms while in the performance of their duties. Judiciary

S-2823 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (Levesque) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

S-2840 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST (Ciccione & Others) This act would create a new chapter within Title 11 entitled "Crimes Against the Public Trust" that punishes the theft of honest services. This act would also extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful Conversion by Officer or State or Municipal Employee". Judiciary

S-2857 CATALYTIC CONVERTERS (Doyle & Others) This act would address the recent problem concerning the increased theft of motor vehicle catalytic converters by making the purchase and sale of them subject to regulation under the precious metals law. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2868 DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY (Tassoni & Alves) This act would establish a Division of Fire and Life Safety within the Department of Attorney General which would serve to consolidate the following: State Fire Marshal; E-911 Emergency Telephone System; Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review; and the State Fire Academy. Housing and Municipal Government

S-2875 JUVENILE HEARING BOARDS: CERTAIN OFFENSES (Paiva-Weed) This act would prohibit a juvenile hearing board or teen court from hearing or disposing of any offense which involves alcohol or illegal substances except by express written consent of the chief judge of the Family Court. Judiciary

S-2887A FIREFIGHTER CANCER WELLNESS ACT (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would establish "The Firefighter Cancer Wellness Act" as an education program established by the Department of Health to provide information to the office of the State Fire Marshal regarding the development and treatment of certain high risk cancers due to exposure to toxins and chemicals. Health & Human Services

S-2894 SEARCH WARRANTS (Levesque & Paiva-Weed) This act would prohibit search and seizure of any documentary evidence in possession of any lawyer, psychotherapist or clergyman which would be protected by testimonial privilege. Judiciary

S-2911 NFPA 1500 (Moura) This act would make the Department of Attorney General responsible for enforcement of the provisions for the chapter entitled "Safety and Health Programs for Fire Departments" which includes the requirements of NFPA 1500. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2914 PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS (Jabour & Others) This act would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who attempt to procure the services of a prostitute, and would define the crime of permitting prostitution within premises that an individual has possession of or control over. Judiciary

S-2915 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS (Perry & McCaffrey) This act would create the parameters relative to sexual assault protective orders, including forms for such orders, penalties, notification of law enforcement agencies, and method of service. Judiciary

S-2916A DISORDERLY CONDUCT (McCaffrey & Perry) This act would create the offense of indecent exposure/disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year or a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both. Judiciary

S-2933 MISSING PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA ALERT (Perry & Others) This act would require that the state police establish a voluntary partnership to provide procedures that would notify law enforcement agencies, other appropriate entities, and media outlets anytime a person with dementia or Alzheimer's disease is determined to be missing. Judiciary

S-2963Aaa ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Lenihan & Sosnowski) This act would require that any records or reports relating to the initial arrest of an adult, and the charge or charges brought against an adult would be accessible within 24 hours after the receipt of a request. Judiciary

S-3012 REHABILITATION, RE-ENTRY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 2008 (Levesque) This act would allow courts to issue certificates of rehabilitation. These certificates would serve as judicial determinations that a convicted offender has successfully achieved rehabilitation, and is deserving of re-entry into society. Judiciary

S-3021 TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Connors & Issa) This act would give cities/towns and fire districts the discretion to deduct the amount of temporary disability insurance benefits received from line of duty illness or injury benefits payable to police officers and firefighters under section 45-19-1 of the general laws. Labor

S-3039 EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS (Walaska) This act would repeal the current law relating to the sale, use or possession of fireworks and explosives, and creates new language by adding various sections concerning hoax devices, destructive devices, and components of destructive devices. Judiciary

S-3120aa WEAPONS QUALIFICATION (Cicccone & Others) This act would establish a permanent 8 member special commission to be known as the "Law Enforcement Weapons Qualifications of Retired Officers Commission" which purpose would be to study all aspects of firearms qualifications, etc. for all retired law enforcement officers from each city/town police department. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-3161 SNOWMOBILES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (Blais & Raptakis) This act would require the purchaser of a recreational vehicle to take a safety training course. Municipalities which meet established standards may be permitted to give such safety training courses. It would also amend the penalties provision of the recreational vehicle law. Environment & Agriculture

RETIREMENT

H-7075 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Rose & Savage) This act would now allow members of the retirement system to serve as paid members of part-time state boards or commissions including municipal boards or commissions. Finance

H-7111 RETIREMENT SYSTEM STUDY (Murphy & Others) This act would create the "Special House of Representatives Commission to Study the Rhode Island State Pension System". The charge of this commission would be to study all aspects of the state pension or retirement system. Finance

H-7132 **REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS: POLICE & FIRE** (Fellela & Others) This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employees retirement system. Municipal Government

H-7141 **RETIREMENT SYSTEM STUDY (Murphy & Others)** This resolution would create the "Special House of Representatives Commission to Study the Rhode Island State Pension System". The charge of this commission would be to study all aspects of the state pension or retirement system. (Enacted as Resolution 40 effective 1/30/08)

H-7329 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Ucci & Others) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability retirement by adding job-related illness as a cause of such disability. Municipal Government

H-7339 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (McCauley) This act would permit members in the state retirement system who have retired from municipal employment under Title 45 of the general laws to obtain post retirement employment with the state without a suspension of retirement benefits. Finance

H-7390Aaa **2009 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 23 ACTUARIAL FISCAL NOTES This article would require the preparation of "pension impact notes" to determine the financial consequences of any proposed legislation that would directly impact the state's liability or the liability of participating municipalities to the state retirement system. Finance

H-7453 **CRASH RESCUE CREW PERSON** (Pacheco) This act would provide for the retirement of a crash rescue crew person upon the completion of 20 years of service. Finance

H-7532 **PENSION CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE** (Carter & Others) This act would make the retirement or pension credit for military service, as specified in general law section 36-5-3, additional to any benefits provided in general law chapter 21 of Title 45, and chapter 16 of Title 16. Finance

H-7534 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Ucci & Winfield) This act would allow retired members of the state retirement system, including teachers and municipal employees, to be reemployed by any participating municipality for 150 working days or 300 half days in any one year without forfeiture or reduction of their benefits. Finance

H-7643 **RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS** (Lally) This act would exempt retired municipal police officers from the 75 day rule when they are performing periodic per diem details. Finance

H-7799 MINIMUM RETIREMENT AGE (Ehrhardt) This act would modify the retirement ages with respect to the municipal employees for all municipalities which have contributed less than 100% of the annual required contribution to their municipally administered pension plans. Finance

H-7842 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Lally) This act would require cities/towns to continue to pay for certain medical expenses upon the retirement of a police officer or firefighter who is wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of a line of duty injury or illness. Finance

H-7928 CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE (Carter & Others) This act would clarify the rights of employees regarding retirement benefit issues whose employment with the state or municipality has been interrupted by military service. Finance

H-7958 TUITION TO CHILDREN OF POLICE OFFICERS (Jacquard) This act would delete the definition of the words "totally and permanently disabled" from general law section 45-19-4.1 – "Tuition to Children of Police Officers Dying or Disabled as a Result of Service". Finance

H-8010 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Serpa) This act would amend the definition of "teacher" for purposes of teachers' retirement by including professional nurses and practical nurses licensed by the Department of Health and employed by a school committee. Finance

H-8109 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Kilmartin) This act would authorize municipalities to enter into trust agreements for purposes of funding any unfunded liability for other post-employment benefits ("OPEB") including health care and dental care benefits. Municipal Government

S-2046 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Moura & Revens) This act would now allow members of the retirement system to serve as paid members of part-time state boards or commissions including municipal boards or commissions. Finance

S-2049 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS: POLICE & FIRE (Blais) This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employees retirement system. Finance

S-2104 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Badeau & Others) This act would permit members in the state retirement system who have retired from municipal employment under Title 45 of the general laws to obtain post retirement employment with the state without a suspension of retirement benefits. Finance

S-2401 **DISABILITY PENSIONS** (Walaska & Bates) This act would require that a state employee or public school teacher who is retired on the basis of an ordinary disability undertake an annual recertification process to establish a continuing disability. Labor

S-2458 **RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS** (Moura & DaPonte) This act would exempt retired municipal police officers from the 75 day rule when they are performing periodic per diem details. Finance

S-2464 **DISABILITY BENEFICIARIES** (Walaska & Bates) This act would require that every disability beneficiary under the minimum age of service requirement have a medical exam at least once every 3 years. Finance

S-2575 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability retirement by adding job related illness as a cause of such disability. Finance

S-2653 **RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS** (Moura) This act would require cities/towns to continue to pay for certain medical expenses upon the retirement of a police officer or firefighter who is wholly or partially incapacitated by reason of a line of duty injury or illness. Finance

S-2664 **MINIMUM RETIREMENT AGE** (Blais) This act would modify the retirement ages with respect to the municipal employees for all municipalities which have contributed less than 100% of the annual required contribution to their municipally administered pension plans. Finance

S-3007 **CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE** (Felag) This act would clarify the rights of employees regarding retirement benefit issues whose employment with the state or municipality has been interrupted by military service. Finance

S-3050 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT** (Alves) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Municipal Employees Retirement Reform" mandating pension reform for those employees not vested prior to July 1, 2008. This act would also substantively amend various sections of both chapter 45-21 – "Retirement of Municipal Employees" and chapter 45-21.2 – "Optional Retirement for Members of Police Force and Firefighters". Also section 45-19-19 would be amended by providing that city/town ordinances would provide for disability retirement allowances for police officers and firefighters of no less than 50% (currently at 66²/₃%) of a retiree's annual salary at the time of retirement. Finance

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-7140 NOTARIES PUBLIC (Kilmartin) This act would require notaries public to maintain a written log or record book of all notarial acts performed for a period of 5 years, sets fees at not more than \$25.00 for performing the listed functions, sets the cost of travel, and creates a professional development requirement. Judiciary

H-7149A PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES: FORECLOSURE DEEDS (Kilmartin & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale, and would also require that all outstanding real estate taxes be paid at the time of the recording of the foreclosure deed or within 30 days after the date on which the municipal lien certificate applied for has been mailed by the tax collector. Municipal Government

H-7204Aaa REVISED APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Mumford & Others)
ART. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES This article would allow municipalities to provide advance notice of proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of any ordinance or regulation via electronic media on a website maintained by the Secretary of State in lieu of publication in a newspaper with local circulation. (Enacted as Public Law 9 effective 5/1/08)

H-7235 ZONING ORDINANCES (Kilmartin) This act would require that a declaration of an accessory family unit in an owner-occupied single family residence as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities must be recorded in the land evidence records. Municipal Government

H-7294 PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES: FORECLOSURE DEEDS (Kilmartin & Coderre) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale, and would also require financial institutions which are successful bidders at the foreclosure sale to create escrow accounts for the payment of outstanding real estate taxes. Municipal Government

H-7327 FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT (Lima & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act" which mandates that the purchaser of a property at foreclosure maintain the property according to the provisions of the housing maintenance and occupancy code. It would also require that the purchaser file a foreclosed property upkeep bond with the city/town clerk's office at the time the foreclosure deed is recorded. Municipal Government

H-7338 ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS (Scott & Others) This act would establish rules and regulations relating to environmental covenants. All environmental covenants, and any amendment to or termination of the covenant must be recorded in every city/town in which any portion of the real property subject to the covenant is located. Environment & Natural Resources

H-7422 **PUBLIC RECORDS** (Ajello & Others) This act would expand circumstances when an award of attorneys' fees may be made. It also would make various amendments to section 38-2-3 entitled "Right to Inspect and Copy Records...Duty to Maintain Minutes of Meetings...Procedures for Access" including the waiver of copying and search fees if there is a failure to produce requested records in a timely manner, and an increase of the amount of fines for either willful or reckless violation of this section. Judiciary

H-7470 **MORTGAGES** (Jackson & Others) This act would provide for confirmatory residential mortgage releases, whereby a release of a mortgage executed by a person other than the person holding the mortgage would be deemed valid unless an action contesting the validity of the release is commenced. Judiciary

H-7518 **FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Almeida & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy, subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act", for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Corporations

H-7669 **PLANNING BOARD DECISIONS** (Carter & Others) This act would require that decisions regarding plan approval with respect to the various categories of subdivision plans must be issued in writing. It also requires that all written decisions of the planning board be recorded in the land evidence records within 30 days of the board action, and that copies of all recorded decisions be mailed within one business day of the recording to the applicant and any objector. Municipal Government

H-7765 **MECHANICS' LIENS** (Lally) This act would provide that a notice of lien recorded in the land evidence records shall be effective as to any retainage earned, but not paid for, for work furnished, and effective from commencement of the work. Judiciary

H-7819 **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (Jackson & Others) This act would make comprehensive, substantive and procedural changes to the general law chapter (33-11) entitled "Claims Against Decedents' Estates". Judiciary

H-7839 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Handy & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

H-7972 **CUSTODY AND PROBATE OF WILLS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would end the requirement under current law that probate courts retain wills deposited with them, and directs that notice be given that these documents are available to be returned upon execution of the appropriate receipt. Judiciary

H-7973 **PETITION FOR PROBATE OR ADMINISTRATION** (Lewiss & Others)
This act would require the names and addresses of named beneficiaries who are not heirs at law to be included in petitions for the allowance of a will. Judiciary

H-7982A **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (Jackson & Others)
This act would make comprehensive substantive and procedural changes to the general law chapter (33-11) entitled "Claims Against Decedents' Estates". Judiciary

H-7983 **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (Jackson & Others)
This act would add a new section to the general law chapter "Claims Against Decedents' Estates" which governs the survival of child support obligations in a probate situation. This act would also establish past and future child support obligations as a debt of the estate of a decedent due preferentially after the payment of taxes.
Judiciary

H-7984A **PROBATE: INTESTATE SUCCESSION** (Jackson & Others)
This act would amend rules governing intestate succession, and also amends sections of the general laws relating to wearing apparel and personal property. The act would also establish a new chapter of the general laws (33-28) entitled "Elective Share". Judiciary

H-7985A **GUARDIANSHIPS** (Jackson & Others)
This act would repeal provisions for the waiver of a guardian ad litem report when a parent is petitioning for guardianship of a minor or adult child. It would also allow the court to relieve the requirement of surety on the guardian's bond regardless of the value of the ward's estate. It would also eliminate the requirement that the probate court prepare the forms for a "good Samaritan" guardianship, and would allow for service by the guardian ad litem for "good Samaritan" guardianship. The act would also eliminate the need for further service of notice to respondents upon continuance of hearing date by probate court, and would provide that a guardian ad litem be appointed for each respondent only in the proceeding for guardianship of an adult. Judiciary

H-8053 **VETERANS: LICENSE FEE EXEMPTIONS** (Gallison & Others)
This act would provide either honorably discharged or, in some cases, disabled veterans exemptions from certain enumerated fees and taxes. These would include exemptions from licensing fees for hawkers/peddlers, and for fishing and hunting licenses. Finance

H-8271 **MARRIAGE LICENSES** (Naughton & Others)
This act would add a new chapter to the general laws entitled "Prevention and Suppression of Contagious Diseases – HIV / AIDS". Included in its provisions would be the repeal of section 23-1-36.1 of the general laws which requires the director of the Department of Health to submit to each city/town clerk's office a packet for distribution to all persons applying for a marriage license. H.E.W.

S-2057 **PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES: FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Doyle & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale, and would also require that all outstanding real estate taxes be paid at the time of the recording of the foreclosure deed. Judiciary

S-2204 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Perry & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

S-2231 **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (McBurney & Jabour) This act would add a new section to the general law chapter "Claims Against Decedents' Estates" which governs the survival of child support obligations in a probate situation. This act would also establish past and future child support obligations as a debt of the estate of a decedent due preferentially after the payment of taxes. Judiciary

S-2233 **PETITION FOR PROBATE OR ADMINISTRATION** (Jabour & Others) This act would require the names and addresses of named beneficiaries who are not heirs at law to be included in petitions for the allowance of a will. Judiciary

S-2290 **ZONING ORDINANCES** (Levesque & Miller) This act would require that a declaration of an accessory family unit in an owner-occupied single family residence as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities must be recorded in the land evidence records. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2336aa **MECHANICS' LIENS** (McCaffrey) This act would provide that a notice of lien recorded in the land evidence records shall be effective as to any retainage earned, but not paid, for work furnished, and effective from commencement of the work. Judiciary

S-2339 **MECHANICS' LIENS** (McCaffrey) This act would provide that a notice of lien recorded in the land evidence records shall be effective as to any retainage earned, but not paid for, for work furnished, and effective from commencement of the work. Judiciary

S-2425 **PLANNING BOARD DECISIONS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that decisions regarding plan approval with respect to the various categories of subdivision plans must be issued in writing. It also requires that all written decisions of the planning board be recorded in the land evidence records within 30 days of the board action, and that copies of all recorded decisions be mailed within one business day of the recording to the applicant and any objector. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2494 **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (Jabour & Others) This act would make comprehensive, substantive and procedural changes to the general law chapter (33-11) entitled "Claims Against Decedents' Estates". Judiciary

S-2530 **MORTGAGES** (McCaffrey) This act would provide for confirmatory residential mortgage releases, whereby a release of a mortgage executed by a person other than the person holding the mortgage would be deemed valid unless an action contesting the validity of the release is commenced. Judiciary

S-2697A **ZONING ORDINANCES** (Levesque) This act would require that a declaration of an accessory family unit in an owner-occupied single family residence as a reasonable accommodation for family members with disabilities must be recorded in the land evidence records. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2712 **FORECLOSURE DEEDS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would require foreclosure deeds to be recorded within 30 days of the foreclosure sale with the failure to do so rendering the sale null and void. This act would also establish a monthly periodic tenancy, subject to the provisions of the "Residential Landlord and Tenant Act", for bona fide tenants of a mortgagor. Judiciary

S-2724 **RECIPROCAL BENEFICIARY AGREEMENTS** (Blais) This act would authorize the establishment of reciprocal beneficiary agreements for the purpose of permitting any two unmarried persons, who are excluded from entering into a valid marriage under the marriage laws of this state, to extend certain specifically enumerated rights and related responsibilities to each reciprocal beneficiary. The agreement would be filed with the clerk of the city/town in which at least one of the reciprocal beneficiaries resides. Judiciary

S-2725 **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (Jabour & Others) This act would make comprehensive substantive and procedural changes to the general law chapter (33-11) entitled "Claims Against Decedents' Estates". Judiciary

S-2729 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Blais) This act would prohibit same sex marriages in the state, and would prohibit the state from recognizing a relationship between persons of the same sex as a marriage regardless as to whether such relationship is recognized as a marriage under the laws of any other state. Judiciary

S-2743 **GUARDIANSHIPS** (McBurney) This act would repeal provisions for the waiver of a guardian ad litem report when a parent is petitioning for guardianship of a minor or adult child. It would also allow the court to relieve the requirement of surety on the guardian's bond regardless of the value of the ward's estate. It would also eliminate the requirement that the probate court prepare the forms for a "good Samaritan" guardianship, and would allow for service by the guardian ad litem for "good Samaritan" guardianship. The act would also eliminate the need for further service of notice to respondents upon continuance of hearing date by probate court. Judiciary

S-2750 PROBATE: INTESTATE SUCCESSION (Jabour & Others) This act would amend the rules governing intestate succession, and also amends sections of the general laws relating to wearing apparel and personal property. The act would also establish a new chapter of the general laws (33-28) entitled "Elective Share". Judiciary

S-2755 GUARDIANSHIPS (Jabour & Others) This act would repeal provisions for the waiver of a guardian ad litem report when a parent is petitioning for guardianship of a minor or adult child. It would also allow the court to relieve the requirement of surety on the guardian's bond regardless of the value of the ward's estate. It would also eliminate the requirement that the probate court prepare the forms for a "good Samaritan" guardianship. The act would also eliminate the need for further service of notice to respondents upon continuance of hearing date by probate court. Judiciary

S-2960 MARRIAGE LICENSES (Levesque & Perry) This act would add a new chapter to the general laws entitled "Prevention and Suppression of Contagious Diseases – HIV / AIDS". Included in its provisions would be the repeal of section 23-1-36.1 of the general laws which requires the director of the Department of Health to submit to each city/town clerk's office a packet for distribution to all persons applying for a marriage license. Health & Human Services

S-2963Aaa ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS (Lenihan & Sosnowski) This act would amend various sections of the "Access to Public Records Act" including a reduction of the time period for denial of access from 10 business days to 7 business days, and increased fines for failure to comply with the requirements of this act. Judiciary

S-3043 DISCHARGE OF LIS PENDENS (McCaffrey) This act would require a fee of \$10.00 to be paid in order to discharge a lis pendens recorded by a bailbondsmen. Judiciary

S-3091 TAX LIENS AND TAX SALES (McCaffrey) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 44-9 of the general laws entitled "Tax Sales". The changes would include the repeal of section 44-9-13 – "Entry by collector not required – Recording of tax sale list" and the addition of a new section – 44-9-25.3 "Expedited foreclosure of the rights of redemption on account of vacancy". Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-7025 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (Gemma & Others) This act would prohibit state agencies and political subdivisions from entering into a public contract for services with a contractor unless the work authorization status of newly hired employees is verified. It would also make it a crime to transport or harbor an illegal alien, and establishes various other documentation and verification requirements. Judiciary

H-7032 DESECRATION OF GRAVES (Gallison & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument or any other public statue, monument or gravesite, and would also provide for full restitution of the cost of the damages incurred. Judiciary

H-7082aa ADVERSE POSSESSION (Malik & Others) This act would provide that any land held or preserved by a nonprofit corporation for purposes of conservation or open space is not subject to adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

H-7087 INDEMNITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (Loughlin) This act would now make it mandatory that cities, towns and fire districts indemnify officials for claims arising out of the performance of their official duties. Municipal Government

H-7143 LIBRARIES (Lewiss & Others) This act would place the office of library and information services under the direction of a chief library officer rather than a chief information officer. It would also replace the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) with Ocean State Libraries (OSL). Finance

H-7158 HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS (Malik & Others) This act would reduce school district and municipal health insurance costs by requiring school districts and municipalities to participate in the state health insurance plan through one of two options in which such participation is less expensive to the jurisdiction. It would also allow retired employees to be covered under these options if they so chose. Corporations

H-7165 EMINENT DOMAIN (Lima & Others) This act would prohibit municipalities and related entities from using eminent domain to acquire private property to confer a private benefit or use on a particular private entity. Finance

H-7167 MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (Picard) This act would allow the cities/towns to create a municipal economic development zone within the city/town, and all businesses located within the MED zone must remit the full amount of sales and use taxes to the tax collector of the municipality for a period of 10 years. One-half of the taxes collected must be retained by the municipality to implement the capital improvement component of the MED zone plan. Finance

H-7169 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Lima & Baldelli-Hunt) This act would require a court to issue animal protective orders against persons found guilty of abusing animals. This act would also allow an agent of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or a municipal animal control officer to petition the district or superior court to have any animal confiscated and forfeited that is possessed by a person found guilty of animal abuse. H.E.W.

H-7182 MEDICAL BENEFITS: MILITARY PERSONNEL (Sullivan & Others)
This act would require cities/towns to continue to provide health care benefits to employees who are National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 90 days. Municipal Government

H-7202 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS: EMINENT DOMAIN (Kennedy & Others)
This act would require the preparation of a comprehensive economic development plan when local bodies are seeking to use eminent domain for the purpose of economic development. Finance

H-7204Aaa REVISED APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Mumford & Others)
ART. 18 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES This article would allow municipalities to provide advance notice of proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of any ordinance or regulation via electronic media on a website maintained by the Secretary of State in lieu of publication in a newspaper with local circulation. (Enacted as Public Law 9 effective 5/1/08)

H-7246 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Moffitt & Others)
This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-7279 VACATION TIME (Kilmartin)
This act would prohibit state employees from crediting service time as municipal employees or municipally elected officials as state service for the purpose of computing vacation accrual. Finance

H-7284 DOGS (Serpa & Others)
This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. H.E.W.

H-7354A PERMIT PROGRAM FOR CATS (Fellela & Others)
This act would provide that a licensed releasing agency or licensed pet store offering any cat or kitten for sale or adoption must spay or neuter the cat or kitten prior to the sale or adoption or provide a spay or neuter prepaid certificate. H.E.W.

H-7359 ADVERSE POSSESSION (Lima & Others)
This act would increase the period of time needed to claim title by adverse possession from 10 to 25 years. Judiciary

H-7379 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (Gallison & Others)
This act would require the approval of the senate finance committee and house finance committee prior to the issuance of any community development block grant. Finance

H-7425 **ADVERSE POSSESSION** (Story & Gemma) This act would allow one whom has been in open, notorious and hostile possession of land under the claim and color of title for 15 successive years, and whom also during this time has paid all taxes assessed on such land to be the legal owner of such land. Judiciary

H-7427 **HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Coaty & Others) This act would prohibit health care or any other benefits to school committee members or city/town council members unless such benefits are approved by a 75% vote of the city/town council. Municipal Government

H-7448 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (Lima & Jacquard) This act would change the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purpose of limiting their liability relating to public use of private lands. Finance

H-7481 **TREE WARDENS** (McManus & Others) This act would enable elected town administrators to appoint tree wardens. Municipal Government

H-7503 **HOLIDAYS** (Singleton & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from enacting ordinances or policies which require the renaming of certain holidays and/or the symbols associated with those holidays. Constituent Services

H-7528 **RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION** (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide provisions in the general laws for the composition of the board of directors of the R.I. Airport Corporation, and would require members be appointed by city/town councils of the communities hosting a state airport. Finance

H-7547 **HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Lally) This act would require all cities/towns to continue to provide health care benefits for all employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserves (and their dependents) who are called to active duty. Finance

H-7578 **HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS** (Singleton & Others) This act would make persons who work for the state or a municipality whose spouses also work for the state or a municipality ineligible for any health insurance benefits or any payment in lieu thereof if they are receiving health insurance benefits through their spouses. H.E.W.

H-7599 **CONSTRUCTION JOB-SITE: SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY** (Corvese & Others) This act would require all public works construction projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more to include provisions for a job-site safety program to be designed and administered by a licensed company separate and autonomous from the general contractor. Labor

H-7607 **EXCAVATIONS NEAR UTILITIES** (Pacheco & Others) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Municipal Government

H-7609 **CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP** (Menard & Others) This act would require municipalities to provide the same trash collection services that are provided to single family residences to condominiums, or in the alternative to reimburse condominiums the costs incurred providing these services. Municipal Government

H-7610 **CONTRACTORS' BONDS** (Rose) This act would amend the payment requirements for retainers to secure satisfactory performance of contracts for public works, sewer or water main construction, and also would make these retainers mandatory. Municipal Government

H-7613 **COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING** (Winfield & Flaherty) This act would give priority to bidders whose businesses are owned/operated and located in Rhode Island if their bids are up to 3% higher than the lowest bid or the lowest evaluated or responsive bid. Municipal Government

H-7632 **CODE OF ETHICS** (Trillo) This act would prohibit members of the general assembly holding a leadership position from doing business or entering into a contract with the State of Rhode Island, municipalities, or any major business or non-profit entity. Finance

H-7694 **FEDERAL ENTERPRISE ZONES** (Williams & Others) This act would allow the Enterprise Zone Council to designate a federal enterprise zone, enterprise community, or a state enterprise zone upon its expiration after a request to the appropriate governing authority. Finance

H-7701 **POLITICAL SIGNS** (Slater & Others) This act would regulate political signs, i.e., no signs on public property or on business or commercial property; no signs on residential property without written permission of owner; and signs may only be posted and erected within 60 days of the election and removed no later than 21 days thereafter. Judiciary

H-7711 **DOMESTIC PARTNERS** (McCauley & Others) This act would recognize domestic partnerships as an eligible group under the "Rhode Island Parental and Family Medical Leave Act", and would clearly define those who qualify as domestic partners. In addition, it would recognize the rights of domestic partners for the purposes of funeral arrangement planning and nursing home accommodations. Judiciary

H-7789 **EMINENT DOMAIN** (Moffitt & Others) This act would prohibit certain exercises of eminent domain authority for economic development purposes. Finance

H-7811 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Lima & Others) This act would permit forfeiture of all rights of an owner who overworks, mistreats, fails to feed or inadequately shelters an animal. It would also add failure to provide proper drink and proper veterinary care to the acts that constitute mistreatment, and defines "shelter for a dog". H.E.W.

H-7815 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES: HEALTH PLANS** (Gablinske & Others) This act would prohibit school committee members from participating in any health plan or other benefit plan provided to teachers or other school department employees pursuant to a municipal contract. H.E.W.

H-7818 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would add definitions of "proper food", "proper water" and "proper veterinary care" to the general law chapter (4-1) entitled "Cruelty to Animals". H.E.W.

H-7830A **MOTOR VEHICLES: SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS** (Lally) This act would allow the Department of Transportation to determine the criteria for issuing blanket construction equipment permits to vehicles, including the issuance of special trip permits. This act would also prohibit the Division of Motor Vehicles and local authorities from issuing blanket permits for non-divisible loads weighing in excess of 130,000 lbs. on less than 6 axles. Judiciary

H-7847 **"EVERY COMPANY COUNTS" PROGRAM** (Dennigan & Others) This resolution requests the Department of Economic Development to expand the "Every Company Counts" Program. Finance

H-7890 **ANIMAL ABUSE** (Fellela & Lima) This act would make substantial additions to the general law chapter (4-1) entitled "Cruelty to Animals". It would cover various abuse and neglect crimes and penalties, the ability to impound abused animals along with cost-of-care bonds and liens, and the termination of an unfit owner's interest in the animal. H.E.W.

H-7921 **DOGS AND CATS** (Fellela) This act would establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats committee. It would also establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats fund that would distribute monies to eligible licensed releasing agencies to accomplish the purposes of this act. Finance

H-7934 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Fellela) This act would add various sections to the general law chapter entitled "Cruelty to Animals" including the element of aggravating circumstances, and the use of community service as a sentence. H.E.W.

H-7987 **CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS** (Segal & Others) This act would require that all contractors and their subcontractors, as a condition for bidding on public works contracts, provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers' compensation coverage. Labor

H-7998 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Williamson) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would also require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

H-8001 **PURCHASING: PALPABLE ABUSE OF DISCRETION** (Lima) This act would require that the state and municipalities award contracts for purchases of goods or services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Finance

H-8011 **MOTORCYCLES: DESIGNATED PARKING** (Petrarca & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Judiciary

H-8012 **PUBLIC BUILDINGS: MOTORCYCLES** (Petrarca & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Judiciary

H-8020 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Naughton & Others) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would also require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

H-8027 **RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES** (Lima & Others) This act would restrict the use of radio frequency identification devices for the purpose of tracking the movement or identity of an employee, student, client or any other individual as a condition of obtaining a benefit or services from the agency. Judiciary

H-8188 **ADVERSE POSSESSION** (Carter & Others) This act would increase from 10 years to 20 years the time requirement necessary for a claim of adverse possession to be legally asserted. It would also require anyone claiming property by adverse possession to have paid the real estate taxes on the property during the same time period. Judiciary

H-8190 **FIRE HYDRANT RENTAL FEES** (Coderre & Others) This act would prevent the Public Utilities Commission from requiring the payment of rental fees for fire hydrants from any city/town that has prohibited these fees by enactment of an ordinance. Municipal Government

H-8231 **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES** (Slater) This act would amend certain sections of the general laws relating to redevelopment agencies and redevelopment areas, and the procedures to be followed by the acquiring authority when conveying property acquired by condemnation. Municipal Government

H-8267 **TORT LIABILITY** (Lally) This act would provide that in any tort action against the State of Rhode Island or against any city/town, fire district and/or employees or officials of these entities recovery for damages shall not exceed \$250,000 per occurrence, raised from the current \$100,000 limit. This act would also provide that any employees or officials of these entities would not be sued in their personal or individual capacities except upon an allegation of criminal conduct. Judiciary

H-8315 **JUDGMENTS AGAINST CITIES OR TOWNS** (Lally) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 2% over the U.S. Treasury Bill 4-week rate in effect on the date of the judgment. Judiciary

H-8335 **JUDGMENTS AGAINST CITIES OR TOWNS** (Gemma & Others) This act would reduce the statutory interest assessed against cities/towns on court judgments in civil actions. It would limit instances in which governmental employees can be sued in their individual capacities. Finally, it would also limit the liability of governmental entities under the "joint tortfeasors" law. Judiciary

H-8407 **HISTORICAL CEMETERIES** (Caprio & Others) This act would include historical cemeteries among the sites and landmarks under the control and supervision of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. H.E.W.

H-8408 **HISTORICAL CEMETERIES** (Caprio & Others) This act would require the Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries to maintain a register of the location and contents of historical cemeteries in cooperation with cities/towns. The act would also alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Advisory Commission on Historical Cemeteries. H.E.W.

S-2010 **LIBRARIES** (Bates & Gallo) This act would place the office of library and information services under the direction of a chief library officer rather than a chief information officer. It would also replace the Cooperating Libraries Automated Network (CLAN) with Ocean State Libraries (OSL). Education

S-2017A **PUBLIC BUILDINGS: MOTORCYCLES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2019 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require a court to issue animal protective orders against persons found guilty of abusing animals. This act would also allow an agent of the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals or a municipal animal control officer to petition the district or superior court to have any animal confiscated and forfeited that is possessed by a person found guilty of animal abuse. Judiciary

S-2020 **DESECRATION OF GRAVES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would increase the fines to \$5,000 for the defacing of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument or any other public statue, monument or gravesite, and would also provide for full restitution of the cost of the damages incurred. Judiciary

S-2027aa **ADVERSE POSSESSION** (Bates & Others) This act would provide that any land held or preserved by a nonprofit corporation for purposes of conservation or open space is not subject to adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

S-2037 **EXCAVATION NEAR UTILITIES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Corporations

S-2043 **VICIOUS DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would add the director of the Defenders of Animals or designee to the hearing panel which decides whether a dog should be declared vicious. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2047 **INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-2096 **DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2097 **PERMIT PROGRAM FOR CATS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide that any person offering any cat or kitten for sale or adoption must spay or neuter the cat or kitten prior to the sale or adoption or provide a spay or neuter prepaid certificate. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2101 **DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2113A **RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES** (Ciccone & Others) This act would restrict the use of radio frequency identification devices for the purpose of tracking the movement or identity of an employee, student, client or any other individual as a condition of obtaining a benefit or service from the agency. A recently added section of the act concerns the use of radio frequency identification devices for toll payment. Judiciary

S-2136 **HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS** (Felag & Others) This act would reduce school district and municipal health insurance costs by requiring school districts and municipalities to participate in the state health insurance plan through one of two options in which such participation is less expensive to the jurisdiction. It would also allow retired employees to be covered under these options if they so chose. Finance

S-2146 **MOTORCYCLES: DESIGNATED PARKING** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Judiciary

S-2153 **DOGS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2157 **COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDDING** (Tassoni & Issa) This act would give priority to bidders whose businesses are owned/operated and located in Rhode Island if their bids are up to 3% higher than the lowest bid or the lowest evaluated or responsive bid. Finance

S-2167 **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY ACT** (Perry & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any state or local government agency to deny any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individuals' refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

S-2173 **CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require contractors and their subcontractors to maintain a bona-fide apprentice training program. It would also require contractors and their subcontractors to classify their employees as employees rather than independent contractors. Labor

S-2179 **DOGS AND CATS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats committee. It would also establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats fund that would distribute monies to eligible licensed releasing agencies to accomplish the purposes of this act. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2212 **DOGS** (Perry & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person who keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2243 **CONTRACTORS' BONDS** (Metts & Others) This act would require contractors to furnish bonds when awarded a public works contract in excess of \$200,000, which is an increase from the current \$50,000 limit. Labor

S-2244 **OPEN CONTRACTING ACT** (Metts) This act would establish “The Open Contracting Act” which would prohibit the inclusion of certain contract specifications in bids for public works projects. Labor

S-2254 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would add various sections to the general law chapter entitled “Cruelty to Animals” including the element of aggravating circumstances, and the use of community service as a sentence. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2255 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would add definitions of ‘proper food’, ‘proper water’, and ‘proper veterinary care’ to the general law chapter entitled “Cruelty to Animals”. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2256 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would permit forfeiture of all rights of ownership of a person convicted of mistreatment, failure to feed, etc. an animal , and would provide various entities to which ownership may be awarded. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2266 **PETROLEUM MARINE TERMINALS** (Moura & Walaska) This act would impose special requirements on a local relocation agency seeking to acquire a petroleum marine terminal for public use including providing an alternative marine terminal site. Corporations

S-2344 **INDEMNITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (Maselli & Others) This act would now make it mandatory that cities, towns and fire districts indemnify officials for claims arising out of the performance of their official duties. Judiciary

S-2350 **PURCHASING: PALPABLE ABUSE OF DISCRETION** (McCaffrey) This act would require that the state and municipalities award contracts for purchases of goods or services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Finance

S-2385 **PURCHASING: INTERNATIONAL OUTSOURCING** (DaPonte) This act would prohibit the state and municipalities from awarding a contract for goods and services to be rendered or supplied by a vendor or contractor located outside the United States. Finance

S-2485 **MOTOR VEHICLES: SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS** (McBurney) This act would prohibit the Department of Administration and local authorities from issuing blanket permits for non-divisible loads weighing in excess of 130,000 lbs. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2533 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS: EMINENT DOMAIN** (Sheehan & Tassoni) This act would require the preparation of a comprehensive economic development plan when local bodies are seeking to use eminent domain for the purpose of economic development. Judiciary

S-2554 **CONTRACTORS' BONDS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would amend the payment requirements for retainers to secure satisfactory performance of contracts for public works, sewer or water main construction, and also would make these retainers mandatory. Labor

S-2558 **CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that all contractors and their subcontractors, as a condition for bidding on public works contracts, provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers' compensation coverage. Labor

S-2570 **HISTORIC STRUCTURES** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would make amounts expended over \$1,000 for "qualified rehabilitation expenditures" for historic structures subject to the prevailing wages and payments section of the general laws – 37-13-7. Finance

S-2572 **CONTRACTORS: DISBURSEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would forbid the disbursement of public funds to any contractors or subcontractors on any construction project that has failed to meet certain specified criteria. Finance

S-2582 **CONTRACTORS: PAYMENT OF WAGES** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide that every construction related public works contract in excess of \$1,000 to which a municipality is a party, and which requires the employment of a contractor or provides mortgage guarantees, tax credits or the issuance of bonds or letters of credit, would contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid. Labor

S-2585 **CONTRACTORS: HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prohibit contractors and subcontractors on public works projects from making payment of the cash equivalent of any applicable health care benefit directly to their employees in lieu of actually purchasing the health care benefits for said employee for the applicable time period. Labor

S-2617 **ANIMAL ABUSE** (Tassoni & Others) This act would make substantial additions to the general law chapter (4-1) entitled "Cruelty to Animals". It would cover various abuse and neglect crimes and penalties, the ability to impound abused animals along with cost-of-care bonds and liens, and the termination of an unfit owner's interest in the animal. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-2652 **MEDICAL BENEFITS: MILITARY PERSONNEL** (Moura) This act would require all cities/towns to continue to provide health care benefits to employees who are members of the National Guard and Reserves called to active duty for more than 90 days. Finance

S-2665 **FEDERAL ENTERPRISE ZONES** (Goodwin & Others) This act would allow the Enterprise Zone Council to designate a federal enterprise zone, enterprise community, or a state enterprise zone upon its expiration after a request to the appropriate governing authority. Finance

S-2699 **SIDEWALKS** (Perry & Goodwin) This act would require that, whenever a town council determines that a sidewalk must be repaired, it must give notice to the abutting landowner with regard to grading and conduct a hearing. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2721 **CODE OF ETHICS** (Ciccione & Others) This act would expand the definition of employees of state and local governments to those employees of companies that have contracts with the state, local governments, and their boards, commissions or agencies. Judiciary

S-2728 **EMINENT DOMAIN** (Sheehan & Others) This act would define, limit and restrict the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes. Judiciary

S-2738 **EMINENT DOMAIN** (Sheehan & Others) This act would prohibit municipalities and related entities from using the power of eminent domain to acquire private property for the purpose of conferring a private benefit or use on a particular private entity. Judiciary

S-2748 **EMINENT DOMAIN** (Algiere & Gibbs) This act would prohibit certain exercises of eminent domain authority for economic development purposes. Judiciary

S-2756 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (Levesque) This act would change the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purpose of limiting their liability relating to public use of private lands. Judiciary

S-2764 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Bates) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would also require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Labor

S-2770 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Walaska) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Department of Environmental Management in order to install, repair or replace underground utilities. It would also require that a bond be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. This act would also repeal section 5-20-11 of the general laws entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

[S-2814](#) **HOLIDAYS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from enacting ordinances or policies which require the renaming of certain holidays and/or the symbols associated with those holidays. Judiciary

[S-2967](#) **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES** (Goodwin) This act would amend certain sections of the general laws relating to redevelopment agencies and redevelopment areas, and the procedures to be followed by the acquiring authority when conveying property acquired by condemnation. Judiciary

[S-3015](#) **JUDGMENTS AGAINST CITIES OR TOWNS** (Sosnowski) This act would reduce the statutory interest assessed against cities/towns on court judgments in civil actions. It would limit instances in which governmental employees can be sued in their individual capacities. Finally, it would also limit the liability of governmental entities under the "joint tortfeasors" law. Judiciary

[S-3151](#) **DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION** (Levesque) This act redefines the criteria for certification as a qualified business under the "Distress Areas Economic Revitalization Act". Finance

SPECIAL ACTS for CITIES & TOWNS

BRISTOL

[H-8119](#) Bonds - \$2,000,000 – Construction of Animal Shelter
[H-8217](#) Senior Resident Property Tax Service Credit Program
[H-8325](#) Issuance of Class B License – Proximity to Churches / Schools
[H-8327](#) Date of Revaluation Extended to 2008
[H-8406A](#) Tax Exemption – Roger Williams University

[S-2929](#) Bonds - \$2,000,000 – Construction of Animal Shelter
[S-3009](#) Senior Resident Property Tax Service Credit Program
[S-3032](#) Issuance of Class B License – Proximity to Churches / Schools
[S-3067](#) Date of Revaluation Extended to 2008

BURRILLVILLE

[H-8226](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[H-8397](#) Bonds - \$4,000,000 – Town Senior Center

[S-3002](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[S-3008](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[S-3050](#) Optional Retirement for Police Force – Pension Reform
[S-3035](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[S-3108](#) Bonds - \$4,000,000 – Town Senior Center

CENTRAL FALLS

[H-7369](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[H-8373](#) Homeowner Tax Exemption – Amount Increased

[S-2961](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[S-3122](#) Homeowner Tax Exemption – Amount Increased

CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

[H-8227](#) Bonds - \$17,847,000 – High School / Switch Road Campus
[H-8256](#) Bonds - \$2,706,000 – Chariho Middle School Renovations
[H-8257](#) Bonds - \$4,447,000 – Ryse School Renovations

[S-3064](#) Bonds - \$4,447,000 – Ryse School Renovations
[S-3065](#) Bonds - \$17,847,000 – High School / Switch Road Campus
[S-3066](#) Bonds - \$2,706,000 – Chariho Middle School Renovations
[S-3087](#) Bonds - \$2,706,000 – Chariho Middle School Renovations
[S-3088](#) Bonds - \$4,447,000 – Ryse School Renovations
[S-3089](#) Bonds - \$17,847,000 – High School / Switch Road Campus

CHARLESTOWN

[H-7072](#) Certain Group Homes Eligible for Payment In Lieu of Taxes

[S-2048](#) Certain Group Homes Eligible for Payment In Lieu of Taxes

COVENTRY

[H-7685](#) Regulation of Earth Removal and Gravel Processing
[H-7777](#) Creation/Incorporation of New Town of Westconnaug
[H-7778](#) Coventry Fire District – Charter Amendments

[S-2154](#) Regulation of Earth Removal and Gravel Processing
[S-2192](#) Use of Granite Curbs on Highways by DOT
[S-2287](#) Coventry Fire District – Charter Amendments

CRANSTON

[H-8280](#) Elderly/Disabled Tax Rate Freeze – Income Limits Increased
[H-8371](#) Bonds - \$6,000,000 – Drainage Improvements
[H-8399](#) Bonds - \$6,300,000 – Fire Stations – Construction/Repair
[H-8400](#) Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Financial Software System
[H-8401](#) Bonds - \$10,000,000 – Public Highways Repair
[H-8409](#) Bonds - \$6,000,000 – Acquisition/Protection of Open Space
[H-8429](#) Elderly/Disabled Property Tax Exemption – Amounts Increased

<u>S-2214</u>	Protection of Wild Birds – West Shore of Providence River
<u>S-2273</u>	Additional State Aid – Based on Increased Population at A.C.I.
<u>S-3050</u>	Optional Retirement for Police/Fire – Pension Reform
<u>S-3105</u>	Elderly/Disabled Property Tax Exemption – Amounts Increased
<u>S-3107</u>	Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Financial Software System
<u>S-3109</u>	Bonds - \$10,000,000 – Public Highways Repair
<u>S-3110</u>	Bonds - \$6,000,000 – Drainage Improvements
<u>S-3123</u>	Bonds - \$6,300,000 – Fire Stations – Construction/Repair
<u>S-3137</u>	Bonds - \$6,000,000 – Acquisition/Protection of Open Space

CUMBERLAND

<u>H-7316</u>	Issuance of Full and Limited Class B Licenses (Enacted as Public Law 17 effective 5/30/08)
<u>H-7328</u>	Homestead Exemption – Establishment
<u>H-7822A</u>	Combination of Voting Districts – Senate District 20 (Enacted as Public Law 5 effective 4/9/08)
<u>H-7861</u>	Creation of Real Estate Liens for Unpaid Sewer Charges
<u>H-8034</u>	Affidavits for Changing Party Designation – Senate District 20 (Enacted as Public Law 2 effective 3/13/08)
<u>H-8060</u>	Creation of Real Estate Liens for Unpaid Sewer Charges
<u>H-8081</u>	Homestead Exemption – Establishment
<u>H-8413</u>	Bonds - \$2,000,000 – Sewer Facilities
<u>H-8414</u>	Bonds - \$2,500,000 – Road Improvements
<u>H-8415</u>	Bonds - \$1,500,000 – Recreational Facilities
<u>S-2152</u>	Issuance of Full and Limited Class B Licenses
<u>S-2163</u>	Homestead Exemption – Establishment
<u>S-2696</u>	Creation of Real Estate Liens for Unpaid Sewer Charges
<u>S-2785</u>	Affidavits for Changing Party Designation – Senate District 20
<u>S-3138</u>	Bonds - \$2,000,000 – Sewer Facilities
<u>S-3139</u>	Bonds - \$1,500,000 – Recreational Facilities
<u>S-3148</u>	Bonds - \$2,500,000 – Road Improvements

EAST GREENWICH

<u>S-2667</u>	Bonds - \$52,000,000 – Schools / School Facilities
<u>S-2701</u>	Bonds - \$4,000,000 – Public Buildings Conversions

EAST PROVIDENCE

<u>H-7050</u>	Weight Restrictions for Parking on State Roadways
<u>H-7618</u>	Construction of Underground Transmission Line
<u>H-8125</u>	Construction of Underground Transmission Line

[S-2441](#) Construction of Underground Transmission Line
[S-2901](#) Construction of Underground Transmission Line

EXETER

[H-7777](#) Creation/Incorporation of New Town of Westconnaug
[H-8339](#) Assessment and Taxation of New Real Estate Construction

[S-3113](#) Assessment and Taxation of New Real Estate Construction

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

[H-7554](#) Bonds - \$5,877,308 – Schools / School Facilities

[S-2457](#) Bonds - \$5,877,308 – Schools / School Facilities
(Enacted as Public Law 8 effective 4/17/08)

FOSTER

[H-7041](#) Appropriations for Tyler Free Library and Foster Ambulance Corps
[H-7777](#) Creation/Incorporation of New Town of Westconnaug
[H-8372](#) Establishment of Abbey Lane Condominium Assn. Water District

GLOCESTER

[H-7041](#) Appropriation for West Gloucester Fire Department
[H-7777](#) Creation/Incorporation of New Town of Westconnaug
[H-8226](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[H-8362](#) Bonds - \$500,000 – Acquisition of Open Space

[S-3002](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[S-3008](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[S-3035](#) Dam Management Districts – Fee Collection / Tax Exemptions
[S-3125](#) Bonds - \$500,000 – Acquisition of Open Space

HOPKINTON

[S-3050](#) Optional Retirement for Police Force – Pension Reform

JAMESTOWN

- [H-8131](#) Limitation of Restrictive Covenants- Commerce Oil Refining Corp.
[H-8199](#) Repeal of Construction of Jamestown Bridge Fishing Area / Park
[H-8211](#) Sales Tax Exemption for Writers, etc. in Arts District
- [S-2634](#) Repeal of Construction of Jamestown Bridge Fishing Area / Park
[S-2774](#) Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc.
[S-2805](#) Fees for Vessels to Unload at Town Anchorage
[S-2912](#) Limitation of Restrictive Covenants- Commerce Oil Refining Corp.

JOHNSTON

- [H-7044](#) Sales Tax Exemption – Project Status – A. Duie Pyle, Inc.
[H-7238](#) Disposal of Solid Waste Violations – Enforcement Reimbursement
[H-7260](#) Homestead Exemption – Qualification Change
[H-7355](#) Transfer of School Dept. to William E. Davies Vocational Area
[H-8029](#) Bonds - \$3,000,000 – Library Construction
[H-8030](#) Bonds - \$7,100,000 – Construction of Sanitary Sewers
- [S-2016](#) Sales Tax Exemption – Project Status – A. Duie Pyle, Inc.
[S-2071](#) Transfer of School Dept. to William E. Davies Vocational Area
[S-2164](#) Homestead Exemption – Qualification Change
[S-2171](#) Disposal of Solid Waste Violations – Enforcement Reimbursement
[S-2532](#) Disposal of Solid Waste Violations – Enforcement Reimbursement
[S-2695](#) Bonds - \$3,000,000 – Library Construction
[S-2700](#) Bonds - \$7,100,000 – Construction of Sanitary Sewers
[S-3050](#) Optional Retirement for Police Force – Pension Reform

KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

- [H-7045](#) Water to Biotechnology Manufacturing Facilities – Provision Repealed
[H-8359](#) Request for PUC to Deny Proposed Rate Increase Request
(Enacted as Resolution 280 effective 6/10/08)
- [S-2703](#) Increase in Salaries for Board Members
[S-3128](#) Request for PUC to Deny Proposed Rate Increase Request
(Enacted as Resolution 322 effective 6/18/08)

LINCOLN

- [H-7040Aaa](#) Authorization for Twin River to Operate on a 24 Hour Basis
(Enacted as Public Law 13 effective 5/6/08)
- [H-7071](#) Authorization for Twin River to Operate on a 24 Hour Basis
[H-7096](#) Authorization for Twin River to Operate on a 24 Hour Basis
[H-7142](#) Constitutional Amendment to Allow Casino Gambling

- [H-7161](#) Expansion of Hours of Operation for Twin River – Local Approval
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- [S-2891](#) Weight and Axle Restrictions on Pawtucket River Bridge
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