

Report for VFW State Convention 5 June 2021

At this point in the legislative session, the RIGA has introduced over 2300 bills/resolutions. Of these bills/resolutions 52 are bills that affect veterans.

As of Thursday 3 June only 6 veterans' bills/resolutions have passed both the House and Senate.

They are House bills 5012 SUB A/companion Senate bill S-0002 SUB A, which would:

BY Slater, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NURSING HOME STAFFING AND QUALITY CARE ACT (Mandates minimum staffing levels, standards for quality care for nursing homes and their residents, and provides wage increases subject to the rate of inflation.

Senate Resolution S-0696, BY Felag, Ruggerio, Picard, Raptakis

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION THANKING AND HONORING AMERICA'S AND RHODE ISLAND'S VIETNAM WAR VETERANS AND ASKING THAT ALL RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS REMEMBER THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE ON BEHALF OF OUR NATION ON "VIETNAM VETERANS DAY" THAT OCCURS ANNUALLY ON THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF MARCH.

Senate bill S-0863/companion bill H-6286, which would

, BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Removes the word "war" from the sentence "honorable discharged war veteran.")

House Resolution H-5784, which would:

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A BEIRUT MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED AT THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE (Reinstates the life, extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study and recommend a plan and design for a Beirut Memorial located at the RI

State House, from April 30, 2020, to January 5, 2022, and expire on March 5, 2022.)

Thirty-six (36) veterans' bills/resolutions have been "Held for Further Study".

The other ten (10) veterans' bills/resolutions are in various Senate and House committees awaiting action.

If there are any questions on local veterans' legislation, I will try to answer them?

*If not please go to our VFWRI.ORG website and under the **RESOURCES TAB** click on **REPORTS AND FORMS** and you can view the current status of all veterans' legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly.*

Respectfully,

*John P Gallo Sr., Chairman
Legislation Committee*