

ALL VETERANS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS-2024 SESSION 4-5-24

Senate Bill No. 2126/S-2837/H-7330

BY Felag, F. Lombardi, Britto, Raptakis, Ujifusa, Gallo, Lombardo, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

{LC3881/1}

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended passage

04/02/2024 Senate read and passed

04/03/2024 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

Senate Bill No. 2128/H-7058

BY Felag, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Lombardo, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.)

{LC3884/1}

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2172

BY Murray, Pearson, Lauria, Quezada, Ujifusa, Tikoian, DiPalma, Acosta, Cano, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) with respect to municipal taxes.)

{LC4255/1}

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2242/H-7326

BY Kallman, Valverde, DiMario, Miller, Britto, Gu, Cano, Bell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day.)

{LC3521/1}

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2316/H-7030

BY Ciccone, Burke, Britto, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Reduces the assessment by the Rhode Island Veterans Home against a resident's net income from eighty percent (80%) to fifty percent (50%).)

{LC4504/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2322

BY Bissaillon, Felag, Ruggerio, Burke, Britto, Murray, Zurier, DiPalma, LaMountain
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION -- LIFE ESTATE (Entitles holders of a life estate to real property to use any
veteran's tax exemptions available to them.)

{LC3436/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2328

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN (Grants the town of Jamestown the legal
authority to grant a tax dollar reduction to gold star parents and to visually impaired persons.)

{LC4831/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2024 Committee recommends passage

Tuesday, 04/09/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#)

Senate Bill No. 2329

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Acosta, Britto, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --
RETIREMENT SYSTEM--MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of the
retirement system who served in the National Guard or reserves and who qualifies as veterans to
purchase retirement service credits.)

{LC3779/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2349

BY Paolino, E Morgan, Quezada, Pearson, Picard, Acosta, Ciccone, Cano, LaMountain, Mack
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE
ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Establishes a revolving
fund to assist first-time home buyers and veterans to purchase a home in Rhode Island by issuing
grants of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)

{LC4781/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2352/H-7595

BY Raptakis, Felag, Bissaillon, Euer, E Morgan, Ujifusa, Lauria, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD
(Raises the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to Rhode Island
National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

{LC4823/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2373

BY Sosnowski, DiPalma, Felag, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
TAXATION (Allows municipalities to establish a program providing property tax exemption to
active duty individuals who volunteer services as a firefighter or emergency medical technician.)

{LC3640/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2375

BY Ujifusa, Bissaillon, Quezada, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Miller, Murray, Valverde, Cano
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.)

{LC4460/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Senate Bill No. 2457

BY Euer, F. Lombardi, Felag, McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime while residing on a military installation located in Rhode Island.)

{LC4586/1}

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Resolution No. 2492

BY Ujifusa, Mack, de la Cruz, Gu, Quezada, Felag, Kallman, Acosta, F. Lombardi, Lauria
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 15, 2024, AS "THE 1ST RHODE ISLAND REGIMENT/BLACK REGIMENT RECOGNITION DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK SOLDIERS DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR

{LC5068/1}

02/15/2024 Recommended for Immediate Consideration

02/15/2024 Senate read and passed

Senate Bill No. 2694/H-7538

BY Felag, Raptakis, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veteran's spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)

{LC3896/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2699/H-7582

BY Gu, Raptakis, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that the applicant for a Bronze Star Medal license plate pay a registration fee or transfer charge.)

{LC3924/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2700/H-7609

BY Felag, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees, by anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.)

{LC4903/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Senate Bill No. 2837/S-2126/H-7330

(Veterans)

BY Felag, Ujifusa, Acosta, E Morgan, Raptakis, Euer, Lauria, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

{LC4455/1}

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7025

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Solomon, Phillips, J. Lombardi, Hull, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE LOTTERY (Designates a special account for veterans' causes to be funded by Keno sales, less prizes and commissions, generated on Memorial Day and Veterans Day with disbursement pursuant to appropriation by the general assembly.)

{LC3324/1}

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7030/S-2316

BY Azzinaro, Solomon, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Reduces the assessment by the Rhode Island Veterans Home against a resident's net income from eighty percent (80%) to fifty percent (50%).)

{LC3326/1}

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7058/S-2128

BY Azzinaro, Shallcross Smith, Vella-Wilkinson, Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Solomon, Phillips, J. Lombardi, Hull, Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- POSTING OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES (Requires employers in the state with more than 50 employees to display a poster containing basic information on veterans' benefits and services be created and distributed by the DLT in consultation with the office of veterans services.)

{LC3329/1}

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

02/14/24 Committee recommended passage

02/29/2024 House read and passed

03/01/2024 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

House Bill No. 7073

BY Azzinaro, Solomon, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Corvese, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.)

{LC3327/1}

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/19/2024 Committee recommends passage

04/02/2024 House read and passed

House Resolution No. 7074

BY Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Azzinaro, J. Lombardi, Hull, Chippendale

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE 118TH CONGRESS H.R.6121 -- THE FILIPINO VETERANS FAIRNESS ACT OF 2023

{LC3829/1}

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

01/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7184

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Hull, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Noret, Ackerman, Morales, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS-MILITARY SPOUSE LIAISON (Establishes the position of military spouse liaison, in the office of veteran's services, to conduct outreach and advocate on behalf of military spouses in the state.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

01/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7243

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- TAX EXEMPTIONS -- JAMESTOWN (Grants the town of Jamestown the legal authority to grant a tax dollar reduction to gold star parents and to visually impaired persons.)

{LC4308/1}

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/08/2024 Committee recommends passage

02/14/2024 House read and passed

03/01/2024 Referred to Senate Finance

04/02/2024 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

House Bill No. 7254

BY Finkelman, Noret, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of retirement systems who also served in the National Guard or reserves to purchase retirement services credits.)

{LC3849/1}

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7276

BY P. Morgan, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Establishes a revolving fund to assist first-time home buyers and veterans to purchase a home in Rhode Island by issuing grants of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)

{LC3998/1}

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7326/S-2242

BY Stewart, Morales, Kislak, Donovan, Potter, Sanchez, Boylan, Handy, Dawson, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS (Changes the name of the holiday on the second Monday of August from Victory Day to Peace and Remembrance Day.)

{LC3747/1}

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7330/S-2126/S-2837

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Fellela, Azzinaro, Serpa, Place, Nardone, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

{LC4454/1}

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7383

BY Voas, Solomon, Casimiro, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Giraldo, Finkelman, Batista, McNamara, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) with respect to municipal taxes.)

{LC4609/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7389

BY Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Rea

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES (Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.)

{LC4117/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

House Bill No. 7538/S-2694

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Solomon, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Rea, Finkelman, Ajello, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES (Permits disabled veterans to be issued several disabled veteran plates, permits plates to be transferred to their spouse or caretaker during the veteran's life and would allow disabled veteran plates to be issued for a commercial vehicle of any size.)

{LC4894/1}

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7552

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Solomon, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Rea, Finkelman, Ajello, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Provides that every city and town must maintain a municipal veterans' service officer. Also authorizes a one hundred thousand dollar (\$100,000) appropriation to be used to fund matching grants for the support and outreach for veterans.)

{LC4875/1}

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7556

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Shanley, Dawson, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Hull, Solomon, Chippendale, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION FEES (Allows veterans with "Disabled Veterans" license plates to all the rights and privileges to persons possessing a disability parking permit. There would be no requirement of a parking privilege placard to be displayed in the vehicle.)

{LC4876/1}

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7582/S-2699

(by request)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER VEHICLES --
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the requirement that the applicant for a Bronze Star Medal license plate pay a registration fee or transfer charge.)

{LC5002/1}

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7595/S-2352

(by request)

BY Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS -- NATIONAL GUARD
(Raises the amount of life insurance the state would provide at no charge to Rhode Island National Guard members called up for federal duty to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

{LC4963/1}

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 7609/S-2700

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Place, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, J. Lombardi, Solomon, Abney, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevent the unethical, improper conduct and the collection of fees, by anyone advising or assisting a veteran filing a claim for disability benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs except as authorized by federal law.)

{LC4927/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Resolution No. 7690

BY McEntee, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Solomon, Casey, Hull, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (RI VFW) FOR THE RI VETERANS SERVICES OFFICERS (VSO) PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode Island Department of Veterans Of Foreign Wars (RI VFW) for the RI Veterans Services Officers (VSO) Program.)

{LC5080/1}

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7889

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Increases the real property exemptions of veterans and the elderly residing in the Town of West Warwick.)

{LC5355/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 7925

BY Fenton-Fung, Phillips, Donovan, Perez, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS (Creates a tax credit for family caregivers in an amount up to \$5,000 for eligible family members and \$6,000 for veterans based on 50% of the amount of eligible expenditures spent on eligible family members commencing January 1, 2025 and thereafter.)

{LC5443/1}

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

House Bill No. 8045

BY Noret, Serpa, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Names the intersections of Main Street with Legris Avenue and West Warwick Avenue (Route 117), in the town of West Warwick, as Veterans' Square.)

{LC5674/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

Tuesday, 03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

House Bill No. 8076

BY DeSimone, Azzinaro, Kennedy, O'Brien, Slater, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Place, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- LIFE ESTATE (Entitles holders of a life estate to real property to use any veteran's tax exemptions available to them.)

{LC5584/1}

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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Respectfully Submitted,

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