

## Legislation Committee Report for CoA October 2022

**This General Assembly sixty-six (66) veterans' bills/resolutions that were introduced in the RI General Assembly, there have been 24 veterans' bills/resolutions that were passed this session.**

**This does not include H-7123 as Amended, the budget for FY23. The governor signed the budget bill on June 27th. The exemption of ALL military pension income from RI state income tax is effective in the tax year beginning on January 1, 2023.**

**Here are the bills/resolutions that were passed:**

### **House Resolution No. 6606**

Resolution 237

**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Casimiro, Noret, Place, Abney, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (Same as 21H-6285-Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations for a plan and design of a Vietnam Memorial to be located in the City of Providence, and who would report back to the House by January 31, 2023, and expire on April 30, 2023.)

{LC3463/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/29/2022 Committee recommends passage

04/13/2022 House read and passed

### **House Bill No. 6607/Companion bill S-2494**

Chapter 085

**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, Corvese, Casey, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF THE LEASE OF THE BENEFIT STREET ARMORY BETWEEN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE PROVIDENCE MARINE CORPS OF ARTILLERY (Same as 21H-5669 -  
- Authorizes the Department of Administration to amend lease to Providence Marine Corps of Artillery to use hall for promotion of the arsenal and to sublease the rented space.) {LC3464/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/29/2022 Committee recommends passage

04/13/2022 House read and passed

04/26/2022 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/01/2022 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/07/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/15/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 6617/Companion bill S-2105**

Chapter 047

**BY** Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Kazarian, Kennedy, Fenton-Fung, Noret  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND  
NEGLECTED CHILDREN (Same as 21H-6235 -- Establishes a military family  
advocacy program to address child abuse and neglect in military families.)

{LC3494/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/27/2022 Committee recommends passage

05/04/2022 House read and passed

05/31/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/07/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 6656/Companion bill S-2118 Sub A**

**BY** O'Brien, Baginski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS (Same as  
21H-6004 Sub A as amended --Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize  
electronically transmitted ballots.)

{LC3490/1}

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

06/14/2022 Committee recommends passage

06/17/2022 House read and passed

06/22/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/22/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7136/Companion bill S-2996**

**BY** Alzate, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Corvese, Casimiro, Place, Serpa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY  
- ANIMAL CARE (Waives the adoption fee to adopt a dog or cat from a public  
animal shelter for a veteran that presents a current and valid driver's license or  
identification card with the word "veteran" printed on its face.)

{LC3783/1}

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/26/2022 Committee recommends passage

05/04/2022 House read and passed

05/20/2022 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/07/2022 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/23/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/24/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7143/Companion bill S-2059**

**BY** Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS EXEMPTIONS (Allows the town of North Smithfield town council to provide veterans' and gold star parents exemptions from real estate taxes.)

{LC3805/1}

01/20/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/31/2022 Committee recommends passage

04/12/2022 House read and passed

04/26/2022 Referred to Senate Finance

06/07/2022 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/21/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/21/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7205 as amended/Companion bill S-2346**

Chapter 018

**BY** Amore, Henries, Cassar, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts from real and property tax The American Legion Riverside Post 10 in the city of East Providence.)

{LC3363/1}

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/22/2022 Committee recommends passage

03/31/2022 House read and passed

04/12/2022 Senate passed as amended (floor amendment)

04/26/2022 House passed as amended in concurrence

05/04/2022 Effective without Governor's signature

**House Resolution No. 7268 SUB A**

Resolution 400

**BY** Kennedy, Abney, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIFORM MULTI-STATE NURSING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.)

{LC4383/A/2}

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

06/21/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/22/2022 House passed Sub A

**House Bill No. 7349/Companion bill S-2955**

**BY** Kazarian, Amore, Henries, Cassar, Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Allows the city of East Providence to adopt a tax exemption classification for disabled veterans who have a disability rating of less than one hundred percent (100%).)

{LC4219/1}

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/31/2022 Committee recommends passage

04/12/2022 House read and passed

04/26/2022 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/24/2022 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/21/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/27/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7468 SUB A/Companion bill S-2669**

Chapter 111 (by request)

**BY** McGaw, Carson, Cortvriend, Abney, Donovan, Williams, Cassar, Ruggiero, Alzate, Felix

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- BLACK REGIMENT MONUMENT COMMISSION (Establishes the Black Regiment Monument Commission to maintain the Black Regiment Monument located in Patriots Park in Portsmouth and its surrounding grounds/promotes the commemoration of the Black Regiment.)

{LC4410/A/4}

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/26/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/31/2022 House passed Sub A

06/16/2022 Senate passed Sub A in concurrence

06/21/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7514/ Companion bill S-2136**

Chapter 071

**BY** Edwards, Azzinaro, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Creates a special motor vehicle registration plate for recipients of the United States Bronze Star Medal.)

{LC4741/1}

02/16/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

05/19/2022 Committee recommends passage

05/24/2022 House read and passed

06/09/2022 Senate passed in concurrence

06/15/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7714 SUB A/Companion bill S-2425 SUB A**

Chapter 067

**BY** Azzinaro, McEntee

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS (Creates the crime of stolen valor, for falsely representing himself or herself as a member of the military or armed forces, which is punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.)

{LC5383/A/1}

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/27/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/05/2022 House passed Sub A

06/09/2022 Senate passed Sub A in concurrence

06/15/2022 Signed by Governor

**House Bill No. 7824 SUB A/Companion bill S-2995**

(Office of Veteran Services)

**BY** McLaughlin, Hull, McNamara, Corvese, Bennett, Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Authorizes the administration of the division of motor vehicles to make available, to Purple Heart Medal recipients, up to two (2) sets of special registration plates.)

{LC5047/A/1}

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

04/26/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/03/2022 House passed Sub A

05/20/2022 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/07/2022 Committee recommends passage of Sub A in concurrence

06/24/2022 Senate passed Sub A in concurrence

06/24/2022 Signed by Governor

**Stay safe and well.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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