

Vets Weekly Legis. Update 06-23-2025

The RI General Assembly has introduced 2594 bills/resolutions, so far this session. Of these 2594 bills/resolutions 45 affect veterans. Below & attached are those bills that have had actions this past week and those scheduled for actions this coming week plus their current status

Senate Bill No. 71 SUB A as amended

BY Felag, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection and prevents 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.)

{LC238/A/1}

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/12/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/17/2025 Senate passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)

06/20/2025 House passed Sub A as amended in concurrence

Senate Bill No. 75 as amended

Chapter 082

BY Felag, Raptakis, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.)

{LC510/1}

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/30/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/08/2025 Senate passed as amended (floor amendment)

05/09/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

06/04/2025 Committee recommends passage as amended in concurrence

06/12/2025 House passed as amended in concurrence

06/17/2025 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 98

BY Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Provides tax credits or the equivalent assessment dollars to veterans, gold star parents, visually impaired persons and the elderly.)

{LC640/1}

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

06/05/2025 Committee recommends passage

06/10/2025 Senate read and passed

06/18/2025 House passed in concurrence

06/18/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 625 SUB A

(Veterans Services)

BY Felag, LaMountain, Raptakis, Lauria, Thompson, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNIFORM AERONAUTICAL REGULATORY ACT (Adds "space force" to the branches of the military included in various sections of general law regarding the veterans home, veterans cemetery and the power of armed forces officers to take acknowledgements.)

{LC1323/A/1}

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/30/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/08/2025 Senate read and passed

05/09/2025 Referred to House State Government & Elections

06/09/2025 Committee transferred to House Veterans Affairs

06/12/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/16/2025 House passed Sub A

06/18/2025 Senate passed Sub A in concurrence

06/18/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Senate Bill No. 1062

BY Felag, Raptakis, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the East Bay Bike Path Bridge, located in the Town of Warren, the Cpl. Richard C. Brule Bridge.)

{LC2890/1}

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/02/2025 Committee recommends passage

06/04/2025 Senate read and passed

06/17/2025 House passed in concurrence

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5043 SUB A

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES (Provides protection from 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.)

{LC40/A/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/08/2025 Committee recommends passage

04/29/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/18/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/20/2025 Senate passed Sub A

06/20/2025 House passed Sub A in concurrence

House Bill No. 5081 SUB A

Chapter 081

BY Boylan, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Azzinaro, Giraldo, Casimiro, Abney, Ackerman, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.)

{LC67/A/1}

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/04/2025 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/27/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/02/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/10/2025 Senate passed Sub A
06/12/2025 House passed Sub A in concurrence
06/17/2025 Signed by Governor

House Bill No. 5309 SUB A

BY Voas, Giraldo, Messier, Stewart, Casey, Finkelman, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Read, Solomon

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.)

{LC871/A/2}

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/28/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/16/2025 House passed Sub A

House Bill No. 5370

BY Casimiro, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

(Provides tax credits or the equivalent assessment dollars to veterans, gold star parents, visually impaired persons and the elderly.)

{LC1242/1}

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

06/10/2025 Committee recommends passage

06/16/2025 House read and passed

06/18/2025 Senate passed in concurrence

06/18/2025 Transmitted to Governor

House Bill No. 5460

BY Azzinaro, Hull, Abney, Read, Fellela, Casimiro, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- UNIFORM AERONAUTICAL

REGULATORY ACT (Adds "space force" to many sections of the general laws, listing of military branches.)

{LC1288/1}

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

03/13/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/27/2025 House read and passed

05/31/2025 Referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/02/2025 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/18/2025 Senate passed in concurrence

06/18/2025 Transmitted to Governor

Respectfully Submitted,

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