

### **Vets Weekly Legis. Update 04-12-2025**

The RI General Assembly has introduced 2207 bills/resolutions, so far this session. Of these 2207 bills/resolutions 37 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. There were no new veterans bills introduced this past week.

#### **Senate Bill No. 363**

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Appollonio, Burke, Euer, Bissaillon, Lauria

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student", "advance enrollment" and "open enrollment" to give them flexibility in choosing a school district.)

{LC1234/1}

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

#### **Senate Bill No. 591 SUB A**

**BY** Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Euer

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet River Bridge as the "Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet River Bridge.")

{LC2126/A/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/19/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/25/2025 Senate read and passed

03/26/2025 Referred to House Special Legislation

04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

Thursday, 04/10/2025 [Placed on House Calendar](#)

#### **Senate Bill No. 625**

(Veterans Services)

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

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (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.)

{LC1323/1}

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

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

#### **Senate Bill No. 720**

**BY** Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, Mack, Quezada, Vargas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.)

{LC1618/1}

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/10/2025 Committee recommends passage

Tuesday, 04/22/2025 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#)

#### **Senate Bill No. 757**

**BY** Patalano, DiMario, Ciccone, Appollonio, Thompson, Tikoian, Lawson, Burke, Britto, Urso

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a National Guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)

{LC2273/1}

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**House Bill No. 5043**

**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.)

{LC40/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/08/2025 Committee recommends passage

**House Bill No. 5051 SUB A**

**BY** Azzinaro, Edwards, Fellela, Casimiro, Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO RENAMING THE NEW SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE, AQUIDNECK ISLAND (Names the new Sakonnet River Bridge as the "Staff Sergeant Christopher Potts Sakonnet River Bridge." This act would take effect upon passage.)

{LC445/A/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

04/10/2025 House passed Sub A

**House Bill No. 5053**

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

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

{LC41/1}

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**House Bill No. 5887**

**BY** Stewart, Morales, Cruz, Tanzi, Sanchez, Kazarian, Alzate, Handy, Kislak, Potter

**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.)

{LC2067/1}

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Respectfully Submitted,

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