

## **Vets Weekly Legis. Update 05-03-2025**

The RI General Assembly has introduced 2286 bills/resolutions, so far this session. Of these 2286 bills/resolutions 42 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. 29**

**BY** Raptakis, Felag, Britto, Tikoian, Patalano, Burke, Dimitri, Morgan, Valverde, Ujifusa, LaMountain

**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).)

{LC42/1}

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

### **Senate Bill No. 71**

**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.)

{LC238/1}

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

04/30/2025 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

04/30/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

### **Senate Bill No. 75**

**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 [Scheduled for consideration](#)

04/30/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/08/2025 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#)

### **Senate Bill No. 76 SUB A**

**BY** Gu, Felag

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

{LC196/A/1}

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

04/30/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/08/2025 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (05/08/2025)

**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

05/06/2025 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

**Senate Bill No. 444**

**BY** DiPalma, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Dimitri, Appollonio

**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 qualify as veterans, to purchase retirement service credits based on their years of service in the National guard or reserves.)

{LC1225/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/08/2025 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

**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

04/10/2025 House passed Sub A

05/01/2025 Senate passed Sub A in concurrence

05/01/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**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

04/30/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/08/2025 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#)

**Senate Bill No. 720**

**BY** Ciccone, Bissailon, 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

05/01/2025 Senate read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/06/2025 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

**Senate Bill No. 914 SUB A**

**BY** Felag, Ciccone, Euer, Thompson, Lauria, Appollonio, LaMountain, Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

{LC2612/A/1}

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/30/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/01/2025 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#)

**Senate Bill No. 990**

**BY** Dimitri, Thompson, Patalano, Burke, Britto, Appollonio, Tikoian  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN VETERAN EMPOWERMENT ACT ("SAVE ACT") (Establishes the "safeguarding American veteran empowerment act".)

{LC2267/1}

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/30/2025 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

04/29/2025 House read and passed

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

**House Bill No. 5081**

**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.)

{LC67/1}

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

**House Bill No. 5307**

(City of Providence)

**BY** DeSimone, Biah, Azzinaro, Ajello, Diaz, Slater, Hull  
**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.)

{LC972/1}

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

03/20/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/27/2025 House read and passed

04/17/2025 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/01/2025 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

**House Bill No. 5780**

**BY** Read, Azzinaro, Noret, Finkelman, Serpa, Paplauskas, Place, Casimiro, Solomon, Casey  
**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.)

{LC1631/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**House Bill No. 6248**

**BY** Cotter, Speakman, Spears, Chippendale, Potter, Giraldo, McGaw, Carson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES-TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM (Enables any city or town council to adopt a property tax deferral program for senior citizens and disabled persons or veterans.)

{LC2748/1}

04/23/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**House Resolution No. 6269**

Resolution 257

**BY** Azzinaro, Fellela, Lombardi, Shallcross Smith, Santucci, Casimiro, Read, Costantino, Lima  
**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE 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 (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study a plan and the design of a Vietnam Memorial in Providence, from January 31, 2025, to January 31, 2028, and said commission would expire on April 30, 2028.)

{LC2802/1}

04/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/29/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/01/2025 House read and passed

**House Bill No. 6275**

**BY** Furtado, Kazarian, Boylan, Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES (Includes an individual who is seventy-five (75) years of age or older with a combined disability rating of fifty percent (50%), as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)

{LC2757/1}

04/25/2025 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

04/29/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Respectfully,

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