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Senate	Sponsor	Companion Bill	Title	Intent	Committee	Activity	Taxation and Fees	Workforce	Regulatory & Reporting
9	Miller	N/A	RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS	This act would establish penalties for unfair practices by electronic payment systems	Corporations; Transferred to Commerce	Scheduled for hearing on 2/26; Committee heard; transferred to Senate Commerce			x
11	Bates	5269	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - FRANCHISE TAX	This act would provide each corporation with a credit against the franchise tax, not to exceed four hundred dollars ($400), of one hundred dollars ($100) for each employee of such entity as of the last day of its preceding tax year. It would further exempt any corporation from the payment of the franchise tax in the first three (3) years of its incorporation.	Corporations; Finance	Committee transferred to Senate Finance	x		

20	Felag	5137	AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS	DOT shall have full charge and control of the operation and maintenance of the RI stone bridge across Sakonnet River connecting the island of RI with the mainland, and the bridge is hereby made a part of the state highway system. The department shall appoint the attendants and other employees as may be required for the care and operation of the bridge, and in all matters of the care, operation, and maintenance of the bridge the department shall exercise full authority. All appropriations for the care, maintenance, and repair of the bridge shall be expended under thedirection of the department; and provided, however, that any repairs and/or replacement of the bridge across the Sakonnet river shall not result in or otherwise cause any toll charge or fee.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing on 2/13; Committee recommends measure be held for further study	x		
23	Bates	5194	RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX	This act would provide for a capital gains tax exemption with respect to investments made in Rhode Island businesses, provided certain conditions are met	Finance	Committee recommended measure be held for further study	x		

25 Sub A	Raptakis, Miller, McCaffrey, Algiere, and Lynch	N/A	RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES--TAXATION OF BEVERAGES	This act would require each Class A licensee authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to file an annual report with the division of taxation, detailing sales information and tax collections on such sales.	Finance	Committee recommends passage of Sub A; Scheduled for Senate Calendar 2/5/13; Placed on Senate Calendar for 2/5; Senate passed Sub A; Referred to House Finance	x		
28	Bates, Walaska, E O`Neill, Cote, and Hodgson	N/A	RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would exempt the sale, storage, and use or other consumption in this state of an automobile powered one hundred percent (100%) by electricity from the provisions of the sale and use taxes imposed by this chapter as well as the trade-in allowance of an automobile of the buyer given in trade to the seller, or proceeds received from an insurance claim as a result of a stolen or damaged automobile towards the purchase of a new or used electric powered automobile by the buyer along with certain promotional and product literature.	Finance	Committee recommended measure be held for further study	x		

31	Bates, Walaska, E O`Neill, Cote, and Sosnowski	N/A	RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	This act would increase from three (3) to five (5) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.	Housing & Municipal Government; Transferred to Senate Finance	Transferred to Senate Finance	x		
52	Lombardi	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS	This act would require all bidders on public works projects to provide evidence of workers' compensation coverage.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	x	x	
61	Sheehan	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND REGULATORY REFORM ACT	The status of the agency rule review required pursuant to subsection 42-35-3.4(d) including the number of rules reviewed within the previous quarter, the number of rules amended or rescinded and the estimated aggregate impact of such amendments or rescissions on businesses in Rhode Island.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 3/12; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			x
63	Bates, Sosnowski, Walaska, Kettle, and Ottiano	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY COORDINATING BOARD	This act would provide for an addition to the duties of the Rhode Island renewable energy coordinating board to include a forum on ways to support sustainable community development, the creation of green job opportunities and opportunities for the long-term unemployed, displaced workers and recent college graduates.	Environment & Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (2/27); Commtitee recommended measure be held for further study.			

69	Cote	5092, 5367	RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would exempt from sales and use tax that portion of motor vehicle lease payments collected to be remitted for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise tax or any other similar tax.	Finance		x		
71	Kettle	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND FRANCHISE TAX	This act would repeal the minimum business corporation tax and the minimum franchise tax. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to all returns and payments which would otherwise be required for the calendar year 2013 and thereafter.	Finance		x		
72	Crowley	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ARTS DISTRICT	This act would permit city and town councils to designate arts districts and arts and entertainment districts within the respective municipalities. Residents of such districts would be eligible for tax exemptions.	Finance		x		
73	Walaska	5017	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT	The council may add that portion of block 4018 of federal census tract 223, that constitutes the Pontiac Mills site located along the Pawtuxet River in the city of Warwick, as approved by the Warwick city council.	Finance				
75	Crowley	5091	RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS DISTRICT	Defining an arts distict in city Central Falls and town of Cumberland.	Finance		x		

77	Senator Doyle	5034	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DISTRESSED AREAS ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT	This act would add a federal census track block group within the city of Pawtucket to the Pawtucket enterprise zone designation under the Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/9) Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
85	Walter S. Felag	5413	RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR FUEL TAX	This act would reduce the tax per gallon on all taxable gallons of gasoline sold or used in this state from thirty-two cents ($0.32) per gallon to twenty-seven cents ($0.27) per gallon.	Finance		x		
88	Walaska, Bates, Lombardi, and Archambault	5030 (not exact)	RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX	This act would reduce the minimum corporate tax from five hundred dollars ($500) to two hundred fifty dollars ($250).	Finance		x		
90	Ottiano, Bates, DiPalma, Felag, Algiere	5091	RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX - ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTS DISTRICT	This act would establish a new arts district within the town of Bristol for purposes of the tax exemption provided to writers, composers, and other artists.	Finance		x		
91	Kettle, E O`Neill, Ottiano, Cote, and Hodgson	N/A	RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET	This act would provide that all legislative grants awarded by the general assembly must be included in the annual state budget.	Finance				

101	Doyle, Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi	N/A	RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS	This act would repeal the section of the Rhode Island General Laws relating to continuation of workers' compensation benefits for partial incapacity.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (3/20); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	x	x	
102	Doyle, Ciccone, Lombardi, and Satchell	N/A	RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- MEDICAL SERVICES	This act would require employers to pay the reasonable transportation costs for employees that travel round-trip to receive workers' compensation related health care services.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	x	x	
110	Picard, and Cote	N/A	RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SECURITY	This act would require the installation of security video cameras at night deposit repository areas at all financial institutions and credit unions.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing on 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study; Transferred to Senate Commerce			x
111	Picard, and Walaska	N/A	RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TELEPHONE REGULATION	This act would provide that neither the public utilities commission nor the division of public utilities and carriers would have jurisdiction and authority over wireless providers.	Corporations; Commerce	Transferred to Senate Commerce			x

120	Sosnowski	5356	RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON COASTAL RESOURCES	This act would establish a permanent joint legislative committee to provide oversight of the coastal resources management council and the department of environmental management.	Environment & Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing on 2/13; Committee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Calendar (2/28); Senate read and passed; Referred to House Enviro & Nat Resources			x
122	Sosnowski	5378	RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION--SEPARATION OF POWERS--COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL	This act would change the method by which members of the Coastal Resource Management Council are appointed, in accordance with the Separation of Powers Constitutional Amendment.	Environment & Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing on 2/13; Committee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Calendar (2/28); Senate read and passed; Referred to House Enviro & Nat Resources			X
123	Sosnowski	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY EFFICIENCY	This act would make changes in the membership and duties of the Rhode Island energy efficiency and resources management council and the Rhode Island renewable energy coordinating board.	Environment & Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (2/27); Commtitee recommended measure be held for further study.			

127	Miller	5116	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT	This act would reinstate the residential renewable energy system tax credit.	Finance		X		
128	Miller	5813	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE INCENTIVE	This act would create tax incentives for the installation of alternative fuel facilities and section 44-39.4-2 would be repealed on January 1, 2017.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee heard	X		
129	Miller, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Bates, and Goldin	5808	RELATING TO TAXATION -- ELIMINATING EXCISE TAX FOR QUALIFIED ELECTRIC PLUG-IN DRIVE VEHICLES	This act would exempt qualified electric plug-in drive vehicles from excise taxes.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee heard	X		
131	Walaska, Felag, and Bates	5310	RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would provide for several periods during the year where there would be a sales and use tax holiday on the purchase of alcoholic beverages which are not to be consumed on the premises of the place of purchase.	Finance		X		
133	Raptakis	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX AND FRANCHISE TAX	This act would refund a portion of the minimum tax paid to corporations whose gross receipts are less than five hundred dollars ($500), but never more than the five hundred dollars ($500) minimum tax paid.	Finance		X		

135	Walaska, McCaffrey, and Lynch	5246	RELATING TO TAXATION - EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS	This act would amend car tax statutes so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than retail price. It would also extend the appeal period to forty-five (45) days.	Finance		X		
149	Kettle	N/A	RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS	This act would submit to the electors of the state a non-binding referendum question concerning whether or not union membership would be a requirement of employment.	Labor			X	
153	Doyle	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	This act would direct the economic development corporation to develop a combat veterans' small business loan program. (up to $50,000 loan not to exceed $1 million per year)	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/13; Commtitee recommended measure be held for further study			
157	Algiere, Hodgson, Ottiano, Bates, Miller	5215	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- REIMBURSEMENT RATE DISCLOSURE	Would require all health insurers to disclose the reimbursement rate to hospitals in RI for medical services, equipment and other associated costs.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing 4/4; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
171	Picard	5581	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - LAUNDRIES	would require dry cleaners either to post a list containing retail price, including taxes for charges of each type of garment except for garments requiring special handling or to display a printed leaflet/flyer of these prices in conspicuous location	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 3/7; Committee recommended measure be held for further study; transferred to Senate Commerce			X

172	Walaska, Bates, Ruggerio	5614	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND PORT MARKETING COLLABORATIVE OF 2013	would establish the RI Port Marketing Collaborative of 2013 to encourage the expansion and development of the state's harbors, ports, and related infrastructure	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed (3/21)			X
173	Lombardo, Conley, Nesselbush, Jabour, McCaffrey	5877	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - TELEPHONE SALES SOLICITATION ACT	would prohibit unsolicited telephonic sales calls to any cellular or mobile telephone	Corporations; Commerce	Scheduled for hearing 2/26; Committee recommends passage; Transferred to Senate Commerce			X
174	Picard	5450	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	would allow telephone companies that are required to provide local exchange service to provide such service using any available technology	Corporations; Commerce	Transferred to Senate Commerce			X
179	Walaska	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION ACT OF 2004	would eliminate the exemption from bonding requirements for professional employer organizations that have been certified by the division of taxation for at least 2 years.	Finance			X	

182	Doyle, Nesselbush, Crowley	5891	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX	would amend the laws for tax exempt artistic communities to include certain parts of the city of Pawtucket	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
184	Sosnowski, Bates, Miller, DiPalma, Walaska	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX	would allow for a credit against a tax imposed for residential renewable energy systems.)	Finance		X		
185	Sosnowski, Cool Rumsey, DiPalma, Felag, Picard	5553	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAXATION OF FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE LAND	would amend the laws to enable the tax assessor to save postage in the first mailing of a form to landowners to confirm that space is still farm, forest or open land	Finance		X		
186	Crowley	5391	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES- CENTRAL FALLS	would authorize the city council of the city of Central Falls to increase the amount of time for tax exemptions for certain improvements to qualifying real and personal property from 5 years to 10 years.)	Finance	Scheduled for hearing on 2/12; Committee recommends passage	X		
187	Hodgson	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY	would provide that the provisions of 44-7-11 requiring the tax collector in the town of East Greenwich to attach a motor vehicle excise tax certificate	Finance		X		
192	Fogarty, Bates, DiPalma, Satchell, Goldin	5116 (not exact)	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT	would reinstate the residential renewable energy system tax credit	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee heard	X		

194	Lombardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - STATE TAX OFFICIALS	would amend the law regarding nonresident contractors to provide that the nonresident contractor comply with the prevailing wage laws, withhold 5% of the contract payment unless a certificate of tax compliance has been issued and bonding requirements	Finance		X		
195	Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAX	would eliminate the tax on pet care services	Finance		X		
197	Doyle, Lynch, Gallo, Cool Rumsey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSES AND NURSE ANESTHETISTS	would amend the general laws to recognize the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed (2/28); Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 94/9); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
200	Doyle, Gallo, Cool Rumsey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE	would affect the calculation of reimbursement rates to mental health and substance abuse providers.)	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

201	Sosnowski, Miller, Nesselbush, Cool Rumsey, Gallo	5243	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- GENDER RATING	would provide that insurance companies shall not vary the premium rates charged for a health coverage plan based on the gender of the individual policy holder, enrollee, subscriber, or member	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
207	Cote, Picard	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	would permit municipalities which meet the state-required minimums for low and moderate income housing to tax certain residences and units at a rate above the tax cap for certain residences and units issued an occupancy permit on or after January 1, 2013	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
209	DiPalma, Paiva Weed, Felag, Ottiano, Bates	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE AUTHORITY	would change the composition of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority.	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (3/14); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
211	Ottiano, Fogarty, Bates, Hodgson, Lombardo	5345	AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS	would extend the tolling of expiration periods to June 30, 2015	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

214	Sosnowski, Sheehan, Cool Rumsey, Bates	5386	AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTION ON REAL PROPERTY (	would restrict the use of eminent domain over any land which is protected with a conservation or preservation restriction	Judiciary	Scheduled for hearing 3/14; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
222	Miller	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER LIEN ACT	would enable a real estate broker to record a lien on commercial real estate in the amount that the broker is due under a written agreement for broker services	Judiciary	Scheduled for hearing 3/14; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
226	Doyle, DaPonte, Fogarty, Nesselbush	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HOISTING ENGINEERS	would specify the experience and educational criteria required for the licensing of steam, electric, internal combustion, electric or compressed air hoisting engineers	Labor			X	
227	Walaska	(see S476)	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS	(would establish provisions, qualifications and procedures for licensing underground utility contractors engaged in the laying or repairing of underground utilities	Labor			X	
228	Picard	5598	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION - BENEFITS	would relieve the employee from the burden, when seeking to prove a recurrence of a work-related incapacity to work and the need to document a comparative change of medical condition.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	

229	Doyle	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- BENEFITS	would change the spendable base wage calculation from 75% to 85% under the workers' compensation law. This act would also make additional changes to the law relating to partial incapacity	Labor	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
230	Crowley, Pichardo, Goldin, Sosnowski, Conley	see S367	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND WORKER PROTECTION AND JOB LOSS NOTIFICATION ACT	would create the "Rhode Island Worker Protection and Job Loss Notification Act" which would require an employer to give certain notifications to employees in businesses with at least seventy-five (75) employees, operating for more than three (3) years	Labor			X	
231	Goldin, Paiva Weed, Miller, Nesselbush, Metts	5889	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE	would establish within the state temporary disability insurance program, a temporary caregiver insurance program to provide benefits to workers who take time off for a seriously ill child, spouse, parent, domestic partner or to bond with a new child.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)		X	
232	Doyle, Nesselbush, DiPalma, Pearson	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	would establish a microbrewery manufacturer's license authorizing the holder to establish and operate a microbrewery within the state.)	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

236 Sub A	DiPalma, Paiva Weed, Algiere, Lynch, Ruggerio	N/A	ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES	would permit holders of manufacturer's licenses to provide visitors to the licensed plant samples for off-premise consumption	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study; Scheduled for consideration (4/10); Committee recommends passage of Sub A; Placed on Senate Calendar (4/24)			**X**
237	Jabour, Nesselbush, Lombardo, Ciccone, Lombardi	5455	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - SAMPLE TASTINGS	would expand the alcoholic beverages that may be used for sample tastings to include liqueurs, cordials and alcohol	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			**X**
242	DiPalma, Felag, Ottiano, Bates, Paiva Weed	5416	AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY	This act would provide various amendments restricting tolls on bridges and would establish a bridge maintenance fund to provide for said bridge maintenance.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 2/13; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			**X**
243	Gallo, Miller	5227	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	would exempt the trade-in values of motorcycles from sales taxes.	Finance		**X**		

245	McCaffrey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION	This act would repeal the five hundred dollar ($500) minimum tax on corporations,limited liability companies and partnerships.	Finance		X		
246	Picard, Bates, Raptakis, Walaska, Ottiano	5365	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES TAX REPEAL ACT OF 2013	would repeal the Rhode Island sales tax.	Finance		X		
247	Pichardo, Miller, Jabour, Lynch, Goodwin	5806	AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM	This act would create the Tobacco Control Program designed to help reduce tobacco use in RI. It would also increase the tax imposed on cigarettes sold in RI and sets forth the rate to be paid by distributors for tax stamps. It would impose an increased tax on the sale of cigarettes and a rate for computation of this tax.	Finance		X		
248	Pichardo, Raptakis, Nesselbush, Crowley	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS TAX CREDIT	This act would create a tax credit for businesses that provide English language classes for its non-English speaking employees.	Finance		X		
252	McCaffrey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES	This act would allow a credit against the Rhode Island estate tax of $99,600 for decedents dying after December 31, 2013	Finance		X		
254	Felag, Sosnowski, Lombardi, DiPalma, Lombardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES TAX	would repeal the Rhode Island sales tax on certain clothing and services.	Finance		X		

255	Ottiano	5273 (different wording)	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX	This act would prohibit the granting of a license under chapter 44-20, the "Cigarette Tax," to an applicant that is a healthcare facility or that maintains a healthcare facility license.	Finance		X		
256	Lynch, Gallo, Lombardi, Goodwin, Sosnowski	5079	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES	This act would raise the minimum wage commencing January 1, 2014 to eight dollars and twenty-five cents ($8.25) per hour, and would require adjustments by the department of labor and training commencing January 1, 2015	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)	X		
257	Pichardo, Walaska, Jabour, Raptakis, Goldin	5548	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HUMAN RESOURCES	This act would appropriate two million dollars ($2,000,000) from the general fund to the human resource investment council to build the skills of Rhode Island's workforce.	Labor			X	
260	Pichardo, Metts, Ottiano, Gallo, DiPalma	5019	AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - SMALL LOAN LENDERS	This act would repeal the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders."	Corporations	Meeting postponed (3/12); Scheduled for hearing (4/2); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

263	Crowley	5409	AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES --THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM	This act would allow a family to qualify for low-income child care assistance for the time an adult member of the family is participating in education or training, provided that the adult is working at least 20 hours per week, and such child care is necessary.	Finance			X	
264	Kettle, Hodgson, Ottiano, Cote, Raptakis	5218	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES TAX	Would eliminate the sales tax on taxi services	Finance		X		
267	Jabour, Lombardi, O`Neill, Hodgson, Ottiano	5408	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would allow a credit against the Rhode Island estate tax of $99,600 for decedents dying after December 31, 2013. The credit is equivalent to an estate tax exemption of two million dollars ($2,000,000) for decedents dying after December 31, 2013	Finance		X		
268	Pearson	5272	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	This act would provide reimbursement to the cities and towns for the motor vehicle excise tax based on the percentage of respective values in each city and town, rather than the tax rates.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
273	Walaska, Lombardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - CIGARETTE TAX	This act would increase the cigarette tax by 45 mills per cigarette, the equivalent of a ninety cent (90¢) increase on a twenty (20) cigarette pack.	Finance		X		

274	Kettle, Bates, O`Neill, DaPonte, Ottiano	5474	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - INCOME TAX REFUNDS - STATE TAX OFFICIALS	This act would give all state income tax return filers the option to have their tax refund directly deposited into their bank account.	Finance		X		
280	Gallo, Lynch, Ottiano, Satchell	5309	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - FACILITY AND IMAGING SURCHARGES	This act would repeal certain tax surcharges on medical imaging services.	Health and Human Services	Meeting postponed (3/26)	X		
281	Ottiano, Algiere, Hodgson, Nesselbush, Sosnowski	5418	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS	This act would remove the powers of the department of health board of licensure to approve programs for the training of physician assistants.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (2/28); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
293 Sub A	Miller, Doyle, Lombardi, Gallo, McCaffrey	5472	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR -- APPRENTICESHIP	This act would require that all bidders responding to an invitation to bid on a public works project would have an indentured Class A apprenticeship program, and that no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the project's labor hours be performed by apprentices in this program.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study		X	X
294	DiPalma, Sosnowski, Pearson, Lombardi, Ciccone	5216	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LABOR AND PAYMENT OF DEBT BY CONTRACTORS	This act would require that bidders provide a list of subcontractors prior to an award of a contract for public works	Labor				X

295	Miller, Lombardo, Lynch, Walaska, Jabour	5698	AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- WORK ON HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS	This act would allow for any holiday observance by the state, excluding Sundays which is not designated by the United States Congress as a national public holiday to be observed by an employer on any date within the same calendar year, yet subject to certain provisions.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)		X	
303	McCaffrey	5530	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE	This act would prohibit certain types of discretionary clauses in insurance contracts and policies.	Corporations; Commerce	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
304	McCaffrey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS	This act would require telephone service providers to inform its customers of any additional fees or surcharges resulting from international telephone calls and also the availability of reduced rates for international telephone service.	Corporations; Commerce	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/14; Commtiee recommended measure be held for further study			X
305	Raptakis, Metts, Pichardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - CHECKING ACCOUNTS	This act would prohibit regulated financial institutions from charging an overdraft fee in excess of the overdraft amount. It would also prohibit the charging of a daily overdraft fee for each day that a checking account is overdrawn.	Corporations; Commerce	Scheduled for hearing 2/28; Committee recommended measure be held for further study; transferred to Senate Commerce			X

306	Raptakis, Walaska, Lombardi, Lombardo, Conley	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT	This act would provide that any rate increase with respect to health insurance plans shall be no greater than the Consumer Price Index.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 4/23			X
307	Raptakis, Walaska, Lombardo, Jabour, Pichardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - LICENSES AND PERMITS	This act would eliminate the requirement of the posting of certain licenses and permits.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 3/7; Committee recommended measure be held for further study; transferred to Senate Commerce		X	X
309	Picard	5454	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WIRELESS TELEPHONE REGULATORY MODERNIZATION ACT	This act would provide that neither the public utilities commission nor the division of public utilities and carriers have jurisdiction or authority over wireless providers.	Corporations	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/14; Commtiee recommended measure be held for further study			X
315	McCaffrey	5535	AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- INSPECTION OF DAMS AND RESERVOIRS	This act would change inspection protocols within the state.	Environment & Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
319	Sheehan, Miller, Nesselbush, Sosnowski, Satchell	5406	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - IMAGING SERVICES SURCHARGE	This act excludes mammography services from the surcharge imposed on net patient revenue of imaging service providers.	Health and Human Services	Meeting postponed 3/26	X		

323	McCaffrey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT	This act would extend the expiration dates pertaining to approvals and permits.	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
324	Felag, Walaska, Bates	5151	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL, MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES	This act would make unlawful for any manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of alcoholic beverages to lend or borrow money, directly or indirectly, to or from one another and place restrictions upon the extensions of credit to the usual course of business and for a period of not more than sixty (60) days. Violators of these provisions would be subject to regulation by the department of business regulation and penalties assessed after hearing of a fine of not more than five thousand ($5,000) dollars or suspension of license or both	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
325	Hodgson, Jabour, Sosnowski, Lombardi, Goldin	5722 (no exact)	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES	This act would provide that there be no additional charge to the consumer for food samplings and wine tastings and would eliminate the requirement that sampling events be promoted only on the licensed premises.	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

334	Nesselbush, Miller, Lombardo	5274	ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- TAXATION AND REGULATION OF MARIJUANA	This act would create the "Marijuana Regulation, Control and Taxation Act" which would legalize the possession of less than one ounce (1 oz.) or less of marijuana, marijuana paraphernalia, and a limited amount of marijuana plants. The act would create a regulatory process for the manufacture, sale and taxation of marijuana.	Judiciary		**X**		
357	Metts, Goldin, Pichardo, Jabour, Miller	5507	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES	This act would prohibit inquiries on employment applications regarding prior criminal convictions except when federal or state law specifically disqualifies a person from employment because of a prior conviction or authorizes such inquiries. Further, this act specifies the situations when an employer may inquire about a potential employee's criminal record and the factors an employer must take into account in evaluating an applicant's criminal record	Judiciary			**X**	**X**
364	McCaffrey, Satchell	5340	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RESPONSIBLE CONTRACT RESOLUTION ACT	This act would provide for binding arbitration for disputes between school committees and both certified teachers and non-teacher employees. This act would also provide that public school teachers could not strike	Labor			**X**	**X**

365	McCaffrey, Satchell	see S777	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ARBITRATION - CONTINUING OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS	This act would require that contractual provisions contained in a collective bargaining agreement with the certified school teachers, municipal employees, firefighters and municipal police will continue until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered.	Labor			**X**	**X**
366	Cool Rumsey, Doyle, DaPonte, Fogarty, Nesselbush	see S226	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HOISTING ENGINEERS	This act would specify the experience and educational criteria required for the licensing of steam, electric, internal combustion, electric or compressed air hoisting engineers.	Labor			**X**	
367	Crowley, Sosnowski, Ottiano, Lynch, Metts	5508	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND WORKER PROTECTION AND JOB LOSS NOTIFICATION ACT	This act would create the "Rhode Island Worker Protection and Job Loss Notification Act" which would require an employer to give certain notifications to employees in businesses with at least seventy-five (75) employees, operating for more than three (3) years, where at least one-third (1/3) of the workforce would be subject to a mass layoff or temporary suspension of work. This act would also create a task force within the department of labor and training to give employment counseling to the employees, and to work with the employer in an attempt to avoid the loss of jobs.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing 3/27; Committee recommended measure be held for further study		**X**	

368	McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi, Miller, Gallo	5388	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY-- GENERAL PROVISIONS	This act would clarify the definition of independent contractor by providing a presumption that a person is an employee unless certain specific conditions are met.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	X
376	Bates, Picard, Walaska	5453	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE	This act would create the limited lines travel insurance act to establish requirements for travel insurance producers and travel agents who facilitate the purchase of travel insurance.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
377	Bates, Picard, Walaska	5444	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BINDERS	This act would authorize the use of property and casualty insurance binders as evidence of coverage.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
387	Bates, Picard, Walaska	5607	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE MODEL ACT	would enact the Certificates of Insurance Model Act	Corporations; Co	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

388	Walaska	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BURGLARY ALARMS	would amend certain provisions relative to the licensing of the alarm business and creates a state board of examiners of security professionals who shall have a policy-making role in exam preparation/evaluation of the divisions alarm business licensing	Corporations; Co	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee postponed at request of sponsor			X
389	Jabour, Metts	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION ACT	would limit the ability of the DBR to investigate complaints made on appraisals that fall outside (more than 5 years old) the record retention requirements of the USPAP (Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice	Corporations	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/12; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
392	Cote, Sheehan, O`Neill, Satchell, Archambault	5412	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION	This act would provide a tax incentive to newly created Rhode Island businesses that hire two or more employees.	Finance	Withdrawn at sponsors request	X		
393	Pearson, Picard, Satchell, Kettle, Pichardo	N/A	A N A C T RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX	This act would establish the Stay Invested in RI Tax Credit. It would authorize a tax credit against Rhode Island personal income tax for graduates who remain a resident of and work in Rhode Island for up to ten (10) years after graduation from an institution of higher education. The credit would be calculated based upon the principal balance of the person's student loans.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee heard	X		

394	Hodgson, Bates, Ottiano, Kettle, Algiere	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - SELECT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE FAILURE OF PUBLIC LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAMS	This act would establish a select commission to investigate the failure of public loan guarantee programs and prescribes its powers and duties.	Finance		X		
396	Satchell, Gallo	5735	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	would create tax exempt artistic community districts within the town of West Warwick, Rhode Island.)	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/4; Committee heard	X		
397	Ottiano	5041	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION AND EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION	would allow the town of Portsmouth to establish a tax exemption for historic preservation sites, and would further exempt all the property of the Prudence Island Historical and Preservation Society from taxation, provided it is used for nonprofit purposes	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Calendar (4/23)	X		
399	Sosnowski	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS	would include social security benefits to the modification reducing federal adjusted gross income on personal income taxes.)	Finance		X		

400	Picard, Walaska	5786	A N A C T RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES	This act would allow employers who have at least one thousand two hundred (1,200) employees and if their average payroll exceeds two hundred percent (200%) of the state minimum wage to pay wages less frequently than weekly, biweekly, or semi-monthly.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)		X	
401	Satchell, Pichardo, Conley, Cote, Lynch	5815	A N A C T RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING-- SUBSIDIZED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM	This act would establish the subsidized training and employment program within the department of labor and training for the purpose of assisting small businesses.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/3); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
402	Lynch, Paiva Weed, Algiere, Cote, Ruggerio	5033	A N A C T RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- ESTABLISHING BACK TO WORK RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM ACT OF 2013	This act would assist employers and potential employees by creating the "Back to Work Rhode Island Program."	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (3/27); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	

403	Sheehan, Fogarty, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algiere	5939	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - THE RHODE ISLAND JOBS MATCH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM	would establish the RI jobs match enhancement program to streamline and enhance the efficiency of the department of labor and training	Labor	Scheduled for hearing 3/27; Commtitee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Calendar (4/4); Senate read and passed (4/4); Referred to House finance		X	
404	Nesselbush, Satchell, DiPalma, Conley, Goldin	5403	AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION	would establish a plan for the gradual ban on the use of disposable plastic checkout bags by retail establishments	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (4/3); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
418	Cote, Sheehan, Felag, Lombardo, Kettle	5106 & 5236	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS	This act would establish the E-Verify compliance chapter. It would also require all non governmental employers within the state with three (3) or more employees to apply to participate in the E-Verify program and to participate if accepted.	Judiciary			X	

420	Metts, Jabour, Pichardo, Crowley	5248	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - TAXATION - TAX SALES	This act would provide that in the event of a tax sale of real property, the tax collector would notify RIHMFC not less than forty (40) days prior to the date of sale. Property obtained by RIHMFC at a tax sale would be redeemed from RIHMFC by paying intervening taxes plus interest at a rate of one percent (1%) per month plus a penalty. The act would also decrease the time period that RIHMFC has to wait to foreclose an owner's right of redemption from five (5) years to one year under certain circumstances.	Judiciary	Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
430	Walaska	N/A	SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION	This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to make a comprehensive study and review of all matters related to preserve longterm landfill capacity for Rhode Island municipalities by continuing to expand the diversion of paper and packaging through a producer responsibility program; and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than May 3, 2013; and whose life would expire June 14, 2013.	Senate Consent Calendar	Senate read and passed (2/28)			X

442	Doyle, Nesselbush, Conley	5918	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES--LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would expand the boundaries of the Pawtucket and Providence Arts and Entertainment districts.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
443	Goodwin	5804	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION	This act would exempt from taxation the real and personal property of nonprofit performing and visual arts organizations.	Finance		X		
475	Cool Rumsey, Doyle, DaPonte, Jabour, Nesselbush	5341	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - HOISTING ENGINEERS	This act would require participation in an apprentice program and other requirements to obtain a hoisting engineers license.	Judiciary			X	
476	Walaska, Lombardo	5300	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS	This act would establish qualifications and procedures to license underground utilitycontractors. It would also establish the duties of the contractor's registration and licensing board in administering and overseeing the licensee.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)			X

500	Cote, Bates, Pichardo, Ottiano, Jabour	N/A	SENATE RESOLUTION	REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO STUDY ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY AND IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM TO EXPAND CONSUMER AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR RHODE ISLAND'S VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing (3/13); Committee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Calendar; Senate read and passed (3/20)			

507	McCaffrey, Lynch	5726	AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER LIEN ACT	This act would establish the Commercial Real Estate Broker Lien Act.	Corporations	Committee transferred to Senate Commerce; Committee transferred to Senate Judiciary; Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (3/14);Committee recommends passage (3/21); Placed on Senate Calendar (3/27); Senate read and passed;Referred to House Corporations			
508	Jabour, Crowley, Metts, Nesselbush, Miller	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - COMMERCIAL LEASING AND OTHER ESTATES	This act would prohibit landlords of commercial property from limiting or restricting who may provide services to their tenants.	Corporations; Co	Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed (3/7); Transferred to Commerce			**X**

516	Pearson	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - ZONING ORDINANCES	This act would allow cities and towns to enact, in order to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, reasonable standards for the installation and maintenance of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy.	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed (3/7); Transferred to Commerce			**X**
520	Pichardo	5617	AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REMEDIATION AND REUSE ACT	This act would strengthen the safety standards which must be adhered to prior to using properties previously used for industrial or manufacturing purposes to construct schools. This act would mandate that the properties meet the department of environmental managements residential use requirements as well as providing additional safeguards.	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee heard			**X**
527	Pichardo, Satchell, Cool Rumsey, Metts, Crowley	5196 & 5374	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX	This act would require that general revenue sharing with cities and towns not be less than ($65,111,876) and would impose a two percent (2%) tax increase for all personal income over $250,000 for residents, non-residents, including estates and credits and other special rates for other types of income.	Finance		**X**		
533	Ciccone	N/A	A N A C T RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT BUREAU	This act would create the bureau of audits committee, delete the provisions of the general laws relative to “post audit of accounts” and would relocate certain sections from the “post audit of accounts” chapter into the newly created “bureau of audits committee”.	Finance				

535	Sheehan, DiPalma, Miller, Jabour, Picard	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TECHNOLOGY COMPANY BUSINESS TAX CERTIFICATE TRANSFER ACT	This act would allow technology companies to sell certain net operating loss or research and development tax credits to qualifying companies who may use them in calculating their tax liability.	Finance		**X**		
540	Miller, Ottiano, Goldin, Cool Rumsey, Nesselbush	N/A	AN A C T RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2013	This act would make a number of substantive and definitional changes to various statutes governing the health-care system.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (3/21); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
549	McCaffrey	5490	A N A C T RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REPORTING OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE VENDORS	This act would prohibit state vendors who contract with state agencies for more than five thousand dollars ($5,000) from contributing to political committees or officeholders who award such contracts.	Judiary	Scheudled for hearing (4/2); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			**X**
555	Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Jabour, Archambault, Conley	5519	AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS	This act would require the electronic submission of required reports under this chapter to the attorney general. This act would further provide that a permanent place of business for a precious metals license must be in a commercial zone as determined by the municipality where the business is located. The act would also provide that licensees must pay an additional fifty dollar ($50.00) annual fee for each branch designated in the license.	Judiary	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			**X**

561	Sheehan	N/A	A N A C T RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE	This act would make changes to public disclosure requirements for state and quasi-public corporations.	Judiary	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
570 SUB A	Lynch, Gallo, McCaffrey	5788	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HUMAN RESOURCE INVESTMENT COUNCIL	This act would amend the reporting requirements associated with the Human Resource Investment Council.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (3/27); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
571 SUB A	Lynch, Gallo, McCaffrey, Lombardo	5526 (not exact)	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY - BENEFITS	This act would update the language in Rhode Island's work-sharing statute to comply with the provisions of subtitle D of title II of the federal middle class tax relief and job creation act of 2012 (public law 112-96).	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (3/27); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
572	Gallo, Lynch	5577	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY-- GENERAL PROVISIONS	This act would provide that the determination whether a person is an employee or independent contractor shall follow the IRS code, and also that a person performing any service except under section 28-42-18 would be presumed an employee with certain exceptions.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	

573	Cool Rumsey, Cote, Fogarty, Ottiano, Raptakis	5701	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY-- GENERAL PROVISIONS	This act would authorize the department of labor and training to share unemployment insurance information with the department's designated research partner for the purpose of its workforce data quality initiative.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/3); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
574	Lynch, Ciccone, Archambault, Conley	5121	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS	This act would seek to prohibit employers from demanding payment or deductions from a tip or service charge given to waitstaff, prohibiting tip pools and would require that any service charge imposed by an employer be remitted to the service staff.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)		X	
575	Hodgson, Kettle, Ottiano, Fogarty	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES	This act would authorize the department of business regulation to issue a farmer-brewer license to any applicants of the state including applying corporations admitted to do business in the state.	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
578	DiPalma, Ciccone, Raptakis, Ottiano	5841	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES	This act would allow any license holder licensed under section 3-6-1.1 to have an interest in a retailer's license.	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed			X
585	Sosnowski, Walaska, Kettle, Goldin, Cool Rumsey	5190	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES	This act would amend the current law so that a farmer-winery and a farmer-brewery may, under certain conditions, be licensed to sell wine/beer for off-premises consumption at a farmers'market, similar to that permitted in Massachusetts.	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

596	Lombardi, Felag, Walaska, Jabour, Archambault	5730	RELATING TO TAXATION -- BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX	This act would add a provision to the law on confidential information for business corporations by limiting the information the tax administrator may disclose to the secretary of state and the information the secretary of state's office (and its employees) may thereafter disclose.	Corporations; Commerce	Transferred to Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/12; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
597	Cote, Cool Rumsey	5528	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE	This act would amend the registration filing date for insurance companies governed by the applicable provisions of the general laws and would provide that long-term health care insurance policies and certificates include the terms "noncancellable" or "level premium" only under certain circumstances.	Corporations; Commerce	Transferred to Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
598	Picard, Walaska	5596 SUB A	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR LIFE INSURANCE	This act would bring the Standard Valuation and Standard Nonforfeiturefor Life Insurance laws into compliance with the current version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Act by amending and adding a number of provisions to chapters 27-4.3 and 27-4.5, and repealing the provisions of chapter 27-4 that are addressed in the amended version of chapter 27-4.5.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			

599	Sheehan, Raptakis, Nesselbush, Metts, Crowley	N/A	RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	This act would limit the amounts that financial institutions may charge for non-sufficient funds fees, overdraft fees, and returned check fees.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			**X**
600	McCaffrey, Pichardo, Nesselbush, Ottiano, Cote	N/A	RELATING TO EDUCATION - DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT	This act would provide for the establishment of a dual enrollment policy by the state that would enable high school students to take courses at colleges and universities. Students so enrolled would receive credit towards their high school graduation and would also gain credits at the college or university they are attending.	Education	3/13 Hearing: Rise of the Senate Room 212 ; Commtitee recommended measure be held for further study		**X**	
604	Fogarty	5794	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	This act would authorize the town of Burrillville, commencing in 2013 for taxes assessed as of December 31, 2012, and thereafter, to amend its current two (2) tier tax classification system by increasing its ratable taxable properties into four (4) separate classes and, would limit the maximum amount of tax to be imposed on certain classes. This act would also provide that the tax would be based on the predominant use of the property.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee heard	**X**		

606	Fogarty, Nesselbush, Cote	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	This act would increase from three (3) to six (6) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee heard	X		
607	Fogarty, Kettle, Ottiano	5292	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY	This act would authorize the tax collector of the town of Glocester to furnish a tax certificate upon application for any municipal lien certificate for taxes assessed against mobile or manufactured homes and directs the closing agent at any transfer of same to collect said taxes and transmit the monies to the tax collector.This act would create a tax lien for the town of Glocester for taxes assessed for either a mobile or manufactured home for a period of twenty (20) years which would be superior to any other lien thereon.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee heard	X		

609	Sheehan, Ciccone, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Lynch	N/A	A N A C T RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE PURCHASES/"Quasi-Public Corporations Accountability and Transparency Act."	This act would impose standards of accountability and transparency on quasi-public corporations.	Finance				
610	Walaska, Lombardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE TAX	This act would increase the cigarette tax by twenty-five cents ($.25) per pack for a three (3) year period. The additional revenue would be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be used by the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority for bridge maintenance.	Finance		**X**		
611	DiPalma, Pichardo, Bates, DaPonte, Pearson	5791	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - MAXIMUM TAX LEVY AND FIRE DISTRICTS	This act would make fire districts subject to the maximum levy and annual financial reporting requirements. It would also provide for situations involving fire district liquidation.	Finance		**X**		
612	Sheehan, Raptakis, Cote, Cool Rumsey, Kettle	5363 (also S689)	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds	Finance				

614	Miller, Doyle, Goldin, Pichardo, Walaska	5656	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES	This act would amend and greatly expand the role and duties of certain types of nurses in the health care profession, especially the role and authority of advance practice registered nurses.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
616	Doyle, Nesselbush, Fogarty	5319	, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHARMACIES	This act would permit pharmacists to perform limited function clinical laboratory tests.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (4/2); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
617	Satchell, Ottiano, Goldin, Miller, Cool Rumsey	5650	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT	This act would update section 5-54-9 to provide that the training program for physician assistant be certified by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician assistant (ARC-PA).	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
622	Ruggerio, Ciccone, Lombardi, Jabour, Ottiano	5876	AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES, CHILDREN AND RELATING TO TAXATION	This act would amend the criminal and tax laws on cigarettes and tobacco to include all tobacco-derived products and vapor products among those items that are subject to taxation and those items that are prohibited to persons under the age of eighteen (18)	Judiciary	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee heard	X		

628	Raptakis, Cote, Bates, Pichardo, Ottiano	N/A	SENATE RESOLUTION	RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO STUDY OFFERING EXPEDITED STATE CERTIFICATIONS OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/3); Committee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Consent Calendar (4/9); Senate read and passed (4/9)		X	
629	Felag, Pichardo, Walaska, Ottiano, Bates	5712	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS	This act would make it easier for military service members and their spouses to obtain certifications and licenses to perform regulated professional services.	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/13; Commtitee recommended measure be held		X	
632	Crowley, Walaska, Cote, Sosnowski, Sheehan	N/A	SENATE RESOLUTION	EXPLORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 4/3; Committee recommends passage; Placed on Senate Consent Calendar (4/9); Senate read and passed			
633	Lombardi, Conley, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Archambault	5843	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS TAX CREDIT	This act would waive corporate filing fees and the business corporation tax for those corporations whose majority owners are veterans suffering a service connected disability	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/13; Commtitee recommended measure be held for further study	X		

635	Picard, Walaska	5524	RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS IN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS	This act would provide that a real estate broker or salesperson who provides assistance in a real estate transaction shall no longer be deemed a neutral transaction facilitator. This act would further provide that the mandatory relationship disclosure form include a box for the customer to acknowledge the type of representation that a real estate broker or salesperson is offering to the other party in the transaction.	Corporations; Co	Transferred to Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/12; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
636	Picard, Walaska	5721	RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS	This act would amend the financial institutions lending limits language of the general laws to ensure that such limits are also applied to derivative transactions entered into by financial institutions.	Corporations	Transferred to Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

637	Walaska, Bates	5609	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE	This act would make changes to insurance statutes which: (1) Amend the fee for foreign insurance company licenses; (2) Repeal the reporting of producer terminations without cause; (3) Amend the group life insurance statute to allow the dependents of an employee to purchase a greater amount of life insurance through the employer; (4) Repeal the unnecessary requirement that the director establish automobile insurance territories; and (5) Amend the solvent run off statute to address issues raised by federal legislation.	Corporations	Transferred to Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
640	Lynch	5425 (not exact - exact companion to S627)	A N A C T RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES	This act would establish a single set of environmental standards for the state while reducing local regulatory burden and would prohibit cities and towns from enacting future ordinances which are more restrictive than regulations established by the department of environmental management or the coastal resources management council.	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing 3/13; Committee recommended indefinite postponement			**X**
643	Lynch, Doyle, Sosnowski, Miller	N/A	RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS	This act would allow an applicant for a nursing home administrator's license from another jurisdiction to qualify for a license in Rhode Island, even if their most recent experience was in a management position with direct responsibility for overseeing licensed nursing home administrators rather than as an administrator of a facility.	Health and Human Services			**X**	

644	Lynch, Doyle, Sosnowski, Miller, Felag	N/A	RELATING TO INSURANCE - CONSUMER DISCLOSURE OF DENTAL REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT LIMITATIONS	This act would require health care providers with dental benefit plans to clearly disclose on plan issued identification cards issued to subscribers or insureds whether the plan prohibits duplication of benefits when the consumer would otherwise be entitled to coverage under two policies.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study; Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed (4/4)			**X**
648	Lynch, Doyle	5714	RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENTS	This act would make changes to the process of licensing of massage therapist establishments.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		**X**	
652	Lynch, Doyle	5434	RELATING TO PROPERTY - FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES	This act would validate the conveyance of real estate interests where the instrument of conveyance contains a minor defect.	Judiciary	Scheduled for hearing 3/14; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
655	Miller, Jabour, Nesselbush, Metts, Archambault	5337	RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - CRIMINAL RECORD BACKGROUND CHECKS	This act would make changes to how information contained within criminal background checks is disseminated and disclosed.	Judiciary	Scheduled for hearing (4/9); Committee heard		**X**	

666	Bates	5459	RELATED TO INSURANCE	this act would impose standards on stop-loss insurance policies, which cap an employer's exposure with regard to liability under health benefit plans issued to employees. This act would prohibit discretionary clauses, which allow insurers to make unilateral coverage decisions, in health, life and long-term care insurance policies.	Corporations	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
667	Picard, Walaska	5608 SUB A	RELATED TO INSURANCE	This act would update the Credit for Reinsurance Act to the current version of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners model.	Corporations	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			

668	Pichardo, Walaska, Picard, Doyle, Pearson	5729	RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS	This act would permit limited partnerships to file a certificate of cancellation when all fees and taxes have been paid to the tax administrator.	Corporations	Transferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 3/12 ; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
671	Miller	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	This act would establish and appoint members to a climate change advisory committee.	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing 3/27; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
672	Lynch, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Nesselbush, Crowley	5425	RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT--JURISDICTION	This act would empower the department of environmental management as the central review agency for review of land development and subdivision proposals.	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing 3/13; Committee recommended held for further study			**X**
673	McCaffrey	see S86	RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS	This act would enable the city council of Warwick to provide a tax exemption for the real and personal property of veterans up to a maximum of four thousand dollars ($4,000).	Finance		**X**		

674	Doyle, Jabour, Gallo	5934	RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES	This act would establish a process governing the privatization of municipal services analogous to present chapter 42-148 governing the privatization of state services.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
672	Lynch, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Nesselbush, Crowley	5425	RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT--JURISDICTION	This act would empower the department of environmental management as the central review agency for review of land development and subdivision proposals. This act would take effect two (2) years following the date of its passage to allow the department of environmental management time to determine whether any of the standards set forth in its regulations pertaining to wetlands or on-site sewage disposal systems require modification and to allow the coastal resources management council time to determine whether any of the standards set forth in its regulations pertaining to wetlands require modification.	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (3/13); Committee recommends measure be held for further study			**X**
677	Cote, Bates	N/A	ACT RELATING TO TAXATION	This act would exempt the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket, owned by the Stadium Theatre Foundation from real and personal property taxes.	Finance		**X**		

683	Pichardo, Miller, Felag, Lynch, Goldin	5700	RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - EMPLOYMENT SECURITY-CONTRIBUTIONS	This act would require that the accounts of employers be charged when improper payments are made due to the failure of the employer to respond timely or adequately to requests by the department for information relating to a claim for unemployment benefits that was subsequently overpaid.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/3); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
686	Sheehan	N/A	A N A C T RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	This act would clarify that the Rhode Island economic development corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to applicable provisions of the state guide plan. This act would further require that if any projects are situated on federal land in the town of North Kingstown, the economic development corporation shall refer the plan to the town's director of planning for a determination of substantial conformity to the applicable comprehensive plan, which determination shall be made within fifteen (15) days of submission.	Corporations	Tranferred to Senate Commerce; Scheduled for hearing 4/4; Senate read and passed (4/11)			
688	Felag, Lynch, Ciccone, McCaffrey	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PRIVATIZATION OF STATE SERVICES	This act would enable a three (3) year private contractor employee, performing state employee work, to be automatically converted to a funded full-time equivalent position as long as it would be in the state's financial interest.	Finance			X	

689	Cool Rumsey, Goldin, Pearson, Cote	5363 (also S612)	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.	Finance				
693	DiPalma, Archambault, Ottiano	N/A	RELATING TO TAXATION - IMAGING SERVICES SURCHARGE	(would mandate that the annual aggregate amount collected on a per month basis would not be more than $300,000 pertaining to the surcharge that is imposed in the net patient revenue received by every provider in each month at a rate of 2%)	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing; Meeting postponed (3/26)	X		
696	DiPalma, Sosnowski, Ottiano	5633	RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	would establish the RI Community Preservation Act to promote capital investment and development within Rhode Island communities. The act provides a source of funding for such investment and development.)	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
700	Gallo, Lynch, Fogarty, Lombardo, Lombardi	N/A	RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- SUBCONTRACTOR PAYMENT ACT	(would create the subcontractor payment act to provide subcontractors a method to enforce and collect payment for work performed on certain public works contracts.)	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	

709	Lombardo	5601	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE	would enact the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Risk Management and Own Risk and Solvency Assessment Model Act	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
710	Lombardo	5532	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE APPRAISER CERTIFICATION ACT	would add two (2) new classes of state licensed real estate appraisers	Commerce	Scheudled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study		X	
711 SUB A	Lombardo	5610	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS	This act would: (1) Clarify the department of business regulation's responsibilities over the boards within the division of design professionals; (2) Update the testing requirements for land surveyors and engineers due to changes in testing procedures at the national council of examiners for engineers and surveyors; (3) Provide cease and desist authority; (4) Provide uniform provisions regarding immunity and indemnification for good faith discharge of duties under the chapters amended herein; and (5) Clarify existing statutes.Top of Form	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study;		X	

712 as amended	Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Pearson, Walaska	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION AND POLICY	This act would establish a nineteen (19) member economic development planning council to develop a written long-term economic development vision and policy and strategic implementation plan. This act would also direct the economic development corporation and the division of planning to develop the initial written long-term economic development vision and policy and strategic implementation plan for submission to the governor, senate and house of representatives on or before October 31, 2014.	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 4/4; Committee recommended passage as amended; Senate passed as amended (4/11)			
713	Felag, Satchell, Cool Rumsey, Walaska, Lynch	N/A	**SENATE RESOLUTION**	RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING GOVERNOR CHAFEE TO CREATE A GOVERNOR'S COMMERCE AND WORKFORCE COORDINATING CABINET	Corporations	Scheduled for hearing 4/4; Committee recommended passage; Senate read and passed (4/11)		**X**	
714	Cote, Archambault, Satchell, Raptakis, Conley	N/A	**SENATE RESOLUTION**	RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF DIGITAL EXCELLENCE AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO UPGRADE AND IMPROVE EDC'S WEBSITE	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing 4/4; Committee recommends passage; Senat read and passed (4/11)			

715	Jabour, Crowley, Picard, Doyle	5606	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE	would require surplus lines insurer to provide data upon request of the insurance division and would expand the requirements to provide accommodations to a policyholder affected by a catastrophe for all lines of insurance	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
717	Gallo, Lynch	5728	AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	would eliminate the board of bank incorporation	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
718	Sheehan, Walaska, Felag, Goodwin, Jabour	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	This act would change the name of the economic development corporation to the Rhode Island commerce corporation and would also establish transparency and accountability provisions with respect to its operations and governance.	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing (4/4); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
719	Gallo, Lynch	5839	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE - UNFAIR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SUBJECTS OF ABUSE IN PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE	would prohibit discrimination against victims of domestic abuse in property and casualty insurance	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			

725	Sosnowski	5616	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ENERGY RESOURCES	would add a responsibility to the office of energy resources to collect all energy information regarding petroleum products/natural gas and other fuels including price/inventory, and product delivery dates/amounts, and types of product sold	Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing 3/27; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
730	Picard, Pearson, Bates, Paiva Weed, and Walaska	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT	This act would establish a division of economic data and information within the department of administration.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/2); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
730	DaPonte, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Lynch	N/A	RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2013	This act would create the Rhode Island Economic Development Tax Credit Accountability Act of 2013 to provide an assessment of the state's tax credit programs.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/2); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	**X**		
731	Sheehan, Cote, Raptakis, Satchell, Cool Rumsey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE	Details requriements for agency performance standards	Finance				
732	Walaska, Bates, Raptakis, Felag, McCaffrey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would prohibit the department of revenue from requiring a seller of tangible personal property to file a sales and use tax return annual reconciliation.	Finance		**X**		

733	Goodwin, Pichardo, Pearson, Miller, Paiva Weed	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC STRUCTURES -- TAX CREDIT	Defines replacement districts and projects	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/2; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
734	DaPonte, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Lynch	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2013	Defines economic development tax credits and requires economic development tax credit accountability report	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/2; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
740	Satchell, Gallo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would allow a business engaged in qualifying sales and located in an existing structure in which a developer or property owner invests in the complete renovation of the proposed retail space at a total construction investment cost equal to or greater than the median cost per square foot for retail construction located in a MED zone in the town of West Warwick to receive MED zone tax credits.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/4; committee heard	X		
741	Paiva Weed, Sheehan, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Cool Rumsey	5892	RELATING TO TAXATION - SALE AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would supplement the arts district designations with a state-wide sales tax exemption for local works of artistic creation.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee heard	X		

743	Paiva Weed, Sheehan, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Cool Rumsey	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALE AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	This act would supplement the arts district designations with a state-1 wide sales tax	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/2; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
744	DaPonte, Bates, Pearson, DiPalma, Felag	5478	ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - DEPRECIATION OF ASSETS AND NET OPERATING LOSS DEDUCTION	This act would permit the expensing of assets in lieu of depreciation 1in the same manner as is provided for under section 179 of the internal revenue code, 26 U.S.C. section 179.	Finance		X		
745	Metts, Pichardo, Ruggerio, Gallo, Paiva Weed	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - TAX EXPENDITURE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	This act would require that any new state law which contains a tax expenditure shall have a statement of purpose detailing the purpose and objectives of the tax expenditures.	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/2; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
747	Goodwin, Nesselbush, DaPonte, Ruggerio, Paiva Weed	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - HISTORIC STRUCTURES TAX CREDIT	This act would establish reporting requirements for each taxpayer seeking a tax credit for rehabilitating a certified historic structure. This act would also make available to the public tax credit agreements and annual reports regarding tax credits	Finance	Scheduled for hearing 4/2; Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
749	Kettle, Raptakis	5859	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION - COVENTRY - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS	This act would provide a tax exemption for creation of jobs or expansion of business in the town of Coventry.	Finance		X		

751	Lynch, Pichardo, Jabour, Ottiano, Doyle	5736	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- THE SMALL BUSINESS WELLNESS PROGRAM TAX CREDIT	This act would replace the health care planning and accountability advisory council with the health analytics, policy and planning commission.	Health and Human Services		X		
754	Nesselbush	5591	RELATING TO INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS	This act would mandate that a health plan's pharmacy benefit shall not have a dollar limit. Each health plan would establish that a separate out-of-pocket limit would be for prescription drugs, including specialty drugs, equal to the maximum dollar amounts in effect under section 223(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for self-only and family coverage, respectively.	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			
757	Sosnowski, DiPalma, Lynch, Crowley, and Paiva Weed	N/A	RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	This act would establish a municipal advisory council on statewide permitting which would be composed of one representative from each city or town council in the state. The purpose of the council would be to develop recommendations to establish a statewide process for electronic plan review, encourage full participation of each city and town in the state and then until a statewide process is established, review which towns and cities are participating and which are not every three (3) months.	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

760	Algiere, Fogarty, Jabour, Metts, Pichardo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	This act would amend the corporation of the statewide planning board by adding two (2) public members.	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing 3/26; Committee recommended passage as amended; Placed on Senate Calendar (4/2); Senate passed as amended (4/2); Referred to House Corporations			X
761 as amended	Fogarty, McCaffrey, Lombardo, Nesselbush, Gallo	N/A	AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CODE CONSISTENCY COUNCIL	This act would create a code consistency council to examine the building code, fire code, elevator code, and related codes for consistency.	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing (3/26); Committee recommended passage as amended; Senate passed as amended (4/2); Referred to House Corporations			X
762	Hodgson	5798	AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES	This act would repeal the provisions of the general laws that require insurance carriers to conduct auto body repair labor rate surveys.	Judiciary				X

764	Hodgson	5797	AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOPS	This act would require auto body repair shops to document any agreement with a consumer whereby repairs detailed in an appraisal and paid for by an insurer have not been made. This act would also require auto body repair shops to make such documents available to the insurance company upon request as a condition of payment.	Judiciary				X
776 Sub A	Ciccone, Lombardi, O`Neill, Bates, Felag	5689	AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY--FRAUD AND ABUSE	This act would assess a penalty equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of any erroneous payment made to an individual that was due to fraud committed by the individual.	Labor	Scheduled for hearing (4/3); Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study		X	
778	Crowley, DiPalma	5910 (not exact)	AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL LICENSES	This act would eliminate the twenty-five dollars ($25.00) fee ceiling that cities and towns may charge to cover advertised administrative costs for providing the renewals of Class A, Class C, Class B, Class E and Class J retail liquor licenses.	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing 3/20; Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X

798	Felag		RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TAXATION RELIEF FROM PREMIUM-BASED TAXATION OF HEALTHCARE SERVICES	would replace the current immunization/children healthcare services assessments and premium taxes imposed on health insurance companies with a healthcare services surcharge calculated to generate the same amount of revenue as assessments and taxes	Health and Human Services	Scheduled for hearing (4/4); Committee recommended measure be held for further study	X		
799	Fogarty, Algiere		RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - REGULATION OF SALES	would enable holders of Class A licenses to open at ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. on Sundays	Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs	Scheduled for hearing (4/10); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
803	Goodwin		RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT	would require that the director of business regulation, within 30 days of receipt of an insurer's response to a written complaint, must determine if there is reasonable cause that the insurer is engaging in an unfair claims practice	Judiciary				X
809	Goodwin		ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MADE IN RHODE ISLAND MANUFACTURING COLLABORATIVE OF 2013	This act would create "Made in Rhode Island Manufacturing Collaborative of 2013" which would work with the Rhode Island manufacturing and creative community to promote the marketing of Rhode Island products and provide the governor and general assembly with annual reports regarding the branding and marketing of locally manufactured products	Commerce				

810	Walaska		RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES	This act would redefine a check casher as a person or entity whose primary business is the cashing of checks, drafts or money orders for a fee and would exempt persons or entities cashing checks, drafts or money orders for a fee or as an incident to the conduct of another lawful business and not more than fifty cent ($0.50) is charged from the requirement of a check casher license.	Commerce	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			X
811	Picard		RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR DEALERSHIP ACT	This act would require "good cause" before a dealership can be terminated, cancelled or non-renewed.	Commerce				X
815	DiPalma		RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES	This act would regulate the placement of renewable energy facilities on farmlands.	Senate Environment and Agriculture	Scheduled for hearing (4/24)			X
816	Sosnowski		RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BIODIESEL HEATING OIL ACT OF 2013	This act would enact the Biodiesel Heating Oil Act of 2013, which would require that all heating oil sold in the state contain five percent (5%) of a biobased product.	Senate Environment and Agriculture				X
817	Cool Rumsey, Goldin, Kettle, Archambault		RELATING TO TAXATION - RESIDENTIAL RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEM TAX CREDIT	This act would permit the residential renewable energy system tax credit to be carried forward for an additional two (2) years.	Finance		X		

819	Goldin, Goodwin, Miller, Jabour, Pichardo		RELATING TO THE I-195 REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2011 -- PAYMENTS	would require the I-195 redevelopment district commission, the state or a relevant quasi state entity to make payments to the city of Providence equivalent to those that would be paid by a taxable institution	Finance		X		
820	Cote, Picard		RELATING TO TAXATION	This act would authorize the city of Woonsocket to levy supplemental taxes for fiscal year 2012-2013 and authorize a homestead exemption for elderly residents commencing fiscal year 2013-2014, and thereafter.	Finance		X		
822	Gallo, Miller, Satchell, Crowley, Metts		RELATING TO TAXATION - THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE INTERNSHIP TAX CREDIT ACT	would create the Rhode Island College Internship Tax Credit Act.	Finance		X		
823	Ciccone, Gallo, Doyle		ACT RELATING TO LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	This act would affirm that tax assessors of the state are authorized to require requalification for the tax benefit or other low income housing.	Finance		X		
824	Archambault, Satchell, Kettle, Lombardi		RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION	This act would amend the exemption of five thousand dollars ($5,000) of valuation for stone walls by repealing the provision of the general laws granting discretion to municipalities to provide for such exemption, and would provide for a statewide exemption.	Finance		X		

826	Miller, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Goldin, Jabour		RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	This act would provide that for Class 1 residential real estate property, any city or town could divide that class into non-owner and owner occupied property and adopt separate tax rates that would be in compliance with the applicable tax rate restrictions.	Finance		X		
827	Lombardo, Paiva Weed, DaPonte, Ruggerio, Goodwin		RELATING TO TAXATION	This act would require increased transparency for certain existing tax credits, deductions and exemptions. The biennial tax expenditure report would require more information about these tax benefits, including the name of recipients, and the value of foregone revenue to the state. The division of taxation would be responsible for collecting the information as part of a taxpayer's tax return.	Finance		X		
831	McCaffrey, Walaska, Raptakis, Ciccone, Ruggerio		RELATING TO TAXATION - PERSONAL INCOME TAX	This act would allow individuals to subtract all state income tax refunds included in their federal adjusted gross income where said refund was originally claimed as an itemized deduction for federal income tax purposes.	Finance		X		

837	Archambault		RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD TO IMPOSE A BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEE	This act would make it unlawful for a person to own or operate a business in the town of Smithfield without a registration certificate, requiring that municipal tax liens be paid prior to the issuance of such a certificate, and would provide for jurisdiction to have enforcement actions based on this law in both the Rhode Island district court and the Smithfield municipal court.	Housing and Municipal Government				**X**
838	Walaska, McCaffrey, Lynch		RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - STATE BUILDING CODE	This act would permit ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives necessary for compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) relating to accessibility shall be permitted as needed in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, including those which have been built-out or converted to commercial uses, notwithstanding the provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary.	Housing and Municipal Government	Scheduled for hearing (4/11); Committee recommended measure be held for further study			**X**
840	Goodwin, Ruggerio, Miller, Goldin, Jabour		RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ANTITRUST LAW	This act would make a number of definition changes and clarifications to the Rhode Island antitrust statutes	Judiciary				**X**

842	Cote, Picard		RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - WORKERS' COMPENSATION	This act would provide that the provisions of the workers' compensation act would apply to any and all employees who are injured and would remove the provision which requires that the person be hired in the State of Rhode Island.	Labor			X	
843	Lombardo, Lombardi, Conley		RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - DRUG TESTING	This act would expand the regulation of employer mandated drug testing to include the highway construction and repair industry.	Labor			X	