

This 2023 session the RI General Assembly introduced 7669 bills/resolutions. Of those 7669 introduced 60 are bills that affect veterans. Of those 60 bills 20 were passed and either signed by the Governor or became law without his signature. Below are most of those bills/resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 275/H-5737

BY Miller, DiPalma, Euer, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson, Ujifusa, Kallman, Murray, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (Amends the interstate nurse licensure compact and adopts an enhanced and more comprehensive version of the compact, to allow nurses to hold a multi-state license allowing them to practice across state lines without having to obtain multiple licenses.)

{LC290/1}

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

06/14/2023 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/15/2023 Senate passed Sub A

06/16/2023 House passed Sub A in concurrence

06/24/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 436 SUB A/H-5017/H-5265

BY Felag, DiPalma, Lawson, Raptakis, Lauria, Murray, Valverde
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Unifies the weight limit of vehicles with special plates, including P.O.W. plates, National Guard plates, and disabled veteran plates, to 12,000 pounds.)

{LC1809/A/1}

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

05/17/2023 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/25/2023 Senate passed Sub A

06/06/2023 House passed Sub A in concurrence

06/12/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 555

BY Lawson, Britto, Lauria
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Transfers the tax exemption classification to a surviving spouse until remarriage or death.)

{LC2493/1}

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/30/2023 Committee recommends passage

06/06/2023 Senate read and passed

06/12/2023 House passed in concurrence

06/14/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 666/H-5233

BY Sosnowski, Valverde, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames bridges 00201, 17801 and 17601 in South Kingstown after 3 Medal of Honor recipients, to wit, Sgt. William G. Fournier, Sgt. William J. Babcock, Cpl. David B. Champagne, respectively.)

{LC2473/1}

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/13/2023 Committee recommends passage

06/14/2023 Senate read and passed

06/15/2023 House passed in concurrence

06/26/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 710

(Veterans)

BY Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria, Euer, Lawson, Acosta, Raptakis, Tikoian, Mack, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Includes the National Guard in the definition of who is eligible for veterans' exemptions.)

{LC2294/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

06/08/2023 Committee recommends passage

06/14/2023 Senate read and passed

06/15/2023 House passed in concurrence

06/20/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 748

(Veterans)

BY Ciccone, Lombardo, Burke, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides free admission to any state owned recreational facility for Gold Star families with exceptions for docking slips.)

{LC2295/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

05/17/2023 Committee recommends passage

05/25/2023 Senate read and passed

05/26/2023 Referred to House Finance

06/08/2023 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/12/2023 House passed in concurrence

06/20/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 749

(Veterans)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE (Provides that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at half-staff over the state house.)

{LC1574/1}

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

05/17/2023 Committee recommends passage

05/25/2023 Senate read and passed

Senate Bill No. 942 SUB A/H-5466 SUB A

(Veterans)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME (Requires that the administrator for the Rhode Island veterans' home be a licensed nursing home administrator and removes the requirement that the administrator be an honorably discharged veteran.)

{LC1575/A/2}

04/25/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

06/06/2023 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/08/2023 Senate passed Sub A

06/12/2023 House passed Sub A in concurrence

06/14/2023 Signed by Governor

Senate Bill No. 1078

BY de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF KEEGAN DINAGEN POST 1023 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

{LC3058/1}

05/30/2023 Senate read and passed

05/31/2023 Referred to House Corporations

06/06/2023 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

06/12/2023 House passed Sub A in concurrence

06/22/2023 Effective without Governor's signature

Senate Resolution No. 1100

Resolution 392

BY Felag

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JUNE 12, 2023, TO BE "WOMEN VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC3173/1}

06/08/2023 Senate read and passed

Senate Resolution No. 1110/H-6501

BY DeLuca, de la Cruz, Paolino, Rogers, Raptakis, McKenney, Kallman, Tikoian, Bell, Burke
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING JUNE 14, 2023 AS "NATIONAL FLAG DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

{LC3186/1}

06/14/2023 Senate read and passed

House Resolution No. 5150

Resolution 107

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Corvese, Noret, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND (This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study a plan and the design of a Vietnam Memorial in Providence, from January 31, 2023 to January 31, 2025, and said commission would expire on April 30, 2025.)

{LC608/1}

01/18/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

02/02/2023 Committee recommends passage

02/09/2023 House read and passed

House Bill No. 5200 SUB A as amended

(Governor)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

{LC715/A/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

06/02/2023 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

06/09/2023 House passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)

06/09/2023 Referred to Senate Finance

06/13/2023 Committee recommends passage of Sub A as amended in concurrence

06/15/2023 Senate passed Sub A as amended in concurrence

06/16/2023 Signed by Governor

House Resolution No. 5467

Resolution 355

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Kennedy, O'Brien, Hull, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE VETERANS BENEFITS TO THE HMONG/LAOTIAN VETERANS WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES IN THE "SECRET WAR" IN LAOS

{LC1285/1}

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

05/11/2023 Committee recommends passage

05/25/2023 House read and passed

House Bill No. 5999

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Fellela, Shallcross Smith, Place, Serpa, Azzinaro, Rea, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS --

GENERAL PROVISIONS (Provides free admission to any state owned recreational facility for Gold Star families with exceptions for docking slips.)

{LC2188/1}

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

06/08/2023 Committee recommends passage

06/12/2023 House read and passed

06/14/2023 Senate passed in concurrence

06/20/2023 Signed by Governor

Stay safe and well.

Respectfully submitted,

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