

# Minutes



## LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Monday February 14, 2005 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Governor's Commission on Disabilities

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**Secretary:** Bob Cooper

**Attendees:** Victoria Wilcox (Chair); Raymond Bandusky; Sharon Brinkworth; Linda Deschenes; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; & Arthur Plitt

**Excused:** Tim Flynn (Vice Chair); Rosemary Carmody; Paul Choquette; Regina Connor; Joseph Corrente; Joan D'Agostino; Scott Greco; Mitch Henderson; Denise Holmes Bill Inlow; Ken Pariseau; Gwen Reeves; & Rev. Gerard Sabourin

### Minutes

**3:00 PM Call to Order and acceptance of minutes Victoria Wilcox, Chair.**

Discussion: Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:10 PM.

Members and guests introduce themselves

MOTION: To accept the minutes as presented SB/LD passed unanimously

**3:05 PM Status of GCD Legislative Package Bob Cooper**

#### 2005 Legislative Package

- **Access to Comprehensive Health Care** for people with disabilities through:
  1. Expand Home Care Services, so people can remain living in their community (in Budget); Adjust state's income eligibility level for Medicaid for persons with disabilities to match the Family Independence Program level and then adjust annually by the cost of living **Sen. Lanzi [S 0261] & asked Rep Lima;** Increase the number of Medicaid Personal Care Attendants slots from 80 to 150 (in Budget) and provide a cost of living adjustment for personal care assistance services **Rep. Dennigan & Sen. Gallo {S 0413};**
  2. Establish a managed health care system for adults with disabilities within Medicaid **Rep. Naughton & asked Sen. Roberts;**
  3. Provide state funded health insurance coverage (including prescription drug coverage) during the 2-year wait for SSDI recipients to be covered by Medicare **Sen. Gibbs [S 0171] & asked Rep. Mumford.**

4. Establish of program to provide appropriate in-state services for people with traumatic brain injury, probably via the Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund legislation **Rep. McNamara [H 5220] & Sen. Blais [S 0112]**;

Amend the State Medicaid Plan to include for “medically needy persons with disabilities, the same benefits that are provided to “categorically needy” persons (outpatient hospital clinic and emergency room services; hearing aids and molded shoes; Podiatry Services; one pair of eyeglasses [frames, lenses, dispensing fees] every other year). The habilitation waiver should be expanded to include all eligible recipients who would benefit from physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy, psychological therapy, rehabilitation services **Sen. Perry [S 0238] & Rep. Slater [H 5382]**].

- **Expand Employment Opportunities** for adults with disabilities through the creation/maintenance of work-related infrastructure:

5. Fully fund RIDE & RIPTA as recommended by RIPEC in its Rhode Island at the Crossroads – A RIPEC Public Policy Issues Brief **(in Budget)**;

6. Fully fund Medicaid Buy In, for personal care services, job coaches, and other support services available for people with disabilities who are working **(in Budget)**;

- **Affordable and Accessible Housing** including:

7. Fully Fund modifications to homes/apartments owned or rented by families with disabled members (expand to include Medicare only recipients) and create flexible funding plan such as cash and counseling for families to modify home or yard **(in Budget)**; and

8. Fully Fund the Neighborhood Opportunities Program to expand the public and private market of affordable/adaptable housing **(in Budget)**.

### **3:10 PM Review of New Bills**

**Victoria Wilcox**

Discussion: Members discussed the following bills:

#### **Category: Accessibility Standards**

*committee review requested by Bob Cooper*

**Location: Senate Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0122 Title: SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

Sponsors: Sen. Blais

Description: This act would provide grants to cities and towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the department of education and department of health’s joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations and/or to provide access for people with disabilities.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**MOTION: To find beneficial if amended to delete the change from 4% to 10% reimbursement S-0122 relating to SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY AP/LD passed unanimously**

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Labor Committee**

**Status: Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration** 2/17/2005

**05 H-5020 Title: HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Sponsors: Rep. Faria

Description: This act would amend the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act so as to permit smoking in bars where no food is served.

This act would take effect upon passage.

MOTION: To find harmful **H-5020 relating to HEALTH AND SAFETY** JB/LD passed unanimously

**Category: Civil Rights**

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee**

**Status: Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration** 2/16/2005

**05 H-5186 Title: EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

Sponsors: Rep. Almeida & Reps. Williams, Diaz, and McNamara

Description: This act would delete references in the Rhode Island general laws which exempt the legislative branch of state government from compliance with provisions of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

This act would take effect upon passage.

MOTION: To find beneficial **H-5186 relating to EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION** SB/JB passed unanimously

*committee review requested by Bob Cooper*

**Location: House Judiciary Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5095 Title: PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (ENFORCEMENT)**

Sponsors: Rep. Anguilla & Reps. Davey, Gemma, Rice, and Dennigan

Description: Would amend the Constitution to make it self-executing, allowing its provisions to be enforceable in the appropriate courts of this state by legal or equitable action without the necessity for the enactment of any enabling legislation.

***Tabled – check the bill number and hold until the next meeting.***

*committee review requested by Bob Cooper*

**05 H-5243 Title: PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM)**

Sponsors: Rep. Picard

Description: This resolution would amend the state constitution by establishing a voter initiative process to allow voters to initiate proposed legislation which would, upon vote of the electorate, become law.

**Similar to S 0124, Related to H 5245 & S 0125**

**05 H-5245 Title: INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM**

Sponsors: Rep. Picard

Description: This act would provide a detailed process by which a proponent of a voter initiative and referendum proposal would present the proposal to the secretary of state, the general assembly and the governor.

This act would take effect upon ratification of a constitutional amendment entitled “JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH, AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM).” **Similar to S 0125, Related to H 5243 & S 0124**

**Location: Senate Constitutional and Gaming Issues Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0125 Title: INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM**

Sponsors: Sen. Cote & Sens. Badeau, Bates, Raptakis, and Lenihan

Description: This act would provide a detailed process by which a proponent of a voter initiative and

referendum proposal would present the proposal to the secretary of state, the general assembly the governor.

This act would take effect upon ratification of a constitutional amendment entitled JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH, AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM).”

**Similar to H 5245, Related to S 0124 & H 5243**

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: Senate Constitutional and Gaming Issues Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0124 Title: APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM)**

Sponsors: Sen. Cote & Sens. Badeau, Bates, Raptakis, and Lenihan

Description: This resolution would amend the state constitution by establishing a voter initiative process to allow voters to initiate proposed legislation which would, upon vote of the electorate, become law.

**Similar to H 5243, Related to S 0125 & H 5245**

**MOTION: To find harmful H 5243, S-0124S 0125 & H 5245 relating to INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM AP/ JB passed unanimously**

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Category: Special Education**

**Location: Senate Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0016 Title: CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Sponsors: Sen. Tassoni & Sens. Doyle, and Polisena

Description: This act would require the state to provide funding for the special education needs of a child who moves into a city or town after the school committee adopts its budget for the school year. Any additional funding would apply to that school year only.

**No position taken**

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: House Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5063 Title: TOWNS AND CITIES**

Sponsors: Rep. Kilmartin & Reps. E Coderre, Crowley, and Moura

Description: This act would delay for one calendar year, the effective date of any regulation if it has a fiscal impact on a municipality or school district.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**05 S-0172 Title: STATE EDUCATION - - MANDATES**

Sponsors: Sen. Blais & Sen. Raptakis

Description: This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded or else unenforceable. This act would take effect upon passage.

**MOTION: To find harmful H-5063 & S-0172 relating to STATE EDUCATION - - MANDATES AP/ JB passed unanimously**

**05 H-5210 Title: EDUCATION**

Sponsors: Rep. San Bento & Reps. Rose, Corvese, and Gallison

Description: This act would provide that any licensed speech language pathologist who has met the

requirements and acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and who is employed by a school district, would be entitled to receive an annual salary supplement of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500), in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Similar to H 5197, H 5323**

**05 H-5323 Title: EDUCATION**

Sponsors: Rep. Jacquard & Reps. San Bento, Schadone, and Gemma

Description: This act would require certain schools to employ speech language pathologists and would provide that any licensed speech language pathologist who has met the requirements and acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language- Hearing Association, and who is employed by a school district, would be entitled to receive an annual salary supplement of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500), in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Similar to H 5210**

**Location: House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5197 Title: EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT**

Sponsors: Rep. San Bento & Rep. Gallison

Description: This act would provide that communities that have established a salary supplement for teachers obtaining a national board for professional teachers standards certificate shall also provide the same salary to personnel holding a certificate of clinical competence issued by the American speech-language association. **Similar to H 5210, H 5323**

*No position taken*

**Location: House Resolution 2005 - Status: Resolution Adopted**

**05 H-5101 Title: MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT OF FORTY PERCENT (40%) FEDERAL FUNDING IN ITS REAUTHORIZATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (20 U.S.C. 1400 ET SEQ.)**

Sponsors: Rep. Savage & Reps. Story, McNamara, Corvese, and Costantino

Description: RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to fulfill the original commitment of the Congress of the United States to provide for forty percent (40%) federal funding to local school districts to carry out the mandates of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

*No position taken*

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee**

**Status: Continued 2/2/2005**

**05 H-5182 Title: HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS**

Sponsors: Rep. Naughton & Reps. Slater, Lima, Almeida, and E Coderre

Description: This act would require the department of health to establish a school vision-testing program for children ages three (3) to six (6), who are entering a publicly funded pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program for the first time.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**MOTION: To find beneficial H-5182 relating to HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS JB/LD passed unanimously**

**Location: Senate Education Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0032 Title: EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**

Sponsors: Sen. Issa

Description: This act would require that the board of trustees at the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, for as long as the Vision Services Program is located at the School for the Deaf, have at least one member who is a parent, grandparent, or guardian of a visually impaired student.

This act would take effect upon passage.

***Tabled check to determine if vision service is still at the School for the Deaf.***

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: House Veterans Affairs Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5022 Title: CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE VETERANS HOME IN BRISTOL AND DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN FOR THE OVERALL FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE FACILITY**

Sponsors: Rep. Carter & Reps. Gallison, Lewiss, Malik, and Gemma

Description: This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special house commission whose purpose it would be to study the feasibility of constructing a new Veterans Home in Bristol and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than January 24, 2006 and whose life would expire on

***No position taken***

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: House Corporations Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5228 Title: INSURANCE -- EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES**

Sponsors: Rep. Naughton & Reps. Costantino, and Slater

Description: This act would provide that a deductible and coinsurance factor may be applied to early intervention services covered by high deductible health plans issued in conjunction with health savings accounts established pursuant to section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code.

This act would take effect upon passage.

***Tabled – request response from the Early Intervention Program.***

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: Senate Health and Human Services Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0182 Title: HEATH INSURANCE**

Sponsors: Sen. Gibbs & Sens. Algieri, Perry, Roberts, and Sosnowski

Description: This act would provide mandatory health insurance coverage for cranial prosthetics for persons who lose their hair as a result of treatment for cancer.

This act would take effect upon passage.

***No position taken***

**Location: House Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5270 Art. 14 Title: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED CHILDREN**

Sponsors: Rep. Watson & Reps. Mumford, Long, Gorham, and Savage Requested by the Governor

Description: The article would require co-payments for Medicaid participation for families above 250 percent of the federal poverty limit for disabled children with certain categorical eligibility status. It

would provide that Children with disabilities with family income at or above two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level may be eligible for medical assistance coverage as categorically needy under Section 134 (a) of federal P.L. 97-248, commonly known as Katie Beckett eligible. The department of human services is authorized and directed to apply for and obtain any necessary waivers from the secretary of the United States department of health and human services, including, but not limited to a waiver of the appropriate sections of Title XIX [42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.], to require the families of children with disabilities that are Katie Beckett eligible for medical assistance coverage under this chapter to share in the costs of medical assistance coverage. The department of human services shall implement the cost-sharing by regulation, and shall consider co-payments, premium shares or other reasonable means to do so, provided that such cost sharing shall not exceed five percent (5%) of annual income. This article shall take effect upon passage. - *Commission voted to Oppose*

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Corporations Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5233 Title: MANDATED BENEFITS REVIEW ACT**

Sponsors: Rep. Menard & Reps. Petrarca, T Brien, Ucci, and McHugh

Description: This act would create an independent committee to review the cost effectiveness, medical efficacy and social need for mandated health insurance benefits.

This act would take effect on July 1, 2005.

**Location: Senate Health and Human Services Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0078 Title: INSURANCE**

Sponsors: Sen. Blais & Sens. Bates, and Breene

Description: This act would create an independent committee to review the cost-effectiveness, medical efficacy and social need for mandated health insurance benefits.

This act would take effect on January 1, 2006.

**MOTION: To find /harmful H-5233 & S 0078 relating to MANDATED BENEFITS REVIEW ACT AP/LD passed unanimously**

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5248 Title: HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Sponsors: Rep. Giannini & Reps. Petrarca, Trillo, Williams, and McHugh

Description: This act would require that health insurance policies include coverage for the purchase of prosthetic devices from distributors which are not on the health care provider's approved list.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Identical to H 5249, H 5250**

**05 H-5249 Title: HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Sponsors: Rep. Giannini & Reps. Petrarca, Trillo, Williams, and McHugh

Description: This act would require that health insurance policies include coverage for prosthetic devices.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Identical to H 5249, H 5250**

**05 H-5250 Title: HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Sponsors: Rep. Giannini & Reps. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Description: This act would require that health insurance policies include coverage for prosthetic devices.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Identical to H 5248, H 5249**

**Tabled – ask RI Disability Law Center whether Assistive Technology Lemon Law covers prosthetic devices.**

*committee review requested by Bob*

**05 S-0236 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - - PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY**

Sponsors: Sen. Perry & Sens. Roberts, Tassoni, Levesque C, Goodwin

Description: This act would add to the definition of drugs eligible for pharmaceutical assistance to the elderly, drugs for the treatment of multiple sclerosis.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**Status: Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration** 2/8/2005

**05 H-5232 Title: PHARMACY**

Sponsors: Rep. Picard

Description: This act would require that mail order pharmaceutical products be signed for by a person at least 17 years old.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**No position taken**

**MOTION: To find beneficial if amended to cover all injectable drugs S-0236 relating to PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY KMcC-B/AP passed unanimously**

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Calendar Status: Recommend Passage**

**05 H-5088 Title: CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING AT THE ZAMBARANO HOSPITAL FACILITY**

Sponsors: Rep. Pacheco & Reps. Church, Slater, Lewiss, and O'Neill

Description: This resolution would create a seven (7) member special house commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the feasibility of establishing an institution of higher learning at the Zambarano Hospital facility in Burrillville and who would report back to the house of representative no later than January 10, 2006 and whose life would expire on April 10, 2006.

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5008 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE**

Sponsors: Rep. Giannini & Reps. Petrarca, McHugh, and Handy

Description: This act would establish the office of the long-term health care advocate to advocate for the needs of residents of long-term health care facilities. The act would grant the office specific powers and duties, and provide for funding of the office from the general assembly.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Identical to H 5011**

**05 H-5011 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE**

Sponsors: Rep. Giannini & Reps. McHugh, Petrarca, and Handy

Description: This act would establish the office of the long-term health care advocate to advocate for the needs of residents of long-term health care facilities. The act would grant the office specific powers and duties, and provide for funding of the office from the general assembly.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Identical to H 5008**

**Tabled, ask Alliance for Better Long Term Care to comment on bills**

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5055 Title: HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Sponsors: Rep. Palumbo & Reps. Ucci, and Corvese

Description: This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality where the abuse occurred.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**MOTION: To find beneficial H-5055 Title: HEALTH AND SAFETY JB/LD passed unanimously**

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: Senate Judiciary Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0191 Title: AMBER ALERT PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Sen. Perry & Sens. Roberts, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, and Gibbs

Description: This act would allow putting missing adults with dementia who operate motor vehicles into the AMBER Alert system.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**No position taken**

**Category: Transportation**

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: House Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5291 Title: HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT**

Sponsors: Rep. Slater & Reps. Diaz, Williams, Almeida, and Naughton

Description: This act would set minimum Medicaid reimbursement rates for transport services.

**Location: Senate Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0202 Title: PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES**

Sponsors: Sen. Gibbs & Sens. Sosnowski, DaPonte, Blais, and Breene

Description: This act would authorize the state controller to adopt provisions allowing state employees the option to exclude employer commuting costs resulting from the use of RIPTA commuting passes.

This act would take effect upon passage.

*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**Location: House Environmental and Natural Resources**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5236 Title: BRIDLE AND HIKING TRAILS**

Sponsors: Rep. Gorham & Reps. Mumford, and Moffitt

Description: This act would restrict the use of motorized vehicles on state bridle and hiking paths.

**MOTION: To find beneficial if amended to include RId S-0202 relating to PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- SALARIES AND TRAVELING EXPENSES KMcC-B/AP passed unanimously**

**MOTION: To find harmful unless amended to cover motorized assistive devices for persons with disabilities H-5236 relating to BRIDLE AND HIKING TRAILS LD/JB passed**

unanimously

**Category: Housing**

*committee review requested by Bob Cooper*

**Location: Senate Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0145 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE SHELTER TO HOUSING PROGRAM**

Sponsors: Sen. Perry & Sens. Goodwin, Roberts, Gibbs, and Pichardo

Description: This act would create a program designed to move homeless individuals and families from shelter to rental housing. The program would be administered by the office of homelessness and emergency assistance within the housing resources commission.

This act would take effect upon passage.

**Location: House Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 H-5289 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998**

Sponsors: Rep. Slater & Reps. Jackson, Fox, Diaz, and Almeida

Description: This act would give the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission the power to administer the supportive services program which aids in the prevention of homelessness, and would appropriate \$350,000 in fiscal year 2005-2006 to carry out this provision of this act.

This act would take effect upon passage. **S 0204**

**Location: Senate Finance Committee**

**Status: In Committee**

**05 S-0204 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998**

Sponsors: Sen. Pichardo & Sens. Tassoni, Perry, Goodwin, and Gallo

Description: This act would give the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission the power to administer the supportive services program which aids in the prevention of homelessness, and would appropriate \$350,000 in fiscal year 2005-2006 to carry out this provision of this act.

This act would take effect upon passage. **H 5289**

***Tabled to ask RI Housing Resources Commission their position***

*committee review requested by Jeanne*

**Location: House Corporations Committee**

**Status: Continued 2/1/2005**

**05 H-5111 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION**

Sponsors: Rep. McHugh

Description: This act would exempt, from compliance with certain lead hazard mitigation requirements, property owners who rent three (3) or fewer dwelling units.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Similar to H 5112, H 5235**

**05 H-5112 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION**

Sponsors: Rep. McHugh

Description: This act would exempt, from compliance with certain lead hazard mitigation requirements, owners of property which is rented fewer than ninety (90) days per year.

This act would take effect upon passage. **Similar to H 5111, H 5235**

**Status: Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 2/8/2005**

**05 H-5235 Title: STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - - LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION**

Sponsors: Rep. Lewiss & Reps. Kennedy, Lally, Picard, and Jackson  
 Description: This act would except from certain lead hazard mitigation requirements the owners of rental property who rent units for fewer than fourteen (14) weeks per year or who rent unites that are not winterized.  
 This act would take effect upon passage. **Similar to H 5111, H 5112**  
**Location: House Finance Committee**  
**Status: Recommended**  
**05 H-5226 Title: HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD PROGRAM**  
 Sponsors: Rep. Lewiss & Reps. San Bento, Picard, Kennedy, and Jackson  
 Description: This act would establish a low interest fund available to property owners for reduction of lead hazards.  
 This act would take effect upon passage.  
*committee review requested by Jeanne & Victoria*

**MOTION: To find harmful H-5111, H-5112, H-5235 relating to LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION JB/LD passed unanimously**  
**MOTION: To find beneficial H 5226 relating to Health and Safety – Environmental Lead Program JB/SB passed unanimously**

**Category: taxes**  
*committee review requested by Victoria*  
**Location: House Finance Committee**  
**Status: Referred to Committee**  
**05 H-5270 Art. 04 Title: PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**  
 Sponsors: Rep. Watson & Reps. Mumford, Long, Gorham, and Savage Requested by the Governor  
 Description: This article increases funding for Property Tax Relief from \$6.0 million to \$10.0 million, increases the tax credit from \$250 to \$500 and eliminates those under 65 years of age and not disabled from eligibility for this program.  
 This article shall take effect as of July 1, 2005. **H 5370 & S 0062 - Commission voted to Support**  
**05 H-5370 Title: TAXATION - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**  
 Sponsors: Rep. McManus & Reps. Loughlin, Ehrhardt, Long, and Savage  
 Description: This act would increase the income range and the maximum credit amount for the property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons. Effective July 1, 2005 the income range will go to 30,000 to 32,500 and effective July 1, 2006 the price range will go from 32,001 to 35,000.  
 This act would take effect upon passage. **H 5270 Art. 04 & S 0062**  
**Location: Senate Finance Committee**  
**Status: In Committee**  
**05 S-0062 Title: TAXATION - PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**  
 Sponsors: Sen. Felag & Sens. Ciccone, Lanzi, Goodwin, and Issa  
 Description: This act would increase the maximum credit amount for the property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons.  
 This act would take effect upon passage. **H 5370 & H 5270 Art. 04**

**4:25 PM Other Business**

None

**Adjourned at:** 4:58 PM