



Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Legislation Committee
Monday, February 3, 2014 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
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Attendees: Linda Ward (Chair.); Jack Ringland (Vice Chair.); Rosemary C. Carmody; Timothy Flynn; William R. Inlow; Arthur M. Plitt; & Angelina Stabile
Absentees: Nicole Bucka; Joseph Cirillo; Regina Connor; Heather Daglieri; Linda Deschenes; Casey Gartland; Elaina Goldstein; Kathleen Heren; Paula Parker; Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin; Meredith Sheehan; & Dawn Wardyga

Guests:

Staff: Bob Cooper



3:00 Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes, Linda Ward, Chair

Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.



MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented
 Motion moved by JR, seconded by AS, passed unanimously

Action Items:



3:05 2014 Legislative Package, Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary

Purpose/Goal: To review the status of the Commission's legislative package

2014 Legislative Package		Status
1. Transportation to Employment, job training, education, health care, etc.		
a) Maintain the existing RIPTA/RIde service areas;		Rep. Jacquard & Sen. Pichardo asked
b) Adequate funding/new & stable funding source;		
c) Expand the RIPTA/RIde service areas/hours beyond the existing service/hours; and		
d) Require RIPTA to establish a sliding scale RIde fare.		
2. Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver; making sure the 2008 level of services stay in place for persons with severe disabilities:		Commission reviewing Budget Article 25
a) Restore the 2008 Katie Beckett and children with autism spectrum disorders eligibility rules;		Sen. Crowley & Rep. Cimini asked
b) Restore the right to medically necessary brand name drugs without requiring two generic failures before allowing brand name;		
c) Improve services for adults with autism spectrum disorders;		Commission reviewing Budget Article 25
d) Retain multiple behavioral healthcare service delivery models;		
e) Maintain disability service funding;		
f) Post-Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver Transition Plan;		
g) Clarify eligibility for Medicaid/Sherlock services.		Seeking an

	Executive Order
3. Housing Supports and other services for people with behavioral health concerns:	Sen. Goodwin & Rep. Ferri both asked
a) Restore the Neighborhood Opportunities Program funding;	
b) Create a supportive housing program; and	
c) Expansion of Affordable Housing - require at least 2 additional affordable housing units for cities and towns that have not met the affordable housing goals.	
4. Accessibility to Services:	Will support Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
a) Provide interpreter services for ancillary healthcare programs or supports (including peer supports); and	
b) Provide closed captions of all Capitol Television programing.	
5. Employment	
a) Improve school to adult transitional to adult services/employment/post-secondary education; and	Seeking an Executive Order
b) Maintain non-competitive employment options.	
6. Direct the Legislation Committee to monitor progress on requiring Health Insurance Plans to cover specialty drug (Tier 4 Drug Category) in Tier 3, to determine impact of Affordable Care Act.	

3:15 Recently filed legislation that may impact people with disabilities, Bob Cooper



Purpose/Goal: To review recently filed legislation, determine the potential impact on people with disabilities, and adopt legislative impact statements

2014 H 7068 An Act Relating To Public Utilities Commission - Information Accessibility Service For Persons With Disabilities

Introduced by Rep. Naughton, Referred to the House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee
 This act would include wireless telephones in the adaptive telephone equipment loan program that services the needs of persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, severely speech impaired, or those with neuromuscular impairments.
 This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-1-42 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-1 entitled "Public
 2 Utilities Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-1-42. Access to telephone information services for persons with disabilities.** -- (a)

4 The public utilities commission shall establish, administer and promote an information
 5 accessibility service that includes:

6 (1) A statewide telephone relay service and, through the competitive bidding process,
 7 contract for the administration and operation of such a relay system for utilization of the
 8 telecommunications network by deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired persons;

9 (2) The adaptive telephone equipment loan program capable of servicing the needs of
 10 persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, severely speech impaired, or those with neuromuscular
 11 impairments for use with a single party telephone line, ^{add}or wireless telephone, ^{add} to any subscriber
 12 who is certified as deaf, hard of hearing, severely speech impaired, or with neuromuscular
 13 impairments by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, or a qualified state agency,
 14 pursuant to chapter 23 of this title; and

15 (3) A telephone access to the text of newspaper programs to residents who are blind, deaf
 16 or blind, visually impaired, or reading impaired with a single party telephone line.

17 (b) The commission shall establish, by rule or regulation, an appropriate funding
 18 mechanism to recover the costs of providing this service from each residence and business

1 telephone access line or trunk in the state, including PBX trunks and centrex equivalent trunks
 2 and each service line or trunk, and upon each user interface number or extension number or
 3 similarly identifiable line, trunk, or path to or from a digital network. Notwithstanding the
 4 foregoing, there shall not be any additional funding mechanism used to charge each residence and
 5 business telephone access line or truck in the state, including PBX trunks and centrex equivalent
 6 trunks and each service line or trunk, or upon each user interface number or extension number or
 7 similarly identifiable line, trunk or path to or from a digital network, to recover the costs of
 8 providing the services outlined in subsections (a)(1), (2) or (3) above.

9 (c) The commission, with the assistance of the state commission on the deaf and hard of
 10 hearing, shall also develop the appropriate rules, regulations and service standards necessary to
 11 implement the provisions of subsection (a)(1) of this section. At a minimum, however, the
 12 commission shall require, under the terms of the contract, that the relay service provider:

13 (1) Offer its relay services seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, including
 14 holidays;

15 (2) Hire only qualified salaried operators with deaf language skills; and

16 (3) Maintain the confidentiality of all communications.

17 (d) The commission shall collect from the telecommunications service providers the
 18 amounts of the surcharge collected from their subscribers and remit to the department of human
 19 services an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually commencing in fiscal year 2005
 20 for the adaptive telephone equipment loan program and forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to the
 21 department of human services for the establishment of a new telephone access to the text of
 22 newspaper programs. In addition, eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) shall annually be remitted to
 23 the Rhode Island Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for an emergency and public
 24 communication access program, pursuant to section 23-1.8-4 of the Rhode Island general laws.

25 The surcharge referenced hereunder shall be generated from existing funding
 26 mechanisms and shall not be generated as a result of any new funding mechanisms charged to
 27 each residence and business telephone access line or trunk in the state, including PBX trunks and
 28 centrex equivalent trunks and each service line or trunk, or upon each user interface number or
 29 extension number or similarly identifiable line, trunk or path to or from a digital network.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	<p>MOTION: To find beneficial 2014 H 7068 An Act Relating To Public Utilities Commission - Information Accessibility Service For Persons With Disabilities Motion moved by AS, seconded by JR passed unanimously</p>
	<p>2014 H 7155 An Act Regarding An Act Relating To Military Affairs And Defense - Burial Of Veterans</p>
	<p>Introduced by Rep. Gallison, Scheduled for a hearing by the House Veterans Affairs Committee, 01/30/14. The act would prohibit the walking of any domestic animal on the grounds of the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Exeter. An exception would be made for certified service dogs. This act would take effect upon passage.</p>

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-25-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-25 entitled "Burial of
 2 Veterans" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-25-14. Rhode Island veterans' memorial cemetery.** – (a) The Rhode Island veterans'
 4 memorial cemetery located on the grounds of the Joseph H. Ladd school in the town of Exeter
 5 shall be under the management and control of the director of the department of human services.
 6 The director of the department of human services shall appoint an administrator for the Rhode
 7 Island veterans' memorial cemetery who shall be an honorably discharged veteran of the United
 8 States Armed Forces and shall have the general supervision over and shall prescribe rules for the
 9 government and management of the cemetery. He or she shall make all needful rules and

10 regulations governing the operation of the cemetery and generally may do all things necessary to
 11 insure the successful operation thereof. The director shall promulgate rules and regulations, not
 12 inconsistent with the provisions of 38 USCS section 2402, to govern the eligibility for burial in
 13 the Rhode Island veterans' memorial cemetery. In addition to all persons eligible for burial
 14 pursuant to rules and regulations established by the director, any person who served in the army,
 15 navy, air force, or marine corps of the United States for a period of not less than two (2) years and
 16 whose service was terminated honorably, shall be eligible for burial in the Rhode Island veterans'
 17 memorial cemetery. The director shall appoint and employ all subordinate officials and persons
 18 needed for the proper management of the cemetery. National Guard members who are killed in
 19 the line of duty or who are honorably discharged after completion of at least twenty (20) years' of
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1 service in the Rhode Island National Guard and their spouse shall be eligible for internment in the
 2 Rhode Island Veterans' Memorial Cemetery. For the purpose of computing service under this
 3 section, honorable service in the active forces or reserves shall be considered toward the twenty
 4 (20) years of National Guard service. The general assembly shall make an annual appropriation to
 5 the department of human services to provide for the operation and maintenance for the cemetery.
 6 The director shall charge and collect a grave liner fee per interment of the eligible spouse and/or
 7 eligible dependents of the qualified veteran equal to the Department's cost for the grave liner.
 8 ^{add} (b) No domestic animal shall be allowed on the grounds of the Rhode Island Veterans'
 9 memorial cemetery whether at large or under restraint, except for seeing eye guide dogs, hearing
 10 ear signal dogs, or any other certified service dog permitted by the cemetery administrator. Any
 11 person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine in an amount not less
 12 than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). ^{add}
 13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	<p>MOTION: To find beneficial if amended to allow animals under their control (leashed) of the owner 2014 H 7155 An Act Relating To Military Affairs And Defense - Burial Of Veterans Motion moved by JR, seconded by RC, passed unanimously</p>
<p>---</p>	<p>2014 H 7094 An Act Relating To Human Services - Rare Disease Community Support, Resource Coordination, And Quality Of Life Act Of 2014</p>
	<p>Introduced by Rep. Kazarian, Scheduled for hearing by the House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee This act would establish the "RI rare disease community advisory council" within the department of human services in order to aid the state in developing an action plan that addresses the coordination of resources to efficiently provide care for Rhode Islanders living with diseases and their family caregiver. This act would take effect upon passage.</p>

1 SECTION 1. Title 40 of the General Laws entitled "HUMAN SERVICES" is hereby
 2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:
 3 ^{add} **CHAPTER 23**
 4 **RARE DISEASE COMMUNITY SUPPORT, RESOURCE COORDINATION, AND QUALITY**
 5 **OF LIFE ACT OF 2014**
 6 **40-23-1. Rhode Island rare disease community support. Resource coordination, and**
 7 **quality of life act of 2014. – Purpose and declarations. – (a) The Rhode Island general**
 8 **assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that rare disease survivors face early causes of**
 9 **mortality, death and permanent, long-term disability in Rhode Island; state resources are not**
 10 **coordinated for survivors and their family caregivers to provide for better access to appropriate**
 11 **state social services; and health coverage is often denied or restricted upon diagnosis, treatments**
 12 **are not usually covered, and information on locally-based clinical trials are not well-promoted. If**

13 these resources are better coordinated, mortality will be reduced, quality of life will improve,
14 necessity of accessing state resources may decline overtime, and the ability for rare disease
15 survivors to live independently will increase.

16 (b) The Rhode Island general assembly further finds that the establishment of a state rare
17 disease community advisory council will ensure that state-of-the-art information on rare disease
18 education, treatment, and access to care is available to health care providers and survivors. This

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1 advisory council will serve as a consensus group designed to coordinate efforts in state resources,
2 private entities, and social services, including bringing additional monies to the state to fund
3 improvements in the treatment of rare diseases.

4 **40-23-2. Rare disease community advisory council - Membership.** – (a) The director
5 of the department of human services shall appoint an advisory council to serve as a statewide
6 commission designed to coordinate efforts for the rare disease community. The director may
7 assign staff, upon availability of funds, to assist the advisory council and shall provide it with
8 suitable accommodations for its meetings. Members appointed to the advisory council shall
9 include:

10 (1) Up to five (5) physicians actively involved in rare disease care from the following
11 fields:

12 (i) Neurology;

13 (ii) Cardiology;

14 (iii) Primary care;

15 (iv) Orthopedics; and

16 (v) Emergency care.

17 (2) One registered professional nurse or nurse practitioner actively involved in rare
18 disease care;

19 (3) One hospital administrator or designee from each hospital that provides care to rare
20 disease survivors;

21 (4) One representative each from the public health field actively involved in public health
22 education on rare disease or chronic conditions management from the department of human
23 services and the department of health.

24 (5) One representative from a rehabilitation facility that provides services to rare disease
25 survivors;

26 (6) One rare disease survivor over the age of eighteen (18).

27 (7) One caregiver of a pediatric rare disease survivor;

28 (8) One representative from the rare disease united foundation;

29 (9) One representative from Rhode Island quality partners or state-recognized quality
30 improvement organization (QIO);

31 (10) One representative from a minority health organization involved in rare disease care;

32 (11) One representative from each licensed health care agency category that provides care
33 for rare disease survivors;

34 (12) One representative from an organization that provides respite care services for rare

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1 disease caregivers; and

2 (13) One licensed educator involved in providing or coordinating educational services to
3 a rare disease pediatric survivor.

4 (b) The advisory council shall advise the Rhode Island general assembly, the governor,
5 and the director of the department of human services, and have the following duties;

6 (1) Undertake a statistical and qualitative examination of the incidence and causes of rare
7 diseases and develop a profile of the social and economic burden of rare diseases in Rhode Island;

8 (2) Receive and consider reports and testimony from individuals, the state department of
9 health, community-based organizations, voluntary health organizations, healthcare providers, and
10 other public and private organizations statewide and of national significance to rare diseases to
11 learn more about their contributions to rare disease treatment and their ideas for the improvement
12 of rare disease care in Rhode Island;

- 13 (3) Develop methods to publicize the profile of rare disease burden in Rhode Island;
 14 (4) Identify research-based strategies that are effective in preventing and controlling risks
 15 of co-morbidities for rare disease based on the science available from rare disease related
 16 organizations;
 17 (5) Determine the burden that delayed or inappropriate treatment has on the quality of
 18 patients' lives and the associated financial burden on them and the state;
 19 (6) Study the economic impact of early rare disease treatment with regard to quality of
 20 care, reimbursement issues, and rehabilitation, and related services;
 21 (7) Research and determine how to ensure that the public and healthcare providers are
 22 sufficiently informed of the most effective strategies for rare disease awareness and care;
 23 (8) Evaluate the current system of treatment and develop recommendations to improve all
 24 aspects of increasing rare disease survival rates;
 25 (9) Research and determine the most appropriate method to collect data which shall
 26 include a record of the cases of rare diseases that occur in Rhode Island and such information
 27 concerning the cases as it shall deem necessary and appropriate in order to conduct thorough and
 28 complete epidemiological surveys of rare diseases diagnosed in Rhode Island and to apply
 29 appropriate preventative and control measures where possible;
 30 (10) Identify best practices on rare disease care in other states and at the federal level that
 31 will improve rare disease care in Rhode Island, including the feasibility and proposed structure of
 32 developing a rare disease information and patient support network;
 33 (11) Research and obtain any public or private funding available to improve rare disease
 34 care in Rhode Island;

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- 1 (12) Complete and maintain a statewide comprehensive rare disease plan to the general
 2 public, state and local officials, various public and private organizations and associations,
 3 business and industries, agencies, potential funders, and other community resources;
 4 (13) Develop a registry of all rare diseases diagnosed within the state to determine any
 5 genetic and environmental contributors to rare diseases; and
 6 (14) Identify and facilitate specific commitments to help implement the plan and all
 7 advisory council activities.
 8 (c) The members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation; provided,
 9 however the members shall be reimbursed for their reasonable costs of attendance, including, but
 10 not limited to mileage and parking fees.
 11 (d) The advisory council shall convene within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the
 12 effective date of this chapter, and shall submit a preliminary report to state agencies, the general
 13 assembly and the governor annually. The reports shall address the plans, actions, and resources
 14 needed to achieve its goals and progress in achieving implementation of the plan to reduce the
 15 burden from rare diseases in Rhode Island. The reports shall include an accounting of funds
 16 expended, funds received from grants, and anticipated funding needs and related cost savings for
 17 full implementation of recommended plans and programs.
 18 Any health care information requested or obtained by the advisory council or otherwise
 19 in the performance of its duties, shall be provided in a format that does not contain individually-
 20 identifiable information.^{add}
 21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	Contact sponsor & the Rare Disease United Foundation; the bill needs a definition of rare diseases.
	2014 H 7216 An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals
	Introduced by Rep. Bennetts, Referred to the House Finance Committee This act would expand the parent deinstitutionalization subsidy to include appropriate relatives and would allow a relative to care for a child or adult if the parent was unable to and receive a subsidy for doing so.

This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Sections 40.1-1-10 and 40.1-1-10.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 40.1-1
2 entitled "Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals" is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 ~~40.1-1-10.~~ ^{delete} ~~Parent deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program~~ ^{delete} ^{add} Deinstitutionalization
5 subsidy aid program ^{add} .-- (a) There is hereby established with the department of ^{delete} ~~mental health,~~
6 ~~retardation, and hospitals~~ ^{delete} ^{add} behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals ^{add} a
^{delete} ~~parent~~ ^{delete}
7 deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program. The program is founded for the express purpose of
8 providing financial assistance or subsidy aid to the qualified parent applicant ^{add} or if the parent is
9 not able to care for the person then an appropriate relative ^{add} as defined in this chapter, who is found
10 and certified to be qualified by the director of ^{delete} ~~mental health, retardation, and hospitals~~ ^{delete}
^{add} behavioral
11 healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals ^{add} to receive and take into his or her care,
12 custody, and control a person under the legal authority and control of the director of ^{delete} ~~mental~~
13 ~~health, retardation, and hospitals~~ ^{delete} ^{add} behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and
hospitals ^{add}
14 who is and has been a resident or patient of the ~~Dr. Joseph H. Ladd Center~~ ^{add} Eleanor Slater
15 Hospital Cranston Campus ^{add}, the ^{delete} ~~Dr. U.E. Zambarano Memorial Hospital~~ ^{delete} ^{add} Eleanor Slater
Hospital
16 Zambarano Unit ^{add}, ^{delete} ~~at the institute of mental health~~ ^{delete} or the general hospital, or a resident in an
out-
17 of-state institution, who would have been eligible for placement in the ^{delete} ~~Dr. Joseph H. Ladd~~
~~Center~~ ^{delete}
18 ^{add} Eleanor Slater Hospital Cranston Campus ^{add}, ^{delete} ~~Dr. U.E. Zambarano Memorial Hospital~~ ^{delete} the
^{add} Eleanor

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1 Slater Hospital Zambarano Unit ^{add} ^{delete} ~~or the institute of mental health~~ ^{delete} or the general hospital for a
2 period of time not less than ninety (90) days, or would be a resident or patient of one of the
3 facilities listed in this section for a period of ninety (90) days or more if a specialized community
4 program were not developed to meet the person's particular and/or unique needs.
5 (b) The general assembly hereby finds that such a ^{delete} ~~parent~~ ^{delete} deinstitutionalization program
6 would promote the general welfare of the citizens of the state and further the purpose of providing
7 deinstitutionalization care, treatment, and training for the institutionalized person and subsidy aid
8 to the qualified parent applicant ^{add} or appropriate relative ^{add} of the institutionalized person. It is further
9 found that the program is established for the purpose of providing subsidy aid to assist and make
10 available non-institutional care, support, and training when it is found to be in the best interests of
11 the health and welfare of the institutionalized person and where that placement may be made and
12 certified by the director of ^{delete} ~~mental health, retardation, and hospitals~~ ^{delete} ^{add} behavioral healthcare,
13 developmental disabilities and hospitals ^{add} to the qualified parent applicant ^{add} or appropriate
relative ^{add}.
14 (c) The director of ^{delete} ~~mental health, retardation, and hospitals~~ ^{delete} ^{add} behavioral healthcare,
15 developmental disabilities and hospitals ^{add} is hereby vested with the authority to promulgate such
16 rules and regulations as are deemed necessary and in the public interest to establish and place into
17 operation the ^{delete} ~~parent~~ ^{delete} deinstitutionalization program and authorize the payment of subsidy aid to
18 the qualified parent applicant ^{add} or appropriate relative ^{add} who receives into his or her care, custody,
19 and control a person under the legal authority and control of the director of ^{delete} ~~mental health,~~
20 ~~retardation and hospitals~~ ^{delete} ^{add} behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals ^{add} who
is or
21 has been a resident or patient of the ^{delete} ~~Dr. Joseph H. Ladd Center~~ ^{delete} ^{add} Eleanor Slater Hospital
Cranston
22 Campus ^{add}, the ^{delete} ~~Dr. U.E. Zambarano Memorial Hospital~~ ^{delete} ^{add} Eleanor Slater Hospital
Zambarano Unit ^{add} ^{delete} ~~at~~ ^{delete}
23 ~~the institute of mental health~~ ^{delete} or the general hospital or a resident or patient in an out-of-state

24 institution who would have been eligible for placement in the ~~Dr. Joseph H. Ladd Center~~
(add) Eleanor
25 Slater Hospital Cranston Campus, ~~Dr. U.E. Zambarano Memorial Hospital~~, Eleanor
Slater
26 Hospital Zambarano Unit ~~or the institute of mental health~~ or the general hospital.
27 (d) Rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to subsection (c) shall include, but not
28 be limited to, the following areas of concern:
29 (1) The establishment of eligibility and other requirements for the qualification and
30 certification of the parent applicant or appropriate relative applying for subsidy aid under this
31 chapter;
32 (2) The establishment of eligibility and other requirements for the qualification and
33 certification of a person to be removed and placed from the ~~Dr. Joseph H. Ladd Center~~ Eleanor
34 Slater Hospital Cranston Campus or ~~Dr. U.E. Zambarano Memorial Hospital~~ the Eleanor
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1 Hospital Zambarano Unit, ~~or the institute of mental health~~ or the general hospital, under this
2 program as set forth in this chapter or a resident or patient in an out-of-state institution under this
3 program as set forth in this chapter;
4 (3) The establishment of such other eligibility, certification, and qualification standards
5 and guidelines for the person, ~~or~~ the parent applicant or an appropriate relative to which the
6 program applies as may be deemed reasonable and in the public interest;
7 (4) The establishment of such licensing, regulating, inspection, monitoring,
8 investigation, and evaluation standards and requirements for the placement, care, support,
9 custody, and training of the person as are deemed reasonable and in the public interest under this
10 chapter;
11 (5) The periodic inspection, review, and evaluation of the care, support, and treatment
12 afforded the person placed in the home of the qualified parent applicant or appropriate relative
13 under this program and the making and implementation of such recommendations as are deemed
14 necessary for the continued health, safety, and welfare of the person in accordance with the
15 provisions of this chapter;
16 (6) The establishment and implementation of such other standards, safeguards, and
17 protections as are deemed necessary and in the public interest to protect the health, safety, and
18 welfare of the person placed under the program or in determining and certifying initial and/or
19 continuing eligibility requirements as the director of the department of ~~mental health,~~
~~retardation,~~
20 ~~and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals shall in his or
her
21 discretion deem to be necessary and appropriate including specifically the authority to recall and
22 return the child or adult to the custody and control of the state and the director of ~~mental health,~~
23 ~~retardation, and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals into
any
24 such care or placement program as the director may in his or her discretion order and direct,
25 including therein summary removal from the custody of the qualified parent applicant or
26 appropriate relative and return to the state institution or out-of-state institution.
27 (e) For the purpose of this chapter the words "qualified parent applicant" shall mean any
28 natural parent, adoptive parent, or foster parent or both natural parents jointly, both adoptive
29 parents jointly, or a court appointed guardian or both foster parents jointly, or as defined by rules
30 or regulations established by the department of ~~mental health, retardation, and hospitals~~
31 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals who may apply for inclusion in
32 the ~~mental health, retardation, and hospitals~~ behavioral healthcare, developmental
disabilities and
33 hospitals deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program as set forth in this chapter. For the situation
34 where the natural or adoptive parents are divorced or separated, or where one of the parents is
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1 deceased, the words "parent" or "parent applicant" shall mean the parent legally having or giving
2 custody to the person who may apply for inclusion in ^{delete}mental health, retardation, and hospitals^{delete}
3 ^{add}behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals^{add} deinstitutionalization subsidy aid
4 program as set forth in this chapter.
5 ^{add}(f) For the purpose of this chapter, the words "appropriate relative" means an interested
6 and approved relative of the child or adult.^{add}
7 ^{add}(g) ~~(f)~~ For the purpose of this chapter the words "subsidy aid" shall mean payment or
8 continued payment to a parent applicant pursuant to the rules and regulations established by the
9 director of ^{delete}mental health, retardation, and hospitals^{delete} ^{add}behavioral healthcare, developmental
10 disabilities and hospitals^{add} for deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program as set forth in this chapter.
11 **40.1-1-10.1.** ^{delete}**Subsidy aid for parent deinstitutionalization program.** ^{delete} ^{add}**Subsidy aid for**
12 **deinstitutionalization program.** ^{add} -- (a) Every qualified parent applicant or appropriate relative of
13 a person at the ^{delete}Dr. Joseph H. Ladd Center Eleanor Slater Hospital Cranston Campus, Dr. U.E.
14 Zambarano Memorial Hospital^{delete} ^{add}Eleanor Slater Hospital Zambarano Unit^{add}, ^{delete}the institute of
15 mental health,^{delete} or the general hospital ^{delete}(RIMC)^{delete} or at an out-of-state institution who would have
16 been eligible for placement in the ^{delete}Dr. Joseph H. Ladd Center^{delete} ^{add}Eleanor Slater Hospital Cranston
17 Campus^{add}, ^{delete}Dr. U.E. Zambarano Memorial Hospital Eleanor Slater Hospital Zambarano Unit, the
18 institute of mental health^{delete}, or the general hospital ^{delete}(RIMC)^{delete}, found eligible and certified as
19 such by the director of ^{delete}mental health, retardation, and hospitals^{delete} ^{add}behavioral healthcare,
20 developmental disabilities and hospitals^{add} pursuant to this chapter and the rules and regulations established
21 thereunder, shall be eligible to receive subsidy aid within the bounds set forth in this chapter and
22 pursuant to such rules and regulations as are promulgated by the director of ^{delete}mental health,
23 retardation, and hospitals^{delete} ^{add}behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals^{add} and
24 under such eligibility, income, health, safety, and other program requirements as may be deemed
25 appropriate and necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the child or adult and the
26 interest of the state in the maintenance and operation of the deinstitutionalization program.
27 (b) A qualified parent applicant ^{add}or appropriate relative^{add} who is ^{delete}the natural or adoptive
28 parent and^{delete} certified as eligible for subsidy aid under the deinstitutionalization program shall
29 receive an amount of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than sixty dollars
30 (\$60.00) for the basic care of each child or adult for a seven (7) day or weekly period, and an
31 amount of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the
32 training of each child or adult for the same period.
33 (c) A qualified parent applicant ^{add}or appropriate relative^{add} who is a foster parent ^{add}to the
34 child^{add} and certified as eligible for subsidy aid under the deinstitutionalization program shall receive an

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1 amount of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for training
2 of each child or adult and an amount of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more
3 than sixty dollars (\$60.00) for basic care and treatment for a seven (7) day or weekly period.
4 These amounts designated for foster parents shall be in addition to the basic payments to foster
5 parents from the department of social and rehabilitative services for foster home placement.
6 (d) The subsidy payments as provided by this section shall be paid from such
7 institutional or special accounts as may be under the control and direction of the director of
8 ^{delete}mental health, retardation, and hospitals^{delete} ^{add}behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities
9 and
10 hospitals^{add} and earmarked for the placement and continuing support of an institutionalized person
11 with a qualified parent ^{add}or appropriate relative^{add} application as set forth in this chapter.
12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Contact sponsor and BHDDH why not allow family members in the

	shared living program. Rate needs to be adjusted.
	2014 H 7040 An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- State Aid
	Introduced by Rep. Edwards, Referred to the House Finance Committee This act would provide that if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities and towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the department of revenue, those affected cities, towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to fifty percent (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-13-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-13 entitled "State Aid"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **45-13-9. Reimbursement to cities and towns and school districts for the costs of state**
4 **mandates.** -- (a) (1) The department of revenue shall submit to the budget office by October 1 of
5 each year, a report by each city and town, of the cost of state mandates established after January
6 1, 1979, to be reimbursed for the next preceding July 1 -- June 30 period.
7 (2) The budget office shall annually include the statewide total of the statement of costs
8 of state mandates eligible to be reimbursed in the state budget for the next fiscal year for
9 consideration by the governor in preparing a final budget proposal for submission to the general
10 assembly in accordance with section 35-3-7 of the General Laws; provided, that any costs
11 resulting from the rules and regulations of state departments or agencies shall be allocated to the
12 budgets of those departments or agencies.
13 (b) The state treasurer shall in July of each year distribute to cities and towns the
14 reimbursements for state mandated costs as may be appropriated by the general assembly.
15 ^{add}(c) If during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities and towns and school
16 districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the department of
17 revenue, the affected cities, towns and school districts may cease implementation of the state
18 mandates at their discretion up to fifty percent (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall,
19 provided that:

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1 (1) Existing personnel contracts are honored in their entirety or renegotiated to the
2 satisfaction of both parties; and
3 (2) Implementation of state mandates is restored upon the full restoration of state
4 reimbursements. ^{add}
5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	MOTION: To find harmful 2014 H 7040 An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- State Aid Motion moved by TF, seconded by AS, passed unanimously
	2014 H 7144 An Act Relating To Education - Children With Disabilities
	Introduced by Rep. Craven, Referred to the House Finance Committee This act would require that a child with a disability attend a minimum of one hundred fifty-five (155) days in school within a school year in order for the student to be documented as having a disability, for any state or federal benefits that require such documentation. This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-24 of the General Laws entitled "Children with Disabilities" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 ^{add}**16-24-19. Minimum attendance required.** -- There is hereby established a minimum
4 attendance requirement of one hundred fifty-five (155) school days within a school year in order
5 for a student to be certified, recertified, identified, or otherwise documented as a child with a

6 [disability by a public school or public school district in Rhode Island. This attendance](#)
 7 [requirement shall apply to documentation prepared by the school or school district in order for a](#)
 8 [student to qualify for any state and/or federal benefits that require such documentation. This](#)
 9 [attendance requirement shall not apply in instances where a student's failure to meet this one](#)
 10 [hundred fifty-five \(155\) day minimum attendance requirement is medically excused by a treating](#)
 11 [physician of the student.](#) ^(add)

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	Contact sponsor - why - what issue does this address?
	2014 S 2027 An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Motor Fuel Tax
	Introduced by Sen. Felag, Referred to the Senate Finance Committee 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. [RIPTA and RIdc is funded by the gasoline tax] This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-36-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-36 entitled "Motor Fuel
 2 Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-36-7. Monthly report of distributors -- Payment of tax.** -- (a) State requirements.
 4 Every distributor shall, on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month, render a report to the
 5 tax administrator, upon forms to be obtained from the tax administrator, of the amount (number
 6 of gallons) of fuels purchased, sold, or used by the distributor within this state and the amount of
 7 fuels sold by the distributor without this state from fuels within this state during the preceding
 8 calendar month, and, if required by the tax administrator as to purchases, the name or names of
 9 the person or persons from whom purchased and the date and amount of each purchase, and as to
 10 sales, the name or names of the person or persons to whom sold and the amount of each sale, and
 11 shall pay at the same time to the administrator tax at the rate of ^(delete) ~~thirty two cents (\$0.32)~~
^{(delete) {add}} ~~thirty two cents (\$0.32)~~ twenty-
 12 seven cents (\$0.27) ^(add) per gallon on all taxable gallons of fuel sold or used in this state.

13 (b) Federal requirements. - In the event the federal government requires a certain portion
 14 of the gasoline tax to be dedicated for highway improvements, then the state controller is directed
 15 to establish a restricted receipt account and deposit that portion of gasoline tax receipts which
 16 brings the state into federal compliance.

	MOTION: To find harmful S 2027 An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Motor Fuel Tax Motion moved by AS, seconded by TF, passed unanimously
	2014 S 2109 An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles - Parking Facilities And Privileges
	Introduced by Sen. Fogarty, Referred to the Senate Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs Committee This act would require the Division of Motor Vehicles to place on all placards for persons with disabilities the person's photo. This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-28-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-28 entitled "Parking
 2 Facilities and Privileges" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-28-7. Motor vehicle plates for persons with disabilities -- Entitlement --**
 4 **Designated parking spaces -- Violations. [Effective January 1, 2014.]** -- (a)(1) Persons, as
 5 defined in subsection (h) of this section, upon application and proof of permanent or long-term
 6 disability to the division of motor vehicles, shall be issued one motor vehicle disability parking
 7 privilege placard or in the case of a motorcycle, one motor vehicle sticker, of blue which shall be

8 imprinted with the white international symbol of access, certificate number, the words "Rhode
9 Island Disability Parking Permit" and shall bear the expiration date upon its face. A placard or
10 motorcycle sticker issued to a person whose disability is temporary shall be substantially similar
11 to that issued to a person with a permanent or long term disability. The temporary placard,
12 however, shall be a red placard with a white international symbol of access, certificate number,
13 the words "Rhode Island Disability Parking Permit" and shall bear the expiration dates upon its
14 face. A preliminary placard shall be similar to that issued to a person with a permanent, long-
15 term, or temporary disability. The preliminary placard shall be effective for twenty-one (21) days,
16 and may be issued by an applicant's licensed physician, if in the medical provider's opinion the
17 applicant's medical condition merits the issuance of a preliminary placard while the division
18 considers the applicant's qualifications for any type of disability parking permit. The preliminary

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1 placard shall be an orange placard with a white international symbol of access, certificate number,
2 the words "Rhode Island Disability Parking Permit" and shall bear the expiration date upon its
3 face and shall be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle in a manner that it is clearly visible
4 from the front. The division of motor vehicles shall promulgate rules governing the issuance and
5 use of preliminary placards. Applicants shall not be charged any fee associated with the issuance
6 of a preliminary placard. Physicians submitting false information to the division of motor vehicles
7 to obtain a preliminary placard on anyone's behalf may be subject to the penalties set forth in
8 section 11-18-1.3. Persons issued a placard or motorcycle sticker pursuant to this section shall be
9 entitled to the immunities of sections 31-28-4 and 31-28-6. The placard shall conform to the
10 Uniform Parking System for Disabled Drivers standard issued by the United States Department of
11 Transportation. If an application for a placard or motorcycle sticker is denied, the division of
12 motor vehicles shall promptly notify the applicant in writing, stating the specific reason(s) for the
13 denial, and advising the applicant of the procedures for requesting a hearing to appeal the denial.
14 Prior to the appeal hearing, the applicant shall be provided with any and all documents relied
15 upon by the division in denying the application. If an application contains a physician
16 certification that the applicant is sufficiently disabled to require a placard or motorcycle sticker,
17 and the division has not provided specific reasons in its denial letter to the applicant, the hearing
18 officer shall summarily order that a placard or motorcycle sticker be provided to the applicant. At
19 all other hearings of application denials where a physician certification has been provided, the
20 division shall bear the burden of proof that the individual is not entitled to a placard or
21 motorcycle sticker pursuant to this chapter.

22 ^{add} (2) All permanent or long term disability, temporary, or preliminary placards shall
23 display a photo of the person issued said placard in order to prove the correct person is lawfully
24 using the placard. ^{add}

25 (b) A placard issued pursuant to this section shall be portable and used only when the
26 person is being transported. The placard is to be hung from the rear view mirror so as to be seen
27 through the front or rear windshield of the motor vehicle. A placard may be issued to a person
28 with a disability who does not own a motor vehicle, to be used only when he or she is being
29 transported. A motorcycle sticker issued pursuant to this section shall not be portable and shall be
30 affixed to the rear plate of the motorcycle.

31 (c) (1) The certificate of entitlement to the placard or motorcycle sticker shall be
32 renewed every six (6) years for individuals with a long-term disability, as defined in subsection
33 (d) of this section, and the renewal application shall require a physician's certification that the
34 condition has not changed since the previous approval, and six (6) years for individuals with a
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1 permanent disability as defined in subsection (h) of this section, in accordance with a schedule
2 prepared by the division of motor vehicles that uses the last name of an individual to determine
3 the month of renewal. If an application or subsequent renewal is accompanied by a physician's
4 certification that the applicant's condition is a chronic, permanent impairment and that application
5 is approved, then any subsequent renewal shall be authorized upon receipt of a notarized affidavit
6 from the applicant or applicant's, guardian or legal representative or a certificate from the
7 applicant's physician that his or her condition has not changed since the previous approval.

8 (2) The certificate of entitlement to the placard or motorcycle sticker shall be covered
9 with plastic or similar material. The applicant shall, upon timely renewal, receive a sticker
10 bearing the expiration date of the certificate of entitlement to be affixed across the expiration date
11 of the disability parking privilege placard or in the case of a motorcycle the applicant shall
12 receive a new motorcycle sticker. The division of motor vehicles shall establish rules and
13 regulations allowing for the renewal of the certificates of entitlement by mail.

14 (3) Whenever the division of motor vehicles proposes to suspend, revoke or fail to renew
15 the certificate of entitlement for noncompliance with the requirements of this section or for
16 violation of subsection (h) of this section, the individual shall first be entitled to a hearing before
17 the division of motor vehicles to contest the proposed action. At the hearing, the division of motor
18 vehicles shall bear the burden of proof that the individual is not entitled to the placard or
19 motorcycle sticker pursuant to this chapter. There shall be no renewal fee charged for the placards
20 or motorcycle sticker. The division of motor vehicles shall be authorized to issue a temporary
21 disability parking privilege placard or motorcycle sticker immediately upon receipt of an
22 application for individuals with a temporary impairment, as defined in subsection (h) of this
23 section. A temporary placard or motorcycle sticker shall be valid for sixty (60) days from the date
24 of issuance. Temporary placards or motorcycle stickers may be renewed for a period of one year
25 or less, as determined by the medical advisory board upon application if the disability persists.
26 The division of motor vehicles shall subsequently review the applications in accordance with the
27 procedures currently in effect as to applications from persons whose disability is long term. Any
28 issuance which, after subsequent review, shall be found to be inappropriate shall be revoked and
29 notice of the revocation shall be sent to the applicant.

30 (d) A person, other than a person with a disability, who for his or her own purposes uses
31 the parking privilege placard, shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation. A
32 person issued a special placard who uses the placard after expiration, or who shall allow
33 unauthorized use of the disability parking placard or sticker, may be subject to immediate
34 revocation of the use of the placard by the division of motor vehicles, and subject to a fine of five
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1 hundred dollars (\$500).

2 (e) Disability parking spaces shall be designated and identified by the posting of signs
3 above ground level incorporating the international symbol of access of white on blue, and the
4 words "Handicapped Parking", "Disability Parking," "Disabled Parking," or "Reserved Parking"
5 at each space, at both ends of a row or series of adjacent disability parking spaces, or at the
6 entrance to a parking lot restricted to only disability parking.

7 (f) A person, other than a person issued a special placard or motorcycle sticker pursuant
8 to this section, who parks a vehicle in a parking space designated for persons with disabilities,
9 shall be fined: (1) one hundred dollars (\$100) for a first violation, (2) one hundred seventy-five
10 dollars (\$175) for a second violation, and (3) three hundred twenty-five dollars (\$325) for a third
11 or subsequent violation. The vehicle may be subject to towing at the owner's expense. Provided
12 further, that it shall not be unlawful for a person to park a vehicle in a space designated for person
13 with disabilities if that person is transporting a person who has been issued a special placard and
14 is properly displaying the placard on the vehicle.

15 (g) Enforcement of the parking provisions of this section shall be enforced by the local
16 or state authorities on public or private property when the location of the parking spaces is within
17 the purview of the State Building Code, chapter 27.3 of title 23.

18 (h) Definitions. - For the purpose of this section:

19 (1) "Disabled" or "disability" means a permanent or long-term impairment which
20 prevents or impedes walking, which shall include but not be limited to: (i) an impairment which
21 prevents walking and requires use of a wheelchair; (ii) an impairment which involuntarily causes
22 difficulty or insecurity in walking or climbing stairs with or without the need to use braces,
23 crutches, canes or artificial support; (iii) an impairment caused by amputation, arthritis, blindness
24 (including legally blind), or orthopedic condition; (iv) an impairment in respiratory, circulatory,
25 or neurological health which limits the person's walking capability; or (v) disabled veteran,
26 pursuant to section 31-6-8 after certification of eligibility from the Veterans' Administration or

27 other satisfactory documentation of eligibility is presented. Persons with disabilities may be
28 capable of working or may be presently working.

29 (2) "Long-term disability" means an impairment which is potentially reversible or may
30 improve with appropriate medical treatment. At the time of application and or renewal, the
31 impairment should not be expected to improve prior to the expiration of the certification, to a
32 point where the individual does not meet the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

33 (3) "Permanent disability" means an impairment which is non-reversible.

34 (4) "Temporary impairment" means an impairment which is expected to improve to a

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1 point where the individual does not meet the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection,
2 within two (2) years of the application.

3 (i) The department of revenue shall inform each licensed driver of the certificate
4 procedures and parking restrictions of this section and sections 31-28-4 and 31-28-6, and a
5 facsimile of the portable placards and motorcycle stickers issued under this section shall be sent
6 to the enforcing authority of each state, and each enforcing authority shall be informed of the
7 parking restrictions of this section and sections 31-28-4 and 31-28-6. Recipients of disability
8 parking privilege placards shall also receive instructions on their use and the penalties for misuse,
9 when the placard is initially issued.

10 (j) Any person who makes, manufactures, offers for sale or knowingly uses a counterfeit
11 parking privilege placard shall be fined up to five hundred dollars (\$500) and/or forty (40) hours
12 of community restitution.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	MOTION: To find harmful 2014 S 2109 An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles - Parking Facilities And Privileges Motion moved by TF, seconded by AS, passed, RC Nay
	2014 S 2117 An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles - Parking Facilities And Privileges
	Introduced by Sen. Doyle, Referred to the Senate Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs Committee This act would allow visiting nurse associations or agencies employing nurses and therapists that provide services to persons with disabilities to be issued one or more portable motor vehicle placards. The placards would only be used by agents or employees of the facility and only when transporting or visiting persons with disabilities. The placard user would be exempt from parking fines or fees when the placard is displayed through the windshield of a motor vehicle. This act would take effect upon passage.

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-28-7.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-28 entitled "Parking
2 Facilities and Privileges" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-28-7.1. Motor vehicle placards for group care facilities, government agencies,**
4 **nonprofit organizations, or companies serving people with disabilities.** -- (a) Upon
5 application to the division of motor vehicles, any group care facility, government agency, non-
6 profit organizations, or company that provides services to persons with disabilities^(add), including
7 without limitation visiting nurse associations or agencies employing nurses and therapists,^(add) shall
8 be issued one or more portable motor vehicle placards as described in section 31-28-7(a) and (b).

9 (b) The applicant shall provide to the division of motor vehicles proof that the applicant
10 is a bona fide group care facility, government agency, non-profit organization or company
11 providing services to persons with disabilities as defined in section 31-28-7(h).

12 (c) The division of motor vehicles shall not issue more than ten (10) placards to any one
13 facility. The number of placards to be issued shall be determined by the division of motor
14 vehicles based upon the number of persons served by the facility and the frequency with which
15 the staff of the facility must transport the clients or patients of the facility.

16 (d) The placards shall be used only by agents or employees of the facility and only when
 17 transporting ^{add} or visiting^{add} persons with disabilities who are clients or patients of the facility. The
 18 placard is to be hung from the rear view mirror so as to be seen through the front and rear

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1 windshield of the motor vehicle^{add}, and when so displayed shall exempt the driver from any parking
 2 fees or fines of whatever sort or description^{add}.

3 (e) A person other than an agent or employee of the facility to which the placard was
 4 issued, or an agent or employee of the facility not engaged in transporting ^{add} or visiting^{add} clients or
 5 patients of the facility, who uses the parking privilege placards for his or her own purposes, shall
 6 be fined one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each violation. A facility that allows the
 7 unauthorized use of the placards may be subject to revocation of the use of the placard by the
 8 division of motor vehicles.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	<p>MOTION: To find harmful 2014 S 2117 An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles - Parking Facilities And Privileges Motion moved by TF, seconded by AS, passed unanimously</p>
	<p>2014 H 7168 An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Elderly Affairs Department</p>
	<p>Introduced by Rep. Ucci, Referred to the House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee This act would require that facilities designated as housing for the elderly designate a minimum number of their parking spaces as handicapped accessible, based upon the number of residents at the facility with motor vehicle disability parking privilege placards or motorcycle stickers. This act would take effect upon passage.</p>

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-66 of the General Laws entitled "Elderly Affairs Department" is
 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
 3 ^{add} **42-66-18. Handicap accessible parking spaces at housing for the elderly.** – (a) For the
 4 purposes of this section "housing for the elderly" means private and public housing complexes
 5 designated by the federal government as housing for the elderly located in the state.

6 (b) Facilities which meet the criteria for "housing for the elderly" as defined herein shall
 7 designate a minimum number of its facility parking spaces as handicapped assessable, and shall
 8 meet all of the requirements of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" (ADA), of 1990, 42 U.S.C.
 9 12101, et al., as amended.

10 (c) The minimum number of parking spaces so designated shall be based upon the
 11 number of residents at the facility with motor vehicle disability parking privilege placards or
 12 motorcycle stickers issued pursuant to the provisions of chapter 28 of title 31 by the division of
 13 motor vehicles or other department with appropriate authority to issue such placards.^{add}

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

	<p>MOTION: To find beneficial if amended to reflect the appropriate law (Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988) 2014 H 7168 An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Elderly Affairs Department Motion moved by AS, seconded by TF, passed/unanimously</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">General Assembly Deadlines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All bills and resolutions shall be filed no later than February 13, 2014 • No public bill which originated in the House/Senate shall be considered by a House/Senate committee unless the committee has held a hearing on that bill by April 10, in the case of 2014

	<p><i>4:25 Agenda for the Next Meeting, Linda Ward</i></p> <p>Purpose/Goal: To set the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>Discussion: The Legislation Committee meetings in 2014 will be on the 1st Monday 3 - 4:30 PM: 02/03rd; 03/03rd; 04/07th; 05/5th; 06/02nd; 07/07th; 08/04th; 09/08th; 10/27th; and 12/01st.</p>
	<p><i>4:30 Adjournment, Linda Ward</i></p> <p>MOTION: To adjourn at 4:16 PM</p> <p>Motion moved by AS, seconded by RC, passed unanimously</p>