Status actions entered today are listed in bold.

File name: Master

Rhode Island

1. RI H 5292



Passed Introduced 1st Committee

Passed 1st Chamber

Passed 2nd Committee

Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted



Author: Ucci (D)

Title: Unpiloted Aerial Vehicle Regulation

Introduced: 02/04/2015

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

Location: **SENATE**

Would grant authority in the state of Rhode Island, to the exclusion of municipalities, to **Summary:**

regulate unpiloted aerial vehicles. This act would take effect upon passage.

06/25/2015 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 06/25/2015. Status:

06/25/2015 From HOUSE Committee on CORPORATIONS: Recommended passage. (10-0)

06/25/2015 Placed on House Calendar 06/25/2015.

06/25/2015 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 06/25/2015.

06/25/2015 Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE. (72-0)

UnmannedAircraft Subject:

2. RI H 5293 ENA

Passed Passed Passed Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee

Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted



Ucci (D) Author:

Title: Regulation of Drones and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Introduced: 02/04/2015 **Enacted:** 06/25/2015

Disposition: Adopted Location: Chaptered Chapter #: 2015-433

(Resolution)Would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission **Summary:**

whose purpose it would be to study and make recommendations for the regulation of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the House no later than January 6, 2016, and whose life would expire on April 6, 2016.

Status: 06/25/2015 Resolution No. 2015-433

Subject: UnmannedAircraft



Passed 1st Committee

Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author:Gallison (D)Title:AeronauticsIntroduced:02/12/2015

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

Location: House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Would establish registration requirements and operational restrictions for unpiloted aerial

vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft and unmanned aircraft systems, and would criminalize the invasion of privacy by use of such aircraft. This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 03/31/2015 In HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY: Committee recommends measure to

be held for further study.

Subject: UnmannedAircraft

4. RI H 5454



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Filippi (I)

Title: Criminal Procedure

Introduced: 02/12/2015

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

Location: House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Would prohibit law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper

warrant. This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 03/31/2015 In HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY: Committee recommends measure to

be held for further study.

Subject: UnmannedAircraft



Passed Passed Passed Passed Passed Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber **Enacted**

Author: Gallison (D)

Title: Appropriations for the Support of the State

Introduced: 03/13/2015
Enacted: 06/30/2015
Disposition: Enacted
Location: Chaptered

Chapter #: 2015-141

Summary: Makes appropriations for the support of the state for the fiscal year.

Status: 06/30/2015 Signed by GOVERNOR.

06/30/2015 Public Law No. 2015-141

Subject: AirportFunding, Airports

6. RI H 5962



Passed Passed Passed Passed Passed Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber Enacted



Author: Handy (D)

Title: Agriculture and Forestry

Introduced: 03/20/2015

Last Amend:

06/23/2015

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

Location: SENATE

Summary: Amends certain provisions of the general laws relative to the regulation of freshwater

wetlands, by establishing state standards for freshwater buffers and setbacks to be

promulgated by the department of environmental management and the coastal resources

management council.

Status: 06/24/2015 Placed on House Calendar 06/24/2015.

06/24/2015 Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE. (65-6)

Subject: LandUse

7. RI H 6316 FAIL

Introduced

Author:

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Title: Property Easements

Introduced: 06/17/2015

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

Location: House Judiciary Committee

Filippi (I)

Summary: Would establish the rights and obligations of property owners concerning the maintenance

of private easements and rights-of-way.

Status: 06/22/2015 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 06/23/2015.

06/23/2015 In HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY: Committee recommends measure to

be held for further study.

Subject: LandUse

8. RI H 7232 MEDIUN



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Melo (D)

Title: Vehicle Trade-In Tax

Introduced: 01/20/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: House Finance Committee

Summary: Would provide for an exemption from the sales tax for the trade-in value of pickup trucks.

This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 01/20/2016 INTRODUCED.

01/20/2016 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.

Subject: TaxAircraftEquipment

9. **RI H 7334**



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Gallison (D)

Title: Drone Registration Requirements And Restrictions

Introduced: 01/27/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: House Judiciary Committee

Summary: Relates to aeronautics; establishes registration requirements and operational restrictions

for unpiloted aerial vehicles, remotely piloted aircraft and unmanned aircraft system drones'

criminalizes the invasion of privacy by use of such aircraft.

Status: 02/23/2016 Committee Postponed at request of Sponsor 02/24/2016.

Subject: UnmannedAircraft

10. RI H 7340



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Nunes (D)

Title: Public Private Transportation Partnership Board

Introduced: 01/27/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: House Finance Committee

Summary: Would authorize the creation of a public-private transportation partnership board to

promote transportation improvement programs for the users of our roads. The board would

evaluate proposed plans for transportation projects. This act would take effect upon

passage.

Status: 02/04/2016 In HOUSE Committee on FINANCE: Committee recommends measure to be

held for further study.

Subject: LandUse

11. RI H 7563



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Shekarchi (D)

Title: Public Facilities Upgrade Promotion

Introduced: 02/11/2016 **Disposition:** Pending

Location: House Finance Committee

Summary: Would create the public-private partnership -- public purpose facility upgrade act the

purpose of which would be to promote the upgrade of facilities used for public purposes by encouraging private investment in qualifying projects. This act would take effect on May 1,

2016.

Status: 02/11/2016 INTRODUCED.

02/11/2016 To HOUSE Committee on FINANCE.

Subject: Airports

12. **RI H 7695**



Passed Passed Passed Passed
Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber

Author: Shekarchi (D)

Title: Freeboard Definition

Introduced: 02/24/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: House Municipal Government Committee

Summary: Would amend the definition of "building height" and define the term "freeboard" in the

Zoning Enabling Act to account for obstacles to construction in flood zone areas and to encourage safe and stable design for those structures. This act would take effect upon

passage.

Status: 03/24/2016 In HOUSE Committee on MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT: Committee

recommends measure to be held for further study.

Subject: LandUse

13. **RI H 7798**



Passed Passed Passed Passed

Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber Enacted

Author: Costa (R)

Title: Real Identification Act Opposition

Introduced: 03/02/2016 **Disposition:** Pending

Enacted

Location: House Judiciary Committee

Summary: (Resolution) Opposes further implementation of the Real Identification Act.

Status: 03/02/2016 INTRODUCED.

03/02/2016 To HOUSE Committee on JUDICIARY.

Subject: AirportAuthorities





Introduced

Author:

Passed 1st Committee

Shekarchi (D)

Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Title: Subdivisions and Zoning Ordinance Provisions

Introduced: 03/03/2016

Disposition: Pending

Committee: House Municipal Government Committee

Hearing: 04/14/2016, Room 101 - State House

Summary: Would amend the provisions of the law pertaining to subdivisions and zoning ordinances to

provide for unified development review. This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 04/11/2016 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 04/14/2016.

Subject: LandUse

15. **RI S 179**



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Kettle (R)

Title: Aerial Privacy Protection Act

Introduced: 02/05/2015

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

Location: Senate Judiciary Committee

Summary: Would prohibit law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper

warrant. This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 03/24/2015 In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Committee recommends measure to

be held for further study.

Subject: UnmannedAircraft



Passed Passed Passed Passed Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber **Enacted**

Author: Lynch (D)

Title: Freshwater Wetlands

Introduced: 03/19/2015 **Enacted:** 07/10/2015

Disposition: Enacted
Location: Chaptered
Chapter #: 2015-218

Summary: Amends the general laws relative to the regulation of freshwater wetlands; includes vernal

pools, buffers and floodplains; establishes state standards for freshwater buffers and setbacks to be promulgated by the department of environmental management and the

coastal resources management council; provides for landowner rights.

Status: 07/10/2015 Signed by GOVERNOR.

07/10/2015 Public Law No. 2015-218

Subject: LandUse

17. RI S 2140 MEDIUM



Passed Passed Passed Passed

Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber Enacted

Author: Lombardi (D)

Title: Tax Exempt Urns and Shrouds

Introduced: 01/21/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Finance Committee

Summary: Would add urns and shrouds to those funeral items which are already exempt from sales

and use taxes.

Status: 01/21/2016 INTRODUCED.

01/21/2016 To SENATE Committee on FINANCE.

Subject: TaxExemptAirlines

18. RI S 2227



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: Pagliarini (R)

Title: Plant Agriculture Exclusion

Introduced: 01/27/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Judiciary Committee

Summary: Would exclude the growing, cultivation, acquisition, production and/or processing of

marijuana, for distribution or retail sale from the definition of "plant agriculture" under chapter 24 of title 45 relating to towns and cities -- zoning ordinances, and would prohibit any town or city from passing any ordinance which would allow such activity. This act

would take effect upon passage.

Status: 01/27/2016 INTRODUCED.

01/27/2016 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.

Subject: Airports, LandUse

19. **RI S 2230**



Introduced

Author:

Passed 1st Committee

Kettle (R)

Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Title: Law Enforcement Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Prohibition

Introduced: 01/27/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Judiciary Committee

Summary: Would prohibit law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper

warrant. This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 03/31/2016 In SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY: Committee recommends measure to

be held for further study.

Subject: UnmannedAircraft

Passed Passed Passed Passed

Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber Enacted

Author: Raptakis (D)

Title: Public Private Transportation Partnership Board

Introduced: 02/09/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee

Summary: Authorizes the creation of a public-private transportation partnership board to promote

transportation improvement programs for the users of our roads; provides that the board

would evaluate proposed plans for transportation projects.

Status: 02/09/2016 INTRODUCED.

02/09/2016 To SENATE Committee on HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Subject: LandUse

21. RI S 2561

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Passed Passed Passed Passed

Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber Enacted



Author: McCaffrey (D)

Title: Freeboard Flood Zone Area Construction

Introduced: 02/25/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee

Summary: Would amend the definition of "building height" and define the term "freeboard" in the

Zoning Enabling Act to account for obstacles to construction in flood zone areas and to encourage safe and stable design for those structures. This act would take effect upon

passage.

Status: 03/30/2016 In SENATE Committee on HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT:

Committee recommends measure to be held for further study.

Subject: LandUse

22. RI S 2625



Passed Passed Passed Passed Passed

Introduced 1st Committee 1st Chamber 2nd Committee 2nd Chamber Enacted

Author: Cote (D)

Title: Housing Ordinance

Introduced: 02/25/2016 **Disposition:** Pending

Location: Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee

Summary: Would prohibit certain affordable housing programs with requirements that exceed those

set forth in the general laws of the state or ordinances of the cities and towns from being included in the statewide planning program. This act would take effect upon passage.

Status: 02/25/2016 INTRODUCED.

02/25/2016 To SENATE Committee on HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Subject: LandUse

23. RI S 2829



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted



Author: Goodwin (D)

Title: Unified Development Review

Introduced: 03/23/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Judiciary Committee

Summary: Would amend the provisions of the law pertaining to subdivisions and zoning ordinances to

provide for unified development review.

Status: 03/23/2016 INTRODUCED.

03/23/2016 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.

Subject: LandUse

24. RI S 2864



Introduced

Passed 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted



Title: Transportation Network Company Services

Introduced: 03/31/2016

Disposition: Pending

Committee: Senate Commerce Committee

Hearing: 04/14/2016, Senate Lounge - State House

Summary: Creates regulatory provisions for operators and drivers of transportation network services

companies to be administered by the division of public utilities and carriers; includes requirements for obtaining permits; requires BCIs for TNC drivers, and would set minimum

insurance requirements.

Status: 04/11/2016 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration 04/14/2016.

Subject: AirportAuthorities

25. **RI S 2882**



Passed Introduced 1st Committee Passed 1st Chamber Passed 2nd Committee Passed 2nd Chamber

Enacted

Author: DiPalma (D)

Title: Zoning Ordinances

Introduced: 03/31/2016

Disposition: Pending

Location: Senate Judiciary Committee

Summary: Provides for an expedited procedure for zoning variances to help manage various states of

emergency.

Status: 03/31/2016 INTRODUCED.

03/31/2016 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.

Subject: LandUse