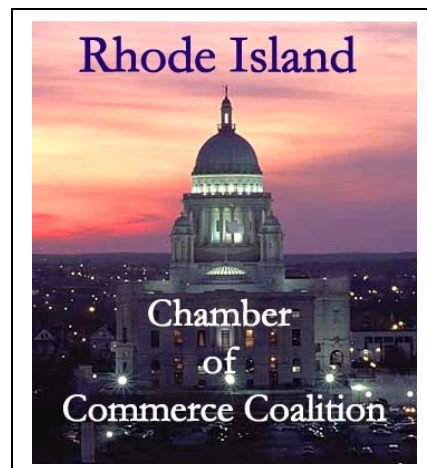


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House Bill 5017

Sponsored by Representatives **Church**, Jackson, Dennigan, Gablinske, Sullivan

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

This act would reduce the minimum amount of the corp. or franchise tax imposed on corp. and limited liability companies that employs at least one/not more than 4 full-time employees and pays at least/minimum wage to employees.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5108 <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText07/HouseText07/H5038.pdf>

Sponsored by Representatives **Mumford**, Singleton, Trillo, Savage, Gorham

This act would repeal the Rhode Island Inheritance Tax.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5033 <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText07/HouseText07/H5033.pdf>

Sponsored by Representatives **Lima**, Coderre, Dennigan, Naughton, Fellela

This act would prohibit advertising a sale price without also advertising the price the item sold for 90 days prior.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

House Bill 5040

Sponsored by Representatives **Mumford**, Singleton, Trillo, Savage, Gorham

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- COMPUTATION

This act would exempt net estates valued at less than one million dollars from inheritance taxation.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5039

Sponsored by Representatives **McNamara**, Gemma, Naughton, Malik

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

This act would establish a sales tax holiday on Saturday and Sunday August 11 & 12, 2007. (No sales tax, with certain exceptions.)

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5043

Sponsored by Representatives **San Bento**, Silva, Kilmartin

AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES

This act authorizes a retailer to retain 2% of sales taxes collected (up to \$600) to offset retailer administrative expenses.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 73

Sponsored by Senators **Walaska**, Blais, Bates

AN ACT RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES

Duplicate –Senate side – of above legislation.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5046

Sponsored by Representatives **San Bento**, Melo, Silva, Kilmartin

AN ACT RELATING TO UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES

This act would amend the definitions of what constitutes a "cost to the retailer" and "cost to the wholesaler" and any markup for the sale of tobacco products.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 14

Sponsored by Senators **Tassoni**, Doyle, McBurney

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

This act provides a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, (up to \$200) to private businesses that participate in a qualified School-to-Career Program.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 29

Sponsored by Senators **Tassoni**, Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lanzi, Ciccone

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - - HEALTH CARE FACILITIES STAFFING

This act would establish a maximum workday for certain hourly wage employees and provide penalties for violations.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

Senate Bill 36

Sponsored by Senators **Cote**, Lenihan, Raptakis, Badeau, Bates

AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

This act establishes the 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 –for purposes of a vote.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

Senate Bill 35

Sponsored by Senators **Maselli**, Connors, Doyle, Tassoni, Walaska

AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY

This act allows the full payment of mortgage loans to be made at any time without penalty.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition will continue to track. No position at this time

Senate Bill 30

Sponsored by Senators **Tassoni**, Moura, Maselli, Lanzi

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

This act entitles an employee to a total of 14 hours (during any 12 month period) time out of work to take minor children and elderly relatives to medical appointments after being employed for 1 year.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

Senate Bill 42

Sponsored by Senators **Bates**, Blais, Breene, Levesque C, Felag

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DISTRESSED AREAS
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT

This act amends provisions of the section relative to what constitutes a "qualified business" for purposes of this chapter and amends amounts allowable for certain business tax credits.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 51

Sponsored by Senators **Badeau**, Cote, Bates

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - PAYMENT OF WAGES

This act allows employers to pay employees on either a weekly, bi-weekly, or semi-monthly basis.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 47

Sponsored by Senators **Cote**, Bates

AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS -- JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY

This act would provide that liability of defendant (or defendants) for damages be several only, and not joint, where the defendant's act or omission constituted no more than 25% of the cause of damages sustained by the plaintiff.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Resolution 56

Sponsored by Senators **Fogarty**, Gallo, Connors, Goodwin, Blais

This act would submit to the voters of Rhode Island, a change in the State Constitution, requiring legislators and state elected officials to contribute 10% toward the cost of their [state paid] health insurance premiums.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 52

Sponsored by Senators **Raptakis**, DaPonte, Connors, Ciccone, Ruggerio

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

This act would adjust the minimum wage annually, using the consumer price index.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

House Bill 5106

Sponsored by Representatives **Lima**, Petrarca, Naughton, Jacquard, Ucci

AN ACT RELATING TO DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

MODEL FAIR CONSUMER CONTRACTS ACT

This act would repeal exemptions for regulated businesses in the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. It would further prohibit clauses in consumer contracts prohibiting class actions. (Opening up currently regulated businesses to class action suits.)

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

House Bill 5103

Sponsored by Representatives **Gemma**, Petrarca, Picard, Mattiello, Ucci

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION

This act amends the current Identity Theft Protection law and imposes costly and overly burdensome recordkeeping, disclosure, and administrative requirements on virtually all businesses operating in the state.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

Senate Bill 88

Sponsored by Senator **Blais**

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

This act would create a Health Insurance Mandate Review Commission.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5136

Sponsored by Representatives **Gallison**, Handy, Brien, Schadone, Melo

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW

GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS

This act would make it an unfair trade practice for any merchant to advertise "limited time," or "reduced price" sales on electronic items without disclosing the number of units available for sale during the limited time sale.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition will continue to track. No position at this time

House Bill 5116

Sponsored by Representatives **Malik**, San Bento, McNamara, Ucci, Ginaitt

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION

This act would establish a sales tax holiday from the Friday after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve when the sales tax on retail sales shall be reduced from 7% to 5%.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

Senate Bill 115

Sponsored by Senators **Tassoni**, Doyle, Maselli

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

This act would provide that a comprehensive group health plan be defined in regulations by the Health Insurance Commissioner to exclude health plans that would be determined to result in enrollee underinsurance.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition will continue to track. No position at this time

Senate Bill 143

Sponsored by Senators **Sheehan**, Tassoni, Paiva-Weed, Lenihan, McCaffrey

AN ACT RELATING TO EMINENT DOMAIN

This act would place restrictions on use of eminent domain, and forbid its use where exclusively residential property is in question.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition opposes

Senate Bill 130

Sponsored by Senators **Walaska**, Bates, Blais

AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE

This act would place a moratorium on mandated benefits laws enacted after January 1, 2007.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition supports

House Bill 5197

Sponsored by Representatives **Gallison**, Gablinske, San Bento, Scott, Corvese

AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

This act would amend the law governing [VJ Day] employer obligations.

Chamber of Commerce Coalition will continue to track. No position at this time