

## Vets Weekly Legis. Update 5-9-2026

There was one new veteran bills introduced in the RIGA this past week. It is S-3261. So far the RIGA has introduced 2809 bills/resolution of these 52 effect veterans' There are 20 veterans' bills that have actions on them this coming week.

### Senate Bill No. 2177

**BY** Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --  
DECORATIONS (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)

{LC4232/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/07/2026 Senate read and passed

05/08/2026 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

### Senate Bill No. 2184

**BY** Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

{LC4237/1}

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/05/2026 Senate read and passed

05/06/2026 Referred to House Finance

### Senate Bill No. 2234

**BY** DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, LaMountain, Felag, Gallo, Patalano  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of the retirement system who served in the national guard or reserves and qualify as veterans, to purchase retirement service credits based on their years of service in the National guard or reserves.)

{LC4217/1}

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

Thursday, 05/14/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) Room 211 @ Rise of Senate

### Senate Bill No. 2371

**BY** Paolino, Ciccone, Gu, Acosta, Mack, Vargas, Ujifusa  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (Establishes a revolving fund to assist first-time home buyers and veterans to purchase a home in Rhode Island by issuing grants of up to forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).)

{LC3308/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/07/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

05/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**Senate Bill No. 2414**

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION FEES (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse  
or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)

{LC4568/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/05/2026 Senate read and passed

05/06/2026 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

**Senate Bill No. 2418**

**BY** Lawson, LaMountain, Gallo, Lauria, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
REGISTRATION FEES (Includes veterans 75 years or older with a combined service connected  
disability rating of 70% as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)

{LC4214/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/05/2026 Senate read and passed

05/06/2026 Referred to House Finance

**Senate Bill No. 2420**

**BY** Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Urso,  
Dimitri

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --  
NATIONAL GUARD (Allows the dependents of a national guard member, who is in good  
standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)

{LC4301/1}

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/05/2026 Senate read and passed

05/06/2026 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

**Senate Bill No. 2694**

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Morgan,  
DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING  
CODE--DISABLED VETERAN HOME MODIFICATION ACT (Prohibits the imposition of  
fees associated with home modifications that are specifically required to accommodate a  
veteran's disability.)

{LC4845/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

Tuesday, 05/12/2026 [Scheduled for consideration](#) Room 212 @ Rise of Senate

**Senate Bill No. 2700**

Chapter 030

(By Request)

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

{LC5409/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/10/2026 Senate read and passed

03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/24/2026 Committee recommends passage in concurrence

04/28/2026 House passed in concurrence

05/06/2026 Effective without Governor's signature

**Senate Resolution No. 2754**

**BY** Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT

{LC5905/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/07/2026 Senate read and passed

**Senate Bill No. 2756**

**BY** Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

{LC5878/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

Committee recommends passage

05/07/2026 Senate read and passed

05/08/2026 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

**Senate Bill No. 2808**

**BY** Morgan, Felag, Rogers, Urso, Thompson, Paolino, Ciccone, Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES -- TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM (Establishes a property tax deferral program for senior citizens, disabled persons or veterans.)

{LC5490/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/01/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/07/2026)

05/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

**Senate Bill No. 2996**

(National Guard)

**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Gallo, Ciccone

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

{LC5436/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/29/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/07/2026 Senate read and passed

05/08/2026 Referred to House Veterans Affairs

**Senate Bill No. 3261**

**BY** Morgan

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER (Creates an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.)

{LC6381/1}

05/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 7051**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate, Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES (Requires DCYF to establish segregated savings account for foster care child receiving SS, SSI, veterans benefits or railroad retirement benefits to manage the accounts and keep child eligible for future benefits.)

{LC3137/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

Thursday, 05/14/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) Room 211 @ Rise of Senate

**House Bill No. 7254**

**BY** Read, Noret, Azzinaro, Fascia, Casey, Corvese, Bennett, O'Brien, Hull

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CREDITS (Allows members of the retirement system who served in the national guard or reserves and qualify as veterans, to purchase retirement service credits based on their years of service in the National guard or reserves.)

{LC3874/1}

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

Tuesday, 05/12/2026 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) Room 35 @ Rise of House

**House Bill No. 7663**

**BY** Roberts, Hopkins, Santucci, Nardone, Chippendale, Newberry

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Provides a totally and permanently disabled veteran with a one hundred percent

(100%) exemption from local taxation on real or personal property including real property located in any fire or lighting district.)

{LC3861/1}

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/03/2026 Withdrawn at sponsor's request

**House Bill No. 7679 SUB A**

**BY** Azzinaro, Corvese, Casey, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- BURIAL OF VETERANS (Provides that certain Hmong or Lao individuals who served honorably in military operations in support of the United States as special guerrilla units be granted burial rights at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery.)

{LC4890/A/1}

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

05/01/2026 Proposed Substitute

05/05/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

**House Bill No. 8295**

**BY** Cotter

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER (Creates an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.)

{LC6106/1}

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/15/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/28/2026 House read and passed

05/05/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

**House Bill No. 8485**

**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy, Casimiro, Fellela, Read, Abney, Donovan, Noret, Costantino, Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Authorizes municipalities to transfer, apply or provide doe an applicable prorate veteran's property exemption for the remainder of the tax year when a veteran sells property and purchases another property.)

{LC6350/1}

04/29/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Respectfully Submitted,

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