



July Legislative Highlights

RI Legislative Updates At A Glance:

The final dispositions for the bills that RIFDA was monitoring from the 2022:

- House Bill No. 7123 SUB A as amended
- House Bill No. 7063
- Senate Bill No. 2050
- House Bill No. 7065 SUB A
- Senate Bill No. 2446
- House Bill No. 7112
- Senate Bill No. 2209
- Senate Bill No. 2130
- House Bill No. 7279
- Senate Bill No. 2296
- House Bill No. 7362
- Senate Bill No. 2189
- Senate Bill No. 2237
- Senate Bill No. 2240
- Senate Bill No. 2241
- House Bill No. 7496
- Senate Bill No. 2580
- House Bill No. 7852
- House Bill No. 7553
- House Bill No. 7575
- Senate Bill No. 2665
- Senate Bill No. 2430 SUB A as amended
- House Bill No. 7593 SUB A as amended
- Senate Bill No. 2486 SUB A
- House Bill No. 8195
- Senate Bill No. 2488
- House Bill No. 7721
- House Bill No. 7909
- Senate Bill No. 2673
- Senate Resolution No. 2682

- House Bill No. 7765
- House Bill No. 7370
- House Bill No. 7378
- Senate Bill No. 2300
- Senate Bill No. 2310 SUB A
- House Bill No. 7490

- House Bill No. 7677
- Senate Bill No. 2775
- Senate Bill No. 2408
- Senate Bill No. 2613 SUB A as amended
- House Bill No. 7901
- Senate Bill No. 3012

In Other Legislative News:

- Gov. Dan McKee and Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea are neck and neck in the Democratic primary for governor.
- Gov. Dan McKee on Monday will try again to get the state's Commerce Corporation to approve
- Suspended in mid-air over the Seekonk River since 1976, Providence's Crook Point Bascule Bridge is now in danger of getting stuck politically.
- Pawtucket soccer stadium: McKee will try again on financing

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National Legislative Updates At A Glance:

The following list provides an overview of the national issues that are being followed this year by several national associations. We will attempt to provide updates on these as information becomes available.

2022 Priority Issues

- Labor: Workforce Supply and Regulatory Enforcement
- Supply Chain/Transportation
- Feeding Assistance Programs: SNAP, WIC, School Lunch
- Pharmacy: PBM Reform; DIR Fees; Vaccinations
- Inflation/Economy
- Food Safety: Traceability
- Cybersecurity: Privacy/Data Security/Ransomware
- Sustainability: Food Waste; EPR; Packaging; Recycling
- Payments: Swipe Fee Reform; Credit Competition
- Organized Retail Crime/Asset Protection

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Industry News

Good leaders seek to solve frustration, not cause it

Leaders with character seek to fix their team's frustrations and acknowledge they may be the source of frustration when they reject feedback or don't practice the values they espouse, writes Mark Murphy, founder of LeadershipIQ. "Most leaders wouldn't admit to getting defensive or shooting the messenger, yet it happens every day," Murphy writes. [Read the Full Article](#)

A little praise goes a long way in employee satisfaction

A report from Achievers Workforce Institute found that 90% of employees believe they work harder after being recognized for their efforts, and Laura Weisberg, associate professor at Duke University, says leaders should look for more opportunities to praise others. "It gives us a nice hit of something positive that contributes to us continuing to make an effort, as opposed to when we feel like we're doing our best but it's in a vacuum and nobody sees us and nobody recognizes us," Weisberg says. [Read the Full Article](#)

68% of Consumers Use Coupons They Get In The Mail

Consumer attitudes and behaviors have evolved over the past two years, and so should your business's marketing strategy. Find out why direct mail is now a more attractive option for grocery shoppers than ever before. [Read the Full Article](#)

Consumer Brands: Congress must act to fix supply chain

With a survey conducted by the Consumer Brands Association and Ipsos finding 50% of Americans want solutions to supply chain problems, Consumer Brands is advocating for passage of the USICA-COMPETES bill in Congress, which directs the Commerce Department to create the Critical Supply Chain Resiliency Program. "Will [Congress] stand by as product shortages, delays, and price increases continue to wreak havoc, or will it

take an unprecedented opportunity to make a difference for the supply chain today and into the future?" writes Tom Madrecki, vice president of supply chain and logistics for Consumer Brands. [Read the Full Article](#)

6 ways to enhance your listening skills

Improve listening skills by eliminating distractions, asking open-ended questions with the goal of understanding the other person and acknowledging their emotions, writes Ken Blanchard. "Resist the temptation to jump in during silent moments -- especially if you are an extrovert," Blanchard adds. [Read the Full Article](#)

Grocery mergers abound as retail recovers from 2020

Many smaller food stores have been merging or are being acquired by larger companies as a way to handle supply chain problems, while the retail industry as a whole has been recovering from a difficult 2020. Walmart was the big-box leader in retail sales, and Kroger came in first place for grocers. [Read the Full Article](#)

Despite inflation, June retail sales increase 1%

US retail sales increased 1% in June as consumers faced rising prices for goods and services as a result of inflation, showing consumer demand remains high, say analysts. Furniture sales increased 1.4% and online sales rose 2.2%, but the data showed a 2.6% decline in department store sales. [Read the Full Article](#)

NRF in Washington: Advocacy update July 2022

Inflation, data privacy, labor shortages and keeping trade alive -- NRF is working to reconcile change in Washington to help consumers and retailers navigate the effects of the upcoming election season on retail and protect the sustainability and success of the retail industry and the US economy. [Read the Full Article](#)

Grocery delivery now a convenient luxury, not necessity

The number of shoppers who reported they always use home delivery for groceries fell to 16% this year from 31% in 2021 as concerns shift away from the pandemic and toward inflation, according to a ChaseDesign study. Grocery delivery has become a luxury convenience, with consumers pinpointing delivery fees, wrong or missing products and low quality of picked items as reasons they shifted back to in-store shopping. [Read the Full Article](#)



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Industry Events

Small Business Basics

Do you have a business idea but are not sure where to start? Kristen Cordeiro, Deputy Director of Business Services at the Department of State, will take you through the Rhode Island Business Basics resource guide and the Business Assistant to help you understand legal and regulatory considerations to get on track to succeed. This workshop will cover the difference between business structures, RI corporate taxes, state-level trademarks, professional licensing requirements, and more.

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Connect digital and in-store experiences

Customers returning to brick-and-mortar stores expect companies to focus on meeting cross-channel expectations through improvements to in-store services and capabilities. Join industry experts from Sur La Table and Verint and guest speaker Brendan Witcher from Forrester as they discuss how to leverage online and physical experiences to improve CX maturity.

[Watch the webinar](#)

Coming Soon - RIFDA Events

August 2022:

- Mon. Aug. 8th Victory Day Holiday – Office Closed
- Wed. Aug. 10th TENTATIVE: Legislative Committee Meeting – If Needed
- Thurs. Aug. 25th Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:30 AM
- Mon. Aug. 29th RIFDA – Cliff Johnson Annual Charity Golf Tournament @ Kirkbrae CC

September 2022:

- Mon. Sept. 5th Office Closed; Labor Day Holiday
- ***Fri. Sept. 16th – Sun., June 18th : RIFDA Annual Convention; @ Red Jacket Beach Resort – Cancelled for 2022 -
- ***Wed. Sept. 21st - 2021 Sen. Reed RI Business Leaders Day in DC - TENTATIVE
- Wed. Sept. 28th Board of Directors 3rd Quarter Meeting



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