

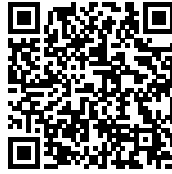


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This legislator voted constitutionally on **0%** of the votes shown below.

★ Pro-liberty      ✗ Anti-liberty      ? Did not Vote      Vote

**S988 Mandatory EV Chargers (Passed 49 to 12 on 6/15/2023). None**

Would require companies to create new parking spaces outfitted with electric vehicle chargers. **?**

**H5006 Mandatory Abortion Coverage (Passed 49 to 24 on 4/27/2023). Yes**  
Would require insurance companies to provide abortion coverage to residents of Rhode Island. **✗**

**S129 IDs for Illegal Immigrants (Passed 59 to 14 on 6/14/2023). Yes**  
Makes applicants without “proof of lawful presence” eligible for a Rhode Island driver’s license and requires that these IDs “shall not be used as a basis for a criminal investigation, arrest, or detention.” **✗**

**H5371 Mandatory Minimum Wage (Passed 56 to 12 on 5/4/2023). None**  
Expands the number of occupations that qualify for minimum wage and creates new protections for such employees. **?**

**S121 Loose Adoption Laws (Passed 65 to 6 on 6/8/2023). Yes**  
Makes adoption easier for single/nonmarried people and removes several requirements to accommodate LGBT adoption. **✗**

**S464 Tax Credits for Theater (Passed 62 to 9 on 6/14/2023). None**  
Creates tax credit opportunities for musicals, stage plays, and other productions in Rhode Island until 2027. **?**



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Rep. Matthew Dawson

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2023 Regular Session Score

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U.S. Constitution, Amendment I --- 11 C.F.R. §114(4)(c)(4) --- 616 F.2d 45 (2d Cir. 1980)

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# Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

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## 1. Mandatory EV Chargers

S988 sets standards that force businesses to put electric vehicle chargers into parking lots if they expand old lots or create new ones.

The Rhode Island House passed S988 on June 15, 2023, by a vote of 49 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this expands government by pushing for interventions infringing on individual freedoms and economic liberties. Tax dollars should not go toward complying with any aspect of the UN's Agenda 2030, as it is not constitutional. Additionally, this legislation creates more government interference in the free-market economy and advances the Marxist climate change agenda. Businesses should have the freedom to conduct business without the government meddling in their affairs by setting unrealistic and costly regulations.

## 2. Mandatory Abortion Coverage

H5006 would require insurance companies to provide abortion coverage to residents of Rhode Island.

The Rhode Island House passed H5006 on April 27, 2023, by a vote of 49 to 24. We have assigned minuses to the yeas because no insurer should ever be compelled to cover the practice of abortion. On the contrary, violating a child's right to life and limb through the grotesque practice of abortion should be considered illegal in Rhode Island and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

## 3. IDs for Illegal Immigrants

S129 makes applicants without "proof of lawful presence" eligible for a Rhode Island driver's license and requires that these IDs "shall not be used as a basis for a criminal investigation, arrest, or detention."

The Rhode Island House passed S129 on June 14, 2023, by a vote of 59 to 14. We have assigned pluses to the nays because persons unlawfully present in the United States ought not to be permitted sanctuary or residency in Rhode Island, let alone be considered eligible for a state-issued form of identification or licensure. According to Article 1, Section 8, of the U.S. Constitution, Congress has the authority to establish a uniform rule of naturalization. Rather than pursue unconstitutional "sanctuary policy," states should use their powers reserved

## 4. Mandatory Minimum Wage

H5371 expands the number of occupations that qualify for minimum wage. The Rhode Island House passed H5371 on May 4, 2023, by a vote of 56 to 12. We have assigned pluses to the nays because minimum wage laws are anti-constitutional acts of government-imposed theft that violate the right to freedom of contract between employers and employees. They go against free-market principles and disparage the principles of both the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution, which were intended to protect "private property" and guarantee "equal protection of the laws" for all Americans.

## 5. Loose Adoption Laws

S121 reduces requirements for adoption in the state of Rhode Island, would enforce same-sex "parentage" by, among other things, removing traditional family references in state law.

The Rhode Island House passed S121 on June 8, 2023, by a vote of 65 to 6. We have assigned minuses to the yeas because marriage and the family are institutions of self-government ordained by God that form the foundation of any civil society. This bill is written to allow LGBT adoption to be easier, and removes restrictions put in place for safety in the name of equality.

## 6. Tax Credits for Theater

S464 adds more opportunities for musicals and productions touring the state of Rhode Island to receive tax credits. It additionally extends the sunset date to July 1, 2027.

The Rhode Island House passed S464 on June 14, 2023, by a vote of 62 to 9. We have assigned pluses to the nays because government should not intervene in the marketplace by selectively granting tax incentives to specific industries. Furthermore, providing tax credits to the theater industry is not appropriate because it largely supports woke Marxist ideology. Taxpayers should not be financially responsible for supporting productions that are associated with leftists. Furthermore, government should not intervene in the marketplace by selectively granting tax incentives to specific industries.

under the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to address the crisis of illegal immigration and provide for their own public safety.