
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2268](#)

BY Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Cano, Kallman, Murray, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES {LC3476/1} (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2024 Meeting postponed

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2500](#)

BY DiPalma, Euer, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND DATA TRANSPARENCY AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT {LC5228/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Data Transparency and Privacy Protect Act for data privacy protections for the personal data of the citizens of Rhode Island.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2501](#)

BY DiPalma, Picard, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND SURVEYORS {LC4922/1} (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2503](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC4303/1} (Prohibits misrepresentation of the total costs of goods and services by omission of notification to consumers of any mandatory fees from advertised prices and failure to disclose the nature and purpose of any fees.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2505](#)

BY Gallo, Cano, Lawson, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC4988/1} (Makes any term or condition in any agreement that unnecessarily burdens a person's vindication of rights under this section null and void.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2511](#)

BY LaMountain, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC5402/1} (Provides that gift certificates issued by state-chartered institutions of higher education would be exempt from the provisions of the gift certificate statute relating to expiration, escheatment, reissuance and refund.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2739](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Quezada, Mack, Zurier, Lauria, Tikoian, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME {LC5251/1} (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name" and centralizes the filing, administration and regulation process of trade names to the secretary of state and also requires an annual renewal of the trade name.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2709](#)

BY Murray, Burke, Pearson, Lauria, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING {LC5575/1} (Prohibits hospitals and other medical providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies. A violation of this chapter may be pursued on behalf of the consumer by the attorney general.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2710](#)

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC4284/1} (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2711](#)

BY Bissaillon, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC4121/1} (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices.)

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03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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