
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2083](#)

BY Lawson, Lauria, Valverde, Miller, Cano, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Bissailon, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

{LC3470/1} (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing requirements to include eligibility to practice, before taking and receiving results of the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2179](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Miller, Euer, Murray, Valverde, LaMountain, Lawson, Cano, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNIFORM TELEHEALTH

ACT {LC4082/1} (Allows an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in this state if the services are consistent with the practitioner's scope of practice and state and federal professional standards.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2182](#)

BY Valverde, DiMario, Miller, Lauria, Lawson, Mack, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN

ASSISTANTS {LC3826/1} (Expands the rights of physician assistants with regard to their practice and prohibits non-compete clauses that exceed five years with regard to the purchase and sale of a practice.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2381](#)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF

NURSING ASSISTANTS {LC3879/1} (Establishes home care nursing assistants licensed by the department of health to work exclusively in home care.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2391](#)

BY F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Britto, DiMario, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS {LC4482/1} (Establishes a second avenue of qualification as an optician, to include successfully completing an apprenticeship program.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2619](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT {LC5236/1} (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2024, and restores access to telemedicine for all residents and allows treatment by out-of-state providers.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2624](#)

BY F. Lombardi, Ciccone, Quezada, Burke, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- OPTICIANS -- QUALIFICATIONS {LC5225/1} (Establishes a second avenue of qualification as an optician, to include successfully completing an apprenticeship program of not less than 4,100 hours in not less than 2 years. The act would also remove the standard of "good moral character.")

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2718](#)

BY LaMountain, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS {LC5528/1} (Amends the licensing statute to allow a graduate of a board approved physical therapy school to be reinstated upon a failed examination upon the filing and registering for a second or third examination.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2724](#)

BY Gallo, Felag, Cano, Lawson, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR SHARE FOR DENTAL CARE ACT {LC5462/1} (Requires carriers offering dental benefit plans to annually submit information which includes the current and projected medical loss ratio for claims for their plans. The medical loss ratio would be eighty-five percent (85%).)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 21, 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

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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