
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-7973 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 21, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7568](#)

(Dept. of Transportation/Judiciary)

BY Noret, Corvese, Cardillo, Hull, Phillips, Casey, Craven, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC4410/1} (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/15/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7309](#)

BY Batista, Potter, Felix, Giraldo, J. Lombardi, Alzate, Kislak, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISORDERLY CONDUCT

{LC3892/1} (Requires disorderly conduct to include an actual public disturbance as evidenced by gathering of people drawn to and watching conduct and prohibits police officers from being complainant for purposes of establishing offense.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7315](#)

BY Batista, Potter, Felix, Giraldo, J. Lombardi, Alzate, Kislak, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED

SUBSTANCES ACT {LC3891/1} (Makes the possession of small amounts of schedule I through V controlled substances, except for the possession of marijuana, civil violations punishable by a (\$100) fine for a first offense and up to (\$300) for subsequent offenses.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7446](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC4458/1} (Substitutes the current lists of controlled substances in the general laws with the current version of title 21 of the code of federal regulations.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7454](#)

BY Serpa, Solomon, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT {LC4595/1} (Prohibits the sale of new fur products and provides graduated civil penalties for violations of the act.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7571](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Costantino, Edwards, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CASINO GAMING {LC4329/1} (Amends the law consistent with the advent of iGaming and new technology and codifies the payment of investigatory expenses incurred by the State in limited circumstances.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7572](#)

BY O'Brien, Slater, Shanley, Dawson, McEntee, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Craven, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES {LC4986/1} (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7575](#)

BY Morales, Knight, Ajello, Potter, Dawson, Kislak, Cruz, McEntee, Craven, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSCENE AND OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AND SHOWS {LC3598/1} (Establishes, as an affirmative defense to the crimes of circulating obscene publications or shows and selling or exhibiting obscene publications to minors, the person's employment status as an employee of a school, museum, or library.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7630](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC5084/1} (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7631](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC5086/1} (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from five to ten years.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7633](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC5039/1} (Provides that two (2) or more individuals associated to accomplish an act or acts which constitute shoplifting, could be deemed "racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations.")

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7634](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM {LC5037/1} (Changes the community service requirements of a sentence related to the violation of § 11-44-21.1 relating to defacing private residences, offices, businesses or commercial property.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7635](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING {LC5033/1} (Changes the fine for any person convicted of a first violation of this chapter from \$85 to \$200, and increases the period of time that the violator may be ordered to pick up litter.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7649](#)

BY Finkelman, Dawson, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC3334/1} (Increases mandatory liability coverage for retail alcoholic beverage license holders from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000/Prevents injured consumers of alcohol recovering damages/Increases mandatory min jail sentence for 2nd time violation of DUI of alcohol/drugs.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7740](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Craven, Dawson, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS {LC5123/1} (Provides updates and clarifications to the current penalties for driving after denial, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7745](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Costantino, Phillips, Lima, Cardillo, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CASINO GAMING {LC4327/1} (Amends the law relating to casino crimes to be consistent with the advent of iGaming and the relevant age restrictions to participate in iGaming.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7833](#)

BY Henries, Morales, Giraldo, Cotter, Felix, Speakman, Stewart, Tanzi, Sanchez, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION {LC5372/1} (Establishes criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when the victim is in the custody of a peace officer and also provides that a person convicted of custodial sexual assault would face imprisonment for not more than three (3) years.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7942](#)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC5048/1} (Makes any term or condition in any agreement that unnecessarily burdens a person's vindication of rights under this section null and void.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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03/15/2024 Committee transferred to House Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7952](#)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC5047/1} (Spells out additional notice provisions, fees and costs of the arbitration process, from initiation to default provisions and potential court sanctions for breach of the arbitration agreement.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7971](#)

BY Lima, Cardillo, Noret, Costantino, Chippendale, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC5563/1} (Creates a mandatory jail sentence of two (2) years for two (2) or more people who break and enter, ransack or smash doors or windows of any business with the intent to steal.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7972](#)

BY Fogarty, Handy, Noret, Hull, J. Lombardi, Tanzi, Fellela, Boylan, Alzate, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- PUBLIC UTILITIES {LC5581/1} (Expands the crime of false reporting to include shootings or other dangerous events.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7973](#)

~~BY Felix, Henries, Morales, Sanchez, Batista, Tanzi, J. Lombardi, Kislak, Potter, Cruz~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC5435/1} (~~Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of 28 grams or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor.~~)

~~03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

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