
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101- State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7606](#)

BY Handy, Phillips, Serpa, Bennett, Hull, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Kislak, Giraldo, Chippendale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING {LC4349/1} (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/22/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7069](#)

BY McNamara, Bennett, Solomon, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Shekarchi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC3614/1} (Requires one of the seven (7) directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation be appointed by the mayor of the city of Warwick.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

03/18/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7211](#)

BY Alzate, Cruz, Stewart, Batista, Giraldo, Diaz, Sanchez, Kazarian, Potter, Slater ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS -- CHECK CASHING {LC3900/1} (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7712](#)

(Rhode Island Airport Corporation)

BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ackerman, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS {LC5336/1} (Designates the appropriate authority on air space issues as the president and CEO of the Rhode Island airport corporation and aligns certain job titles with their proper responsibilities relative to aeronautics.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7817](#)

BY Casey, Noret, Phillips, J. Brien, Chippendale, Finkelman, Marszalkowski, Dawson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY {LC5367/1} (Creates a 5 member commission to recommend legislative proposals for blockchain and cryptocurrency, and submit an interim progress report by January 5, 2025, and a final report by January 5, 2026, and expire on February 5, 2026.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7935](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU {LC5471/1} (Makes various amendments to the chapter creating the Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors Bureau.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7936](#)

BY Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Edwards, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Morales, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC5197/1} (Provides that any disaster response worker shall, in the course of their duties, be considered a state employee under the provisions of chapters 29 through 38 of title 28 and under § 9-31-8 of the general laws.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7937](#)

BY Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Edwards, Speakman, Donovan, McEntee, Morales, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS {LC5202/1} (Provides that architects and other authorized disaster response workers be considered, in the course of performing their duties, state workers and be entitled to all rights in like manner as state employees.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7938](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS {LC5071/1} (Requires athletic trainers to be trained in the use of epi-pens on and after January 1, 2025.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7939](#)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC5400/1} (Requires retailers of glucose monitors to provide a free, point of sale replacement for any broken or defective monitor within twenty-four (24) hours of the request.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7940](#)

BY Voas, Alzate, Potter, Kazarian, Hull, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Finkelman, Caldwell, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT {LC5258/1} (Prohibits the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is 65 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a (\$500) fine.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7941](#)

BY Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Alzate, Morales, Ajello, Tanzi, Batista, Felix, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC5421/1} (Removes the exemption from interest rate limits provided by the Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980, for all loans made within the state of Rhode Island.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7943](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC5148/1} (Prohibits disclosure terms "down payment", "money down", or any similar language to describe lump sum payments in order to reduce monthly lease payments. Provides that lump sum payments are non-refundable in the event of a total loss of the vehicle.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7945](#)

BY McNamara, Bennett, Alzate, Edwards, Potter, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT {LC5058/1} (Creates the occupational therapy licensure compact that would allow licensed occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants to practice in all states that join the compact.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7946](#)

BY Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

UNLAWFUL CONFINEMENT OF A COVERED ANIMAL {LC5327/1} (Exempts egg laying hens kept for commercial egg production purposes from the provisions of chapter 4-1.1 until January 1, 2034.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8040](#)

BY Knight, Craven, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND

SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT {LC5629/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8042](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF NEW ENGLAND RACING FUEL, INC. {LC5653/1}

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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