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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7017](#)**

**BY Morales, Handy, McNamara, Slater, McEntee, Caldwell, Stewart, Place, Kislak, Cortvriend ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3437/1} (Directs PUC to extend utility termination moratorium for gas/electricity from April 15 to May 1, of each year with discretion to respond to emergency/economic conditions/customers' needs.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7086](#)**

**BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Diaz, Casimiro, Ackerman, Edwards**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FOR ELECTRIC SYSTEM RELIABILITY {LC3841/1}

(Requires an electric distribution company to develop and act pursuant to a vegetation management plan approved by the DPUC to carry out vegetation management activities on and around utility infrastructure along public and private rights of way.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7138](#)**

**BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Felix, Morales, Henries, Stewart, Alzate, Cruz**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -

REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC3371/1} (Provides that any rate increase with respect to electric distribution companies would be no greater than the increase in the Consumer Price Index or f5.5%, whichever is greater, unless there is approval of a higher rate by the general assembly.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7286](#)**

**BY Slater, Morales, DeSimone, Stewart, Diaz, Alzate, Potter, Cruz**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3838/1} (Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7429](#)**

**BY Chippendale, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Rea, Newberry, Nardone, Place, J. Brien, Fenton-Fung, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3487/1} (Changes the requirements of quarterly meetings of the board to monthly meetings. The chairperson of the board would be the commissioner or acting commissioner of the office of energy resources.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7695](#)**

**BY Speakman, Giraldo, Potter**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC5019/1} (Prohibit rate charges in excess of rates applied if tenant of residential complexes with electrical master-meters receives electricity directly from a public utility.)

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7713](#)**

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

**BY Boylan, Tanzi, Carson, Kislak, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Stewart, Fogarty, Finkelman, Handy**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES {LC5576/1} (Defines 3 classes of electric bicycles, authorizes the DEM to determine allowable uses of electric bicycles at properties under the department's jurisdiction, allows Class 1 electric bicycles to legally access state bicycle trails or paths.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7714](#)**

**BY Casey, Fenton-Fung, Carson, Donovan, Phillips**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTORIZED BICYCLES {LC5186/1} (Requires helmets be worn by all riders, regardless of age, while operating or riding any electric bicycle or electric motorized bicycle.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7715](#)**

**BY Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Morales, Ajello, Kislak, Giraldo, Alzate, Felix, Sanchez**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN ARREARS OF PAYMENT {LC5264/1} (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for customers with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7809](#)**

**BY Carson, Cortvriend, McGaw, Boylan, Donovan, Speakman, Cotter, Kazarian ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- VEGETATION PLANNING AND MAINTENANCE ACT {LC5445/1} (Establishes the Vegetation Planning and Management Act to provide guidelines for utilities to manage and maintain vegetation near power lines.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8055](#)**

(Secretary of State)

**BY Voas, Giraldo, Stewart, Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT {LC5639/1} (Allows the sharing of certain information between the division of taxation and the secretary of state's office regarding an entity's tax status as compliant or non-compliant.)

03/13/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8116](#)**

**BY Chippendale, Solomon, Finkelman, Edwards, Kennedy ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT {LC5812/1} (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.)

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