
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

H-7293 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 4, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7361](#)

BY Azzinaro, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Spears, Cotter, Cortvriend, Carson, McEntee, Kennedy ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIES TO THE EROSION OF RHODE ISLAND BEACHES {LC4575/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study and provide recommendations for remedies to the erosion of RI beaches, and would report back by January 5, 2025 and expire on March 5, 2025.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

03/21/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/29/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7439](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PFAS IN DRINKING WATER, GROUNDWATER, AND SURFACE WATER {LC4457/1} (Delays from June 1, 2024, until June 1, 2025, the necessity to conduct monitoring for the maximum number PFAS in drinking water and would amend the type of water systems to which the requirement applies.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

03/21/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/29/2024 Scheduled for consideration

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House Bill No. [7023](#)

BY Bennett, Morales, Speakman, Boylan, Kislak, Cortvriend, Diaz, Lima, Ajello, Carson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PACKAGING {LC3426/1} (Reduces equitable relationships between packaging producers and local governments and communities by establishing the Package Reduction and Recycling Program.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7215](#)

BY McGaw, Potter, Boylan, Cortvriend, Handy, Ajello, Cotter, Speakman, Donovan, Kazarian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS {LC3593/1} (Mandates that food service establishments only provide single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments to a customer upon request.)

01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Resolution No. [7360](#)

BY Carson, Kazarian

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION (RIRRC) TO CONDUCT A RECYCLING/WASTE AUDIT ON THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A WASTE REDUCTION STRATEGY {LC4639/1}

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7515](#)

BY Boylan, Bennett, Spears, Carson, McGaw, Fogarty, Handy, Knight, Cortvriend, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MICROPLASTICS REDUCTION ACT {LC4337/1} (Prohibits a manufacturer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing into commerce any product containing synthetic polymer micro particles beginning January 1, 2028.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7562](#)

BY Noret, Marszalkowski, Bennett, Kazarian, Craven, Caldwell, Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS {LC4675/1} (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

02/23/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [7618](#)

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Cardillo, Solomon, Tanzi, Casimiro, Place, Felix, Speakman
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT {LC4978/1} (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality except where prohibited.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

02/23/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [7728](#)

BY Cotter, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Carson, Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, Edwards, Chippendale, Speakman, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMPREHENSIVE FIRE SAFETY ACT {LC5051/1} (Mandates an entity that owns five hundred acres or more of land to have a forest plan with fire mitigation.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7729](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- AGRICULTURE FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC5201/1} (Provides a definition for "agricultural land" and removes the definition of "farmer" within the chapter on agricultural functions of the department of environmental management.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7730](#)

BY Chippendale, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- BIRDS {LC5328/1} (Allows the taking of wild turkeys by using a crossbow in compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by DEM.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7783](#)

BY Kislak, Bennett, Speakman, Ajello, Boylan, Carson, Cortvriend, Cruz, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL {LC5230/1} (Precludes the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticide products which contain brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, or difethialone, except in certain circumstances.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [8071](#)

BY Cortvriend, Bennett, Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT {LC5485/1} (Does not require the remediation of occurring arsenic in the soil with direct exposure of less than or equal to twenty (20) milligrams per kilogram.)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [8093](#)

BY Chippendale, Cotter, Bennett, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Phillips, Knight, Newberry, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- FRESHWATER LAKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM {LC5779/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island lake management program and a restricted receipt account as a fund within the department of environmental management to aid with lake and pond management issues relating to the control of aquatic invasive plants.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

House Bill No. [7293](#)

BY Shanley, Craven, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Spears, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT {LC3810/1} (Creates a statutory framework designed to protect our forests and biodiversity, also prohibits logging in old growth forests and in the natural area preserves when they are created.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

02/25/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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