
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Carol A. Lombardi VICE Peri Ann Aptaker to the Convention Center Authority for a term expiring June 30, 2027.

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [2502](#)

BY DiPalma, Zurier

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY {LC5464/1} (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 Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2504](#)

BY Gu, DiPalma, Valverde, Miller, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS -- VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS {LC5092/1} (Establishes guidelines for the operation of virtual currency (crypto) kiosks.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2702](#)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Zurier, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DIGITAL ASSET KEYS--PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION OF PRIVATE KEYS {LC5465/1} (Prohibits the compelled production of a private key as it relates to a digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2803](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- POWERS AND OPERATIONS {LC4396/1} (Amends outdated provisions of the banking statutes and the home loan protection act, adds consumer protections, including minimum capital requirements and limits on investments, for currency transmitters, including crypto currency.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2508](#)

BY Lawson, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION {LC5211/1} (Establishes trade commission to advance economic interests of Rhode Island and Ireland.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2841](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY {LC4323/1} (Amends the composition of the small business advisory council.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2507](#)

BY Paolino, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC5240/1} (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2804](#)

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- PRISONER MADE GOODS {LC5110/1} (Allows correctional industries to conduct business for goods or services with any 501(c)(3) and would require customers of correctional industries to pay fifty percent (50%) of an order upon the placement of the order.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9, 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

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