
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

H-7431 AND ITS PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 11, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7435](#)

(Dept. Business Regulation)

BY Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Lima, Costantino, Messier, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT {LC4386/1}

(Enacts a chapter to regulate pet insurance.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/05/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7431](#)

BY Speakman

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

METERING {LC4786/1} (Modifies the definition of "core forest" to refer to unfragmented forest blocks or single or multiple parcels totaling 250 acres or greater and at least 25 yards from mapped roads.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

04/09/2024 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7431 SUB A](#)

{LC4786/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7082](#)

BY McNamara, Donovan, Newberry, Ackerman, Potter, Morales, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- NONPROFIT DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAIR SHARE FOR DENTAL CARE ACT

{LC3743/1} (Requires carriers offering dental benefit plans to annually submit information which includes the current and projected medical loss ratio for claims for their plans. The medical loss ratio would be eighty-five percent (85%).)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7433](#)

BY Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, McGaw, Tanzi, Handy, McEntee, Chippendale, Donovan, Newberry, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3753/1} (Amend the standards for issuing Medicare supplemental insurance policies.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7519](#)

BY McNamara, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC4683/1} (Provides that dental services rendered to patients would be reimbursed by standards governed by the general laws of Rhode Island.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/24/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7607](#)

BY Nardone, Place, Shallcross Smith, Quattrocchi, Rea, Roberts, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT {LC4934/1} (Amends the definition of "small employer" for purposes of the small employer health insurance availability act to mean a business employing less than one hundred (100) employees rather than fifty (50) employees.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7716](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, Kislak, McGaw, Morales, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC4991/1} (Requires that healthcare entities and network plans, eff. 1/1/25, include provision in every contract with a provider of mental health/substance use disorders that rates paid pursuant to the contract would be subject to a rate increase at least annually.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7717](#)

BY Ackerman, Edwards, Kennedy, Donovan, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC5283/1} (Requires healthcare plans in RI to notify providers of any proposed amendments to an agreement 60 days before the effective date and requires 60 days notice of any amendment to a manual, policy or procedure that is referred to in a provider agreement.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7720](#)

BY Kislak, Stewart, Speakman, Ajello, McGaw, Potter, Cruz, Morales, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC5312/1} (Ensures that independent pharmacies are protected from pharmacy benefit discrimination toward non-affiliated pharmacies and helps protect consumers' ability to choose local, independent pharmacies.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7944](#)

BY Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DENTAL INSURANCE LOSS RATIO REPORTING AND STUDY ACT {LC5079/1} (Requires dental health insurance carriers to file an actuarial memorandum disclosing its incurred claims/earned premiums, to assist the health insurance commissioner with respect to a study report/recommendations regarding a dental insurance loss ratio.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7947](#)

BY Morales, Potter, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT {LC4985/1} (Extends the registry identification card renewal for medical marijuana cards from one year to three (3) years; removes the renewal requirement for terminally ill patients.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8041](#)

BY Ackerman, Donovan, Spears, Edwards, McNamara, Serpa, Kennedy, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC5535/1} (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2025.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8056](#)

BY Hull, J. Lombardi, Slater, Biah, Bennett, Tanzi, Felix, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5677/1} (Prohibits insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.)

03/13/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8070](#)

BY DeSimone, McNamara, Perez, Donovan, Kislak, Casimiro, Noret, Cardillo, Biah, Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PSYCHOLOGISTS {LC5585/1} (Includes licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists and expands the licensing of school psychologists for independent practice.)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8143](#)

BY Kislak, Cotter, Fogarty, Potter, Cruz, Boylan, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC5885/1} (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to 1 per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The Rhode Island attorney would have the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)

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