
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7739 and H-7742 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7271](#)

BY Craven, Dawson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT {LC4266/1} (Provides that a magistrate of the family court has the power and authority to hear contested divorce matters.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7302](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Hull, Solomon, Cardillo, Azzinaro, Biah, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS {LC4333/1} (Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7371](#)

BY Caldwell, Craven, Batista, Dawson, Speakman, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- FAMILY COURT {LC4013/1} (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7629](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Morales, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC5083/1} (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7834](#)

BY J. Brien, Solomon, Chippendale, Noret, Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY {LC3362/1} (Amends the penalty for violating the provisions of the personal watercraft safety act from a misdemeanor to a violation and reduce the fine from five hundred dollars (\$500) to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7952](#)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC5047/1} (Spells out additional notice provisions, fees and costs of the arbitration process, from initiation to default provisions and potential court sanctions for breach of the arbitration agreement.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

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

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8095](#)

BY O'Brien, Craven, Finkelman, Solomon, McEntee, Serpa, Lima, Costantino, Voas, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC5745/1} (Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7739](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE {LC5475/1} (Amends the filing fees and time frame for certain claims of appeal to superior court.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7742](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Donovan, Caldwell, Shanley, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS {LC5476/1} (Amends procedures and fees relative to claims of appeal in small claims actions.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7739 SUB A](#)

{LC5475/A/1}

House Bill No. [7742 SUB A](#)

{LC5476/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7054](#)

BY Morales, Potter, Batista, McNamara, Felix, Tanzi, Cruz, Craven, Stewart, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- PAYMENT OF WAGES {LC3745/1} (Provides employees with civil administrative remedies against contractors, subcontractors involved in the contract with joint/severable liability imposed on contractors or subcontractors. Effective 9/1/2024.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7527](#)

BY Felix, Batista, Cruz, Alzate, Diaz, Giraldo, J. Lombardi, McEntee, Morales, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC4027/1} (This act would further delineate the definitions of felony, misdemeanor and petty misdemeanor.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7567](#)

(Governor/Judiciary)

BY Baginski, Casimiro, Spears, Craven, Kazarian, Solomon, Hull, Newberry ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT {LC4858/1} (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, any attorney who self-certifies that they have successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course shall have the authority to prosecute any violation of a protective order.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7573](#)

BY Noret, Craven, Corvese, Finkelman, Dawson, McEntee, Hull, Kazarian, Alzate, Chippendale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC4810/1} (Amends the statute punishing child pornography by replacing the term "child pornography" with the term "child sexual abuse material.")

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7744](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan, Carson, McEntee, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC5572/1} (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, be punishable as a felony.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7749](#)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS {LC5390/1} (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, the act identifies what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7798](#)

BY Dawson, Shanley, Noret, O'Brien, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- STALKING {LC5311/1}

(Makes it a misdemeanor to harass another person by following them and using an electronic device to record their movements in any public or private place.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7800](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VICTIM'S RIGHTS

{LC5116/1} (Waives the payment of filing fees and service of process costs when the victim of a crime is still owed restitution at the expiration of a criminal case.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7801](#)

BY Felix, Place, Henries, Morales, Batista, Tanzi, J. Lombardi, Potter, Cruz, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ELECTRONIC

INFORMATION AND DATA PRIVACY ACT {LC5437/1} (Requires law enforcement agencies to obtain search warrants for electronic information, data, location information and other identifying information of subscribers and customers, except in specified circumstances.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7832](#)

(Parole Board)

BY Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER

REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC4953/1} (Allows the sexual offender board of review to use, in addition to applicable validated risk assessment tools, a structured professional judgment approach to determine the level of risk a registered sex offender poses to the community.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7956](#)

BY Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND

EXECUTION {LC5156/1} (Requires the court to set reasonable bail for all those individuals who appear before it as probation violators and establish a presumption of personal recognizance unless the new alleged offense is a crime of violence as defined in the act.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

04/10/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7970](#)

BY Lima, Knight, Costantino, Solomon, Baginski, J. Brien, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Biah, DeSimone
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC5560/1} (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7975](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Cruz, Ajello, Felix, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC4431/1} (Permits state child support agencies to bring actions under the child support statute on behalf of a noncustodial parent who is incarcerated and unable to pay child support.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8129](#)

BY Edwards, Craven, Roberts, McEntee, Kazarian, Alzate, Potter, Cruz, Solomon, Diaz
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES {LC5835/1} (Includes visual images that are created or manipulated by digitization, or without the consent of the person, within the purview of the crime of unauthorized dissemination of indecent material and expands jurisdiction of the crime.)

04/03/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8156](#)

BY Noret, Chippendale, Corvese, Shallcross Smith, Cardillo, Casey, Costantino, Lima, J. Brien, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC5624/1} (Provides any person charged with an offense for which bail may be denied that there is a presumption of dangerousness to the community and a risk of flight unless that presumption is rebutted by the defendant.)

04/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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