
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**PROPOSED SUB A'S FOR S2262, S2115, S2767 & S2777 HAVE BEEN ADDED
S2115, S2227, S2262, S2454, S2459, S2767, S2777, S2825, S2826, AND S2933 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2115](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Murray, Pearson, Tikoian, LaMountain, Quezada, McKenney, Euer, Mack, Miller

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

{LC3499/1} (Amends the current requirement of payment of initial filing fee/service of process costs when the victim of crime is still owed restitution at the expiration of the case/seeks to enforce the civil judgment entered at the time of the criminal disposition.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2227](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC3985/1} (Redefines misdemeanors for expungement purposes and make prior felonies, subsequently reclassified as misdemeanors, eligible for expungement pursuant to sections 12-1.3-2 and 12-1.3-3.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2262](#)

BY Euer, Mack, Pearson, DiMario, Miller, Sosnowski, DiPalma, McKenney, Murray, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

SHIELD ACT {LC4819/1} (Creates a protective legal shield for healthcare providers, precluding any civil/criminal action by other states/persons against healthcare providers involving persons seeking access to transgender and reproductive healthcare services provided in RI.)

02/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/02/2024 Meeting postponed
03/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2454](#)

BY Bissaillon, Euer, Mack, Ciccone, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC4360/1} (Permits those persons with felony convictions to have up to six misdemeanor offenses expunged from their criminal record.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2459](#)

BY DiMario, Cano, Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Lauria, Kallman, Acosta, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4003/1} (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for childcare assistance.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/21/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2767](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Lauria, Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Murray, Valverde, Lawson, Euer, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4939/1} (Allows victims of sexual assault to submit a medical forensic exam performed by a licensed health care provider in lieu of a police report in order to establish eligibility for funds under the State Crime Victim Compensation Program.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2777](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Quezada, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4938/1} (Allows victims of violent crime receiving awards under the state's crime victim compensation program to use up to \$1,000 of their total award to make reasonable modification to their residence to ensure their future safety.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2825](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC4435/1} (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.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2826](#)

(Parole Board)

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC5015/1} (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.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2933](#)

(Attorney General)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING AND JOINT ENTERPRISE {LC5523/1} (Removes the attorney general's oversight of interlocal agreements.)

03/28/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/11/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2022](#)

BY Paolino, F. Lombardi, Pearson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS -- SCHOOL BUS SPEED LIMIT {LC3704/1} (Establishes a speed limit for school buses being driven on a limited access highway to ten miles per hour (10mph) less than the posted speed limit.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2770](#)

BY Ruggerio, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- STATE AND MUNICIPAL COURT COMPACT {LC4419/1} (Authorizes the use of automated traffic violation monitoring systems for all traffic signal laws, including the "Don't Block the Box Statute" and allows for jurisdiction of the Don't Block the Box statute violations to be within a municipal court.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2898](#)

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- NOISE LIMITS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES {LC4418/1} (Enables municipalities to install and use automated systems to detect noise limit violations in order to enhance enforcement abilities and reduce noise violations state-wide.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2453](#)

BY Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC4612/1} (Extends the repayment period for toll violations, and requires the RI transit and bridge authority to notify frequent violators by certified mail that their driver's license may be in jeopardy for failure to pay toll violations.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2829](#)

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES {LC5598/1} (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.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2947](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Britto, Ciccone, LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC4539/1} (Adds "loose material" to the contents of a vehicle that must be covered by a covering that must remain in place until the vehicle's contents are purged from the vehicle.)

04/02/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2832](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY Sosnowski, Bissailon, DiPalma, Miller, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC4538/1} (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2911](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC5491/1} (Clarifies and separates the different criminal penalties for first and subsequent convictions for reckless driving.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2936](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Tikoian, Raptakis, McKenney, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC5526/1} (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.)

03/28/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2024](#)

BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Burke, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Felag, DiPalma, Britto, McKenney, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC3376/1} (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2937](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Sosnowski, Tikoian, Raptakis, McKenney, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC5803/1} (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from five to ten years.)

03/28/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2904](#)

(Judiciary)

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS {LC5124/1} (Provides updates and clarifications to the current penalties for driving after denial, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2666](#)

BY McKenney, Raptakis, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC4783/1} (Requires that any person convicted of a charge of DUI or refusal, have an ignition interlock before being eligible for license reinstatement. Also permits a first-time offender to have charges dismissed.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2223](#)

BY LaMountain, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC3984/1} (Prohibits defendants who are serving probation for driving under the influence death resulting from earning good time off their probationary period.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2023](#)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, McKenney, Felag, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC3378/1} (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from 5 years to 10 years.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2025](#)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, McKenney, Felag, DiPalma, Murray, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES {LC3333/1} (A judge would have discretion to allow a hardship exception to keep license plates of a person convicted of this offense.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2026](#)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, Burke, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Felag, McKenney, DiPalma, Murray, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES {LC3339/1} (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a police officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2115 SUB A](#)

{LC3499/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2767 SUB A](#)

{LC4939/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2777 SUB A](#)

{LC4938/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2262 SUB A](#)
{LC4819/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, 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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