
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

**S-2799 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME
PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2801, S-2274 AND S-2739 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 30, 2024
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2036](#)

BY Murray, Kallman, Sosnowski, DiMario, Euer, Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3495/1} (Directs PUC to extend utility termination moratorium for gas/electricity from April 15 to May 1, of each year with discretion to respond to emergency/ economic conditions/customers needs.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

03/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2269](#)

BY Lawson, Pearson, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Cano, Britto, DiMario, Bissaillon, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING {LC4562/1} (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2271](#)

BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS {LC4799/1} (Extends the current provisions relative to certain rights of innkeepers and eliminates the sunseting of such sections thereby preserving the law as it currently exists.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

03/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2274](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, Zurier, Acosta, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

{LC3951/1} (Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

03/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2501](#)

BY DiPalma, Picard, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LAND

SURVEYORS {LC4922/1} (Grants a right of entry for professional land surveyors to enter upon or cross any lands, air space or water resources necessary to perform surveying services except public utility and/or wastewater treatment facilities upon prior notice.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2736](#)

BY Lawson, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiPalma, Quezada, Burke, Tikoian

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

OF RAILROADS GENERALLY {LC5533/1} (Provides that no train or light engine would be used in connection with the movement of freight could be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons, would also include the imposition of fines upon a company for violation of the act.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2739](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Quezada, Mack, Zurier, Lauria, Tikoian, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- FILING OF ASSUMED NAME {LC5251/1} (Changes the term "assumed name" to "trade name" and centralizes the filing, administration and regulation process of trade names to the secretary of state and also requires an annual renewal of the trade name.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2799](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DRIVER NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK {LC4958/1} (Provides a criminal background check procedure for for-hire intrastate passenger transportation services.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2800](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERSTATE COMPACT ON INDUSTRIALIZED/MODULAR BUILDINGS {LC4392/1} (Repeals the Interstate Compact on Industrialized/Modular Buildings in its entirety.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2801](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Bissaillon, DiMario, Gu, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY DISCLOSURE AND HOMEOWNERS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT {LC4389/1} (Repeals the "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act." Amends title 5 "Businesses and Professions" to include a new chapter 93, an amended "Residential Solar Energy Disclosure and Homeowners Bill of Rights Act.")

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

04/26/2024 Scheduled for 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

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

04/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2035](#)

BY Murray, Kallman, Sosnowski, Euer, Mack, Bell, Gallo

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

NET-METERING {LC3498/1} (Allows a property owner with eligible net-metering systems with a master meter to allocate excess net metering credits to any meter on the property.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2499](#)

BY Euer, Sosnowski, DiMario, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS ACT {LC5005/1} (Creates the financial frame work for incentivizing energy storage systems.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2506](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC5246/1} (Requires the public utilities commission (PUC) to

produce a report by January 1, 2025 and each January 1 thereafter, on the ability for the current electric grid to handle the electrification load need to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2509](#)

BY Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers, DeLuca

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC5239/1} (Requires the PUC to make public notification of any changes in eligibility or production of energy, and would direct the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to allow and facilitate the prompt public disclosure of this information.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2738](#)

BY Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Miller, Valverde, LaMountain, Acosta, McKenney, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED, SERIOUSLY ILL, OR IN
ARREARS OF PAYMENT {LC5362/1} (Extends the forbearance of utility terminations for
customers with serious illness certifications and would amend various provisions related to the
termination of utility services for persons who are disabled, seriously ill, or in arrears.)
03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2840](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Raptakis, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE
WARRANTIES {LC5691/1} (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make
available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts,
software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.)
03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2944](#)

(Div. of Public Utilities & Carriers)
BY Britto, Ciccone, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Sosnowski
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF
UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC4956/1} (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations
of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)
04/02/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2801 SUB A](#)
{LC4389/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2274 SUB A](#)
{LC3951/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2739 SUB A](#)
{LC5251/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 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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