
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

S-2073, S-2087, S-2088, S-2177, AND S-2181 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2073](#)

BY Miller, Valverde, Lauria, DiMario, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE POLICIES {LC3814/1} (Provides a special enrollment period for applicants for Medicare Part B. Also prohibits state insurance carriers from denying/imposing conditions on new enrollees or discriminate on price based upon health status/claims experience/preexisting conditions.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

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

04/30/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2087](#)

BY Miller, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ALCOHOLISM {LC3811/1} (Requires the dept of behavioral healthcare/developmental disabilities/hospitals to coordinate with the DOH to propose revisions to chapter 1.10 and 10.1 of title 23, including updates and revisions of statutory language and evidence-based best practices.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

02/09/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/12/2024 Meeting postponed

02/12/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/15/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/30/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2088](#)

BY Euer, Lauria, Lawson, Cano, DiMario, Murray, Sosnowski, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4050/1} (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract effective on or after January 1, 2025, to provide coverage to the insured and the insured's spouse and dependents for all FDA-approved contraceptive drugs, devices and other products.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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02/09/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/12/2024 Meeting postponed
02/12/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/15/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/30/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2177](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Euer, Murray, Ujifusa, Kallman, Mack ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC3528/1} (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)
01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/30/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2181](#)

BY Valverde, Miller, DiMario, Lauria, Lawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT {LC3815/1} (Repeals the July 1, 2025, sunset provision of the interstate medical licensure act.)
01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/30/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2390](#)

BY Lawson, Gu, DiMario, Felag, Cano, Valverde, Miller, Lauria, Bissailon, Pearson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL {LC4593/1} (Establishes a rare disease advisory council within the department of health and provides guidance and recommendations to educate health care providers and the citizens of the state.)
02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2400](#)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Valverde, Lauria, Miller, Lawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC4053/1} (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)
02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2401](#)

BY DiPalma, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4447/1} (Requires insurance coverage for all services provided by a pharmacist provided coverage of such services would have been covered if provided by a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2605](#)

BY Ujifusa, Murray, E Morgan, Valverde, DiPalma, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Bissailon, Miller, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC5165/1} (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.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2611](#)

BY Ujifusa, E Morgan, DiPalma, Murray, Valverde, Quezada, Gu, Mack, Cano, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC5552/1} (Limits the use by insurers of step therapy, a protocol that establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are covered by an insurer, by allowing medical providers to request step therapy exceptions.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2614](#)

BY Ujifusa, Miller, Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Mack, Kallman, Murray, DiPalma, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC4864/1} (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2025.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [2704](#)

BY Gallo, Cano, Sosnowski, Bissailon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT {LC5006/1} (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.")

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/08/2024 Meeting postponed

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 2, 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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