
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7562 HAS BEEN ADDED
PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2849, S-2544, S-2808, AND S-2538 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 29, 2024
TIME: 4:30 PM
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Jeffrey M. Willis, Executive Director to the Coastal Resource Management Council

Appointment of Melva Trevino Pena (Representative of Conservation) VICE Michael Rice to the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council for a term expiring April 1, 2028.

Appointment of Hayley E. Kenyon (Representative of Residential Users) VICE Jennifer Hawkins to the Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Board for a term expiring May 31, 2027.

Reappointment of Karen A. Stewart (Representative of Commerce Corporation) to the Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Board for a term expiring May 31, 2027.

Appointment of Carrie A. Gill, Ph.D. (Representative of an Electric Distribution Company) VICE Ian Springsteel to the Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Board for a term expiring May 31, 2025.

Appointment of Angela R. Tuoni (Environmental Issues Pertaining to Energy Representative) VICE Sheila Dormody to the Distributed Generation Standard Contracts Board for a term expiring May 31, 2025.

Appointment of Carrie A. Gill, Ph.D. VICE Kate Grant to the Energy Efficiency & Resource Management Council for a term expiring April 1, 2025.

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2538](#)

BY Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY--
REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS {LC4543/1} (Permits euthanasia of vicious dogs upon finding that dogs condition warrants euthanasia or after determination that there is no reasonable placement for the dog/provides any municipality that surrenders dog to RISPCA shall be responsible for costs.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2544](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT {LC5484/1} (Does not require the remediation of occurring arsenic in the soil with direct exposure of less than or equal to twenty (20) milligrams per kilogram.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8071 SUB A](#)

BY Cortvriend, Bennett, Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT {LC5485/A/1}

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources
03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/10/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/10/2024 Proposed Substitute
05/10/2024 Proposed Substitute
05/14/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/18/2024 Placed on House Calendar
05/23/2024 House passed Sub A
05/24/2024 Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2808](#)

(Dept. of Environmental Management)

BY Valverde, Tikoian, LaMountain, Kallman, Britto, Gu, DiMario, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS {LC4344/1} (Requires that developers of ground-mounted solar systems submit a plan for decommissioning to be held on file by the municipality and requires DEM, with the office of energy resources, make publicly available model decommissioning plans.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2849](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY DiMario, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES {LC4950/1} (Amends the provision of notice to be provided for the release of any hazardous gas or liquid as determined by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

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

05/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7427 SUB A](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY DeSimone, Cardillo, Biah, McEntee, Ackerman, Corvese, Slater, Azzinaro, Dawson, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --
EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES {LC4380/A/1}

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

05/03/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/03/2024 Proposed Substitute

05/03/2024 Proposed Substitute

05/07/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar

05/14/2024 House passed Sub A

05/17/2024 Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

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

BY Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- NET
METERING {LC4786/A/1}

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

04/09/2024 Proposed Substitute

04/09/2024 Proposed Substitute

04/11/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar

04/24/2024 House passed Sub A

05/10/2024 Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

05/24/2024 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

04/24/2024 Committee recommends passage

04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar

05/02/2024 House read and passed

05/13/2024 Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7562](#)

BY Noret, Marszalkowski, Bennett, Kazarian, Craven, Caldwell, Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS

{LC4675/1} (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

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

02/23/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

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

05/03/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/09/2024 Committee recommends passage

05/10/2024 Placed on House Calendar

05/14/2024 House read and passed

05/17/2024 Referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture

05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2849 SUB A](#)

{LC4950/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2544 SUB A](#)

{LC5484/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2808 SUB A](#)
{LC4344/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2538 SUB A](#)
{LC4543/A/1}

House Bill No. [7562 SUB A](#)
{LC4675/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 29, 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

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE: TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024, 1:23 PM