
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2264, 2268, 2709, 2710, 2711, 2841, AND H-7537 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 4, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Erin Donovan-Boyle VICE Mary Jo Kaplan to the Commerce Corporation for a term expiring February 1, 2025.

Appointment of Deborah Thomas VICE Jonathan Roberts to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation for a term expiring June 1, 2028.

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2264](#)

BY **Quezada, Acosta**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES {LC4907/1} (Amends requirements regarding how taxicabs can be placed in service.)

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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2268](#)

BY **Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Cano, Kallman, Murray, Mack, Bissailon**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES {LC3476/1} (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

03/05/2024 Meeting postponed

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

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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for 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

04/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2508](#)

BY Lawson, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- RHODE ISLAND -- IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION {LC5211/1} (Establishes trade commission to advance economic interests of Rhode Island and Ireland.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2709](#)

BY Murray, Burke, Pearson, Lauria, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING {LC5575/1} (Prohibits hospitals and other medical providers from reporting medical debt to consumer reporting agencies. A violation of this chapter may be pursued on behalf of the consumer by the attorney general.)

03/05/2024 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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2710](#)

BY Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC4284/1} (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.)

03/05/2024 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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2711](#)

BY Bissaillon, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC4121/1} (Prohibits credit reporting, executions, attachments against a principal residence for judgments based on medical debt. Defines medical debt as an amount for the receipt of health care services, products, or devices.)

03/05/2024 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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2841](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY {LC4323/1} (Amends the composition of the small business advisory council.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2982](#)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES {LC5944/1} (Replaces the term "the drug naloxone" with the term "opioid antagonist" in chapters regulating life insurance policies and group life insurance policies.)

04/16/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

05/24/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7510 SUB A as amended](#)

BY Vella-Wilkinson, Batista, Baginski, Lima, Diaz, DeSimone, Fellela, Biah, Morales, Fenton-Fung

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES {LC4794/A/2}

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

02/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/17/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/17/2024 Proposed Substitute

05/21/2024 Proposed Substitute

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05/22/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar
05/29/2024 House passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)
05/30/2024 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7537](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Voas, Hull, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY {LC4400/1} (Amends the composition of the small business advisory council.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2024 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
04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration
04/23/2024 Committee recommends passage
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar
04/30/2024 House read and passed
05/13/2024 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7719](#)

BY Baginski, Edwards, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES {LC5057/1} (Replaces the term "the drug naloxone" with the term "opioid antagonist" in chapters regulating life insurance policies and group life insurance policies.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/17/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/22/2024 Committee recommends passage
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar
05/29/2024 House read and passed
05/30/2024 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7940 SUB A](#)

BY Voas, Alzate, Potter, Kazarian, Hull, Marszalkowski, DeSimone, Finkelman, Caldwell, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY
PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT {LC5258/A/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

05/17/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/17/2024 Proposed Substitute

05/17/2024 Proposed Substitute

05/22/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar

05/30/2024 House passed Sub A

05/30/2024 Referred to Senate Commerce

05/31/2024 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2264 SUB A](#)
{LC4907/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2268 SUB A](#)
{LC3476/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2709 SUB A](#)
{LC5575/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2710 SUB A](#)
{LC4284/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2711 SUB A](#)
{LC4121/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2841 SUB A](#)
{LC4323/A/1}

House Bill No. [7537 SUB A](#)
{LC4400/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 4, 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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