
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**PROPOSED SUB A FOR S- 2229, 2429, 2654, 2780 AND 2935 HAVE BEEN ADDED
S-3137 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, June 6, 2024
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2226](#)

BY Ruggerio, Euer, Gallo, LaMountain, Burke, Sosnowski, Murray, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT {LC4298/1} (Provides that a magistrate of the family court has the power and authority to hear contested divorce matters.)

01/24/2024 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

06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2229](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Miller, Euer, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, LaMountain, Cano, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE {LC3945/1} (Provides that statements by a health care provider regarding the unanticipated outcome of a patient's medical care and treatment shall be inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability or as evidence of an admission.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2429](#)

BY McKenney, Gallo, Euer, Mack, Miller

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- OBSCENE AND OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AND SHOWS {LC4484/1} (Establishes, as an affirmative defense to the crimes of circulating obscene publications or shows and selling or exhibiting obscene publications to minors, the person's employment status as an employee of a school, museum, or library.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2654](#)

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC4742/1} (Increases role of division of motor vehicles in voter registration and addresses verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual application to register to vote.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2671](#)

BY Gallo, Cano, Lawson, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC4989/1} (Spells out additional notice provisions, fees and costs of the arbitration process, from initiation to default provisions and potential court sanctions for breach of the arbitration agreement.)

03/01/2024 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

06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2677](#)

BY Quezada, F. Lombardi, Acosta, Burke, Mack, Valverde, Lauria, Tikoian, Bell, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5272/1} (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.)

03/01/2024 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

06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2780](#)

BY F. Lombardi, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian, DiPalma, Britto, Valverde, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5583/1} (Requires mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day, and twenty (20) days prior to special elections.)

03/08/2024 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
06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2935](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL {LC5819/1} (Allows the attorney general to
investigate and bring an enforcement action against persistent fraud or illegality in the carrying on,
conducting, or transaction of business or governmental activity.)

03/28/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/11/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7271](#)

BY Craven, Dawson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --
FAMILY COURT {LC4266/1} (Provides that a magistrate of the family court has the power and
authority to hear contested divorce matters.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/01/2024 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
04/30/2024 House read and passed
05/13/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7952](#)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC5047/1} (Spells out additional notice
provisions, fees and costs of the arbitration process, from initiation to default provisions and
potential court sanctions for breach of the arbitration agreement.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/21/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2024 Scheduled for consideration

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04/24/2024 Committee recommends passage
04/26/2024 Placed on House Calendar
04/30/2024 House read and passed
05/13/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/04/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [3104](#)

BY Gallo, Pearson, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE {LC6157/1}
(Assures rental vehicle coverage under private auto policy, extends to the named insured and any drivers listed on the insured's policy and requires that the insurer pay for a rental that is of like quality as the insured's damaged rental vehicle.)

05/29/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
06/04/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3105](#)

BY Gallo, Pearson, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC6156/1} (Expands the definition of "unfair claims practices".)

05/29/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
06/04/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3134](#)

BY F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC6220/1} (Allows members of the Rhode Island judiciary and certain employees of the judiciary recommended by the chief justice to be issued a driver's license that contains the applicant's official business address in lieu of a residence address.)

06/04/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
06/04/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [3136](#)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2024: "SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?" {LC6219/1} (This resolution would provide for the presentation of the following question at the next general election "Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution?")

06/04/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
06/04/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [3137](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2024:

"SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO AMEND OR REVISE THE CONSTITUTION?"

{LC6082/1} (Proposes a proposition of a question to the voters of the state as to whether there should be a convention to amend or revise the Constitution.)

06/04/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

06/04/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8119](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- LOW-SPEED VEHICLES {LC5754/1} (Provides that low-speed vehicles may be operated on limited access highways, state highways, through highways and public highways or roadways provided the speed limit on the highways and roadways is no more than thirty-five miles per hour (35 m.p.h.).)

03/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

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

05/10/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/15/2024 Committee recommends passage

05/17/2024 Placed on House Calendar

05/22/2024 House read and passed

05/29/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/04/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2229 SUB A](#)

{LC3945/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2429 SUB A](#)

{LC4484/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2654 SUB A](#)

{LC4742/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2780 SUB A](#)

{LC5583/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2935 SUB A](#)
{LC5819/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 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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