
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**S-2833 HAS BEEN ADDED
THIS IS A REVISED AGENDA**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2681](#)

BY Burke, McKenney, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC5342/1} (Provides that any insurer refusing to honor a "direction to pay" executed by an insured for payment on a property damage benefit would constitute an unfair claims practice.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2828](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, F. Lombardi, Felag, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4347/1}

(Allows law enforcement to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the scope of their official duties under the supervision of the police chief or colonel of the state police.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2886](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE

ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC5800/1} (Requires one of the seven (7) directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation be appointed by the mayor of the city of Warwick.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3059](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- FEDERAL ELECTIVE OFFICERS {LC6081/1} (Changes the meeting of presidential electors from the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December after their election to the first Tuesday.)

05/07/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/07/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3118](#)

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE TOWN OF JOHNSTON MUNICIPAL COURT {LC6177/1} (Totally repeals the 1964 public law, which established the Johnston Municipal Court and which has never been amended and would enable the town of Johnston to establish a municipal court and housing court with expanded legal and equitable powers.)

05/30/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/31/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

06/04/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for 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

06/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7849 as amended](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5579/1} (Requires mail ballot drop boxes to be opened thirty-five (35) days prior to election day, and twenty (20) days prior to special elections.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/05/2024 Scheduled for consideration
04/09/2024 Committee recommends passage
04/19/2024 Placed on House Calendar
04/24/2024 House passed as amended (floor amendment)
05/13/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7570](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Noret, Hull, Casey, Corvese, Cardillo, Phillips, Chippendale, Lima, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4332/1}

(Allows law enforcement to utilize mufflers, silencers, or other devices for deadening or muffling the sound of a firearm while acting within the scope of their official duties under the supervision of the police chief or colonel of the state police.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/20/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/23/2024 Committee recommends passage
05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar
05/28/2024 House read and passed
05/29/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7578 SUB A](#)

BY Corvese, Noret, Azzinaro, Phillips, J. Brien, McNamara, Hull, Kennedy, Casey, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC3554/A/1}

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/24/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/24/2024 Proposed Substitute
05/24/2024 Proposed Substitute
05/28/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/31/2024 Placed on House Calendar
06/06/2024 House passed Sub A
06/07/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/08/2024 Scheduled for 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

06/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3000](#)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC5870/1} (Provides amendments relative to the permitting authority of, and acceptable forms of financial security permissible for construction and/or improvement guarantees relating to the completion of required public improvements.)

04/16/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7950 SUB A](#)

BY Felix, Potter, Giraldo, Cruz, Batista, Speakman, Henries, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC5512/A/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/02/2024 Scheduled for consideration

04/03/2024 Proposed Substitute

04/03/2024 Proposed Substitute

04/04/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar

04/09/2024 House passed Sub A

04/16/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3001](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES --SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC5867/1} (Makes amendments to various provisions relative to subdivision of land review, review stages, special provisions related to development and the procedures for approvals from various permitting authorities.)

04/16/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7949 SUB A as amended](#)

BY Craven, Fellela, Corvese, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC5511/A/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/02/2024 Scheduled for consideration

04/03/2024 Proposed Substitute

04/03/2024 Proposed Substitute

04/04/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar

04/09/2024 House passed Sub A as amended (floor amendment)

04/16/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2999](#)

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5868/1} (Provides amendments to the requirements of the inclusionary zoning law for affordable housing development.)

04/16/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7948 SUB A](#)

BY Solomon, Fellela, Voas, Casimiro, Baginski, Shanley, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5508/A/1}

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

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03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/02/2024 Scheduled for consideration
04/03/2024 Proposed Substitute
04/03/2024 Proposed Substitute
04/04/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
04/05/2024 Placed on House Calendar
04/09/2024 House passed Sub A
04/16/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary
06/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2214](#)

BY McKenney, Sosnowski, Picard, Gallo, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024 {LC4192/1} (Exempts out-of-state businesses and their employees performing services, during declared state or federal disasters or emergencies, from state or local business requirements, as well as state or local taxes or fees.)

01/24/2024 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
06/09/2024 Scheduled for 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
06/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/09/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2833](#)

(Governor)

BY Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- DOMESTIC ASSAULT {LC4919/1} (Provides that effective July 1, 2025, any attorney who self-certifies that they have successfully completed a specialized domestic violence prosecution training course shall have the authority to prosecute any violation of a protective order.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/09/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [3145](#)

BY Lawson, Britto, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC6237/1} (Clarifies the statute of limitations for all causes of action not otherwise time barred that seek damages arising out of or related to the design/construction/supervision/or inspection of the Washington Bridge No. 700, located in East Prov. RI.)

06/06/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

06/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [3147](#)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A BI-PARTISAN PREPARATORY COMMISSION TO ASSEMBLE INFORMATION ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VOTE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS ON THE HOLDING OF A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV SECTION 2 OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONSTITUTION {LC6240/1} (This resolution would provide for a twelve (12) member bi-partisan commission to assemble information on constitutional questions in preparation for a vote by electors on holding a constitutional convention, and who would report back by September 1, 2024.)

06/07/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

06/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7970](#)

BY Lima, Knight, Costantino, Solomon, Baginski, J. Brien, Fenton-Fung, Hull, Biah, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC5560/1} (Creates a custody procedure for pets in divorce and separation proceedings based on the best interests of the animal. This act would not apply to assistance/service animals.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/24/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/17/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/21/2024 Committee recommends passage

05/24/2024 Placed on House Calendar

05/29/2024 House read and passed

05/30/2024 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/09/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 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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