
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-5262 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 4, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5025](#)

BY Edwards, Bennett, Spears, O'Brien, Hull, Newberry, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC319/1} (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

01/13/2025 Committee transferred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5046](#)

BY Knight, Speakman, Kislak, Caldwell, Noret, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Casimiro, Alzate, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ELECTRONIC IMAGING DEVICES {LC53/1} (Criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of sexually explicit images of another person that are created by digital devices or created without the consent of the person depicted.)

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5070](#)

BY Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Noret, Finkelman, Read, Kennedy, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC301/1} (Increases the maximum fees payable to sheriffs, sergeants, and constables for the service of writs, citations, or subpoenas, from \$45.00 to \$70.00.)

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5071](#)

BY Read, Carson, Corvese, Hull, Noret, Santucci, Serpa, McNamara, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION {LC584/1} (Considers state government caseworkers or investigators "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5130](#)

BY Boylan, Knight, Tanzi, Craven, McEntee, Dawson, Cruz, Ajello, Caldwell, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC134/1}

(Defines "crime gun" and requires law enforcement to submit crime gun or 2 fired cartridge cases or shell casings seized to state crime laboratory or the BATF for testing and tracing, also would require 2 test-fired cartridge cases to be entered into NIBIN)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5179](#)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE

GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES {LC846/1} (Amends calculations of interest in civil actions a rate determined by average accepted auction price for last auction of 52 week U.S. treasury bills.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5182](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Craven, Ackerman, Chippendale, Casimiro, Alzate, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE

EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY {LC240/1} (Provides that the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring an easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of a benefited property and their costs shall be determined by and commensurate with the municipal appraisal of each property.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5183](#)

BY Bennett, Cotter, Edwards, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Nardone, Roberts, Slater, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE

OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC618/1} (Allows lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5185](#)

BY Donovan, Potter, Carson, Fogarty, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR SERVICE

AGREEMENTS {LC749/1} (Prohibits the use of service agreements that are unfair to an owner of residential real estate who enters into such an agreement or to persons who may become owners of that real estate in the future.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5221](#)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT {LC847/1} (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5262](#)

BY Noret, Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Messier, Phillips, McNamara, Craven, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION {LC926/1} (Adds school superintendents, central office officials, school principals, and all other school employees, to the definition of a “public official” for purposes of the criminal prohibition against making threats to public officials.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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