
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-5259 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

02/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/07/2025 Scheduled for 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

02/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5186](#)

BY Potter, McNamara, Batista, Craven, Donovan, Speakman, Spears, Slater, Bennett, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC325/1} (Amends current law on controlled substances to permit psilocybin to be cultivated within a person's residence for personal use and contingent on the US FDA's program, mandate that RI department of health establish rules regulations.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5219](#)

BY Ajello, Handy, McGaw, Craven, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Cruz, Shanley, Stewart, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LILA MANFIELD SAPINSLEY COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT {LC916/1} (Establishes the process to provide a legal mechanism whereby a terminally ill patient may choose to end their life using medications prescribed by a physician.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5222](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Azzinaro, Casey, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC951/1} (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime while residing on a military installation located in Rhode Island.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5223](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell, Morales, Dawson, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT {LC419/1} (Provides a remedy for any harm caused due to deprivation or violation of rights secured by the Rhode Island Constitution due to acts of the State of Rhode Island.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5224](#)

BY Carson, Spears, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC785/1} (Provides a civil cause of action for individuals injured by artificial intelligence.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5259](#)

~~BY Potter, Batista, Cruz, Casimiro, Dawson, Felix, Alzate, Craven ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES ~~--- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC457/1} (Prohibits the suspension of any person's operators' or chauffeurs' license or their vehicle registration unless upon conviction of driving offenses.)~~

~~01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5263](#)

BY Fellela, Caldwell, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1077/1}

(Amends the heading of § 11-47-60.1 to include the words "Dillon's Law.")

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5265](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY

{LC290/1} (Defines the apportionment of financial responsibilities for expenses and improvements to the real property of the life estate between the life tenant and remainder man.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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