
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5034](#)

BY Edwards, Cortvriend, Knight, Speakman, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Chippendale, Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC321/1} (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [5138](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LOBBYING REFORM ACT {LC112/1} (Prohibits lobbyists from making any political contributions to any member of the general assembly from January 1 through July 1 in any year, unless the general assembly adjourns for the year prior to July 1.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [5193](#)

BY Read, Noret, Casimiro, Edwards, Serpa, Hull, Corvese, Casey, Azzinaro, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL {LC848/1} (Creates a voluntary program through which registrants of electric and hybrid motor vehicles can request stickers to affix to enclosures housing such vehicles to promote first responders' safety in responding to electrical fires.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [5231](#)

BY Phillips, Bennett, Corvese, Newberry, Chippendale, J. Brien, Solomon, Read, Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT {LC747/1} (Provides that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [5272](#)

BY Slater, DeSimone, O'Brien

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

NONTRANSPARENT WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS {LC888/1} (Allows the owner of a rented or leased motor vehicle to establish non-liability for traffic violations.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [5273](#)

BY O'Brien, McEntee, Lima, Fellela, Corvese, McNamara, Casey, Read, Donovan, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN

OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 {LC771/1} (Requires all lifeguards, and park rangers, to be trained in administering opioid antagonists, and would require all public beaches to keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [5378](#)

BY Place, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES {LC841/1}

(Requires an official declaration of war or an action to call forth the state militia by the United States Congress before members of the National Guard may be released from state control to participate in active duty combat.)

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