
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5052](#)

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Serpa, Casimiro, Kennedy, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME {LC44/1} (Changes the service requirement for admissions to RI Veterans' Home from 90 days to 2 years, and gives priority to veterans defined as war veterans.)

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

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

House Bill No. [5278](#)

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Abney, Donovan, Felix, Hull, Solomon, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT {LC1112/1} (Defines "military-connected student", "advance enrollment" and "open enrollment" to give them flexibility in choosing a school district.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Veterans Affairs

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

House Bill No. [5387](#)

(Office of Veterans Services)

BY Azzinaro, Fellela, Casimiro, Ackerman, Donovan, Hopkins, Hull, J. Lombardi, Newberry, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS' HOME {LC1261/1} (Adds "space force" to the branches of the military included in various sections of general law regarding the veterans home, veterans cemetery and the power of armed forces officers to take acknowledgements.)

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PRESENTATION

Kasim Yarn, Director of Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services

- 1) Overview of the agency and mission
- 2) Rhode Island Veterans Home updates
- 3) Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery updates
- 4) Veterans Resource Center activity (UniteRI Snapshot)
- 5) 2024 Annual Report and Veteran Services Strategic Plan (VSSP) highlight

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