
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5017](#)

BY Diaz, Kislak, Bennett, Edwards, Giraldo, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- CONSUMER ENFORCEMENT OF ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY DEVICE WARRANTIES {LC432/1} (Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

02/10/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5107](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Potter, Voas, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PATIENT BROKERING ACT {LC95/1} (Prohibits the practice of patient brokering and would provide monetary penalties and enforcement by the office of the attorney general.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5108](#)

BY Solomon, Casimiro, Cruz, McNamara, J. Lombardi, Ackerman, Cortvriend, Biah, McGaw, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC280/1} (Allows internationally trained physicians to practice at healthcare facilities in rural and underserved communities and provides a mentorship alternative to the residency requirement.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5235](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Handy, Furtado, Read, Speakman, Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Baginski, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC986/1} (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5248](#)

BY Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Potter, Boylan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC622/1} (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5329](#)

BY O'Brien, Casey, Solomon, Corvese, Baginski, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TAX {LC1148/1} (Defines a vape shop and exempt it from the prohibition of selling electronic nicotine-delivery system products.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5334](#)

BY Cruz, Shekarchi, Solomon, Hull, Corvese, Stewart, Bennett, Kislak, Potter, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE {LC772/1} (Requires veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug is prescribed and dispensed for that animal patient.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5418](#)

BY Nardone, Santucci, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Hull, Cortvriend, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT {LC1085/1} (Amends the definition of "small employer" for purposes of the small employer health insurance availability act to mean a business employing less than one hundred (100) employees rather than fifty (50) employees.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5465](#)

BY Morales, Potter, Tanzi, Batista, Stewart, Cruz, Handy, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM {LC1571/1} (Establishes a single-payer health care insurance system, consolidating public and private payments into a more efficient Medicare-for-all style program, funded by progressive taxes, to reduce health care costs.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/13/2025 Committee transferred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5486](#)

BY Baginski, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC TRAINERS {LC1024/1} (Requires certified athletic trainers to be trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens) and would require such professionals to be equipped with the medication while performing professional activities.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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