
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5035](#)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC38/1} (Allows Ryan Kenny and Brenna Sorkin to join Simran Bhajan Nebhnani and Louis Charles Miyara in marriage on April 26, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

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

02/06/2025 Committee recommends passage

02/07/2025 Placed on House Calendar

02/11/2025 House read and passed

02/13/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [287](#)

BY Mack, Euer, Dimitri, Bissailon, LaMountain, Lauria, Valverde, Quezada, Acosta, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC262/1} (Provides for a residency requirement of at least six (6) months rather than one year for the Rhode Island family court to have jurisdiction over a divorce complaint.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [206](#)

BY Zurier, Euer, LaMountain, Raptakis, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION {LC125/1} (Requires individuals seeking a judicial nomination to reapply to JNC every 3 years and make those individuals selected as finalists, eligible only for the court in which they applied and were chosen during the five years following their selection.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [289](#)

BY Zurier, McKenney, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION {LC555/1} (Sets a mandatory retirement age of 75 for all justices and magistrates of the superior, district, workers' compensation, family and traffic tribunal courts and provide that no pension or retirement benefits be affected thereby.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [303](#)

BY Zurier, Euer, LaMountain, McKenney, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC1431/1} (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [354](#)

BY Dimitri, Vargas, DiMario, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT SECRETARIES, COURT REPORTERS, AND ELECTRONIC COURT REPORTERS {LC1187/1} (Increases the per page transcription fees for court reporters in court proceedings.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Resolution No. [360](#)

BY Appollonio, Burke, Vargas

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS EDUCATION MODULES FOR DIVORCING PARENTS {LC970/1} (Creates a nine (9) member commission to the study and assess the most effective module for divorcing parents, and would report back by January 27, 2026, and expire on March 27, 2026.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [280](#)

BY Rogers, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, de la Cruz, Appollonio, E Morgan, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC388/1}

(Replaces state marshals with capitol police as to those law enforcement officers being exempt from certain firearm restrictions.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [299](#)

BY Bell, Bissaillon, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Mack, Euer, Quezada, Kallman, Acosta ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CUSTODIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL PENETRATION {LC270/1} (Prohibits members of law enforcement from engaging in sexual penetration with individuals in their custody. The act also provides that a person convicted of custodial law enforcement sexual penetration would face imprisonment for not more than 3 years.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [130](#)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, Dimitri, Thompson, Paolino, Burke, Sosnowski, Felag, LaMountain, Britto ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING {LC487/1} (Changes the fine for any person convicted of a first violation of this chapter from \$85 to \$200, and increases the period of time that the violator may be ordered to pick up litter.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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