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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 13, 2025

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

### **SCHEDULED FOR 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

02/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration

### **SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [5042](#)**

**BY** Alzate, Cruz, Newberry, Kazarian, J. Lombardi, Morales, Stewart, Batista, Giraldo, Diaz  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES {LC398/1} (Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders.")

01/15/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5331](#)**

**BY** Craven, McEntee, Caldwell

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS {LC1389/1} (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six (6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5415](#)**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY Kennedy, Solomon, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Ackerman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES {LC1270/1} (Provides standards for developing, implementing, and maintaining reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of customer information.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5551](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY Cotter, Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNIT PRICING {LC1916/1} (Provides that an electronic shelving label by itself would not satisfy the disclosure and display requirements for unit pricing by way of the attachment of a stamp, tag or label to the commodity.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5552](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY Diaz, Felix, Edwards, Hull, J. Lombardi, Slater, Ackerman, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES {LC1915/1} (Creates a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers from coercive tactics at grocery stores.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5553](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY Noret, Casimiro, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Corvese, Diaz, Read, Fogarty, Finkelman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC1913/1} (Provides that stores offering food product discounts must provide the same discounts to in store customers that are offered to customers using electronic digital coupons.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5558](#)**

**BY Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, McEntee, Spears, Place, Fogarty**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD {LC1655/1} (Requires all applicants who seek to register as a contractor to produce a legible copy of a valid government issued identification.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5560](#)**

**BY McGaw, Carson, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Tanzi, Handy, Cotter, Cortvriend, Spears**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES {LC1806/1} (Modifies the real estate sales disclosure form to include the disclosure of "blower door diagnostic air leakage testing" and advises that air leakage testing is recommended prior to purchasing a residential unit.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5567](#)**

**BY Newberry**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC1497/1} (Prohibits disclosure terms "down payment", "money down", or any similar language to describe lump sum payments in order to reduce monthly lease payments. Provides that lump sum payments are non-refundable in the event of a total loss of the vehicle.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5569](#)**

**BY Solomon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PET INSURANCE ACT {LC1722/1} (Provides for the sale and regulation of pet insurance.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5581](#)**

**BY Serpa**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS {LC2120/1} (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six (6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5584](#)**

**BY McNamara, Shanley, Solomon, Shekarchi, Bennett, Hopkins**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION {LC1832/1} (Requires that one of the seven (7) directors of the Rhode Island airport corporation be appointed by the governor from a list of individuals submitted by the mayor of the city of Warwick.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5811](#)**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY Voas, Stewart, Kazarian, Casimiro, Solomon, O'Brien, Potter**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009 {LC1765/1} (Prohibits an individual who is licensed as both a Rhode Island real estate agent and mortgage loan originator to be compensated for both the sale of the property and the origination or referral of the loan in securing the property.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5817](#)**

**BY McGaw, Edwards, Potter, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Batista, Handy, Boylan, Furtado**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT {LC1577/1} (Establishes the "2025 Rhode Island Broadband Transparency and Consumer Protection Act.")

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5827](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Dawson, Tanzi, McGaw, Caldwell**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES {LC224/1} (Requires a person selling real property to provide disclosures as it relates to flooding on the property which occurred either through natural events or mechanical failures.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5828](#)**

**BY Lima, Solomon, Serpa, J. Brien, Edwards, Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR LICENSING {LC2080/1} (Requires that beginning January 1, 2027, all contractors supervising structural remodeling or building new residential structures with one to four (4) family dwelling units be licensed by the contractors' registration and licensing board.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5831](#)**

**BY Hopkins, Place, Roberts, J. Brien, Bennett, Corvese, Chippendale**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT {LC1945/1} (Requires anyone engaged in the sale of goods or services, and who offers a discount to its customers' for utilizing automatic payment systems, via ACH or EFT or similar payment systems, provide the same discount to any person who is sixty-five (65))

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03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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