
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

H-5427 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

H-5630 & H-5854 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5427](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY ~~McGaw, Donovan, Kislak, Casimiro, Cotter, Fogarty, Carson, Batista, Potter, Boylan~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC1417/1} (Includes the COVID-19 immunization under the consent and reporting provisions required for pharmacy administered immunizations to individuals between nine (9) and eighteen (18) years of age.)

~~02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~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~~

House Bill No. [5495](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC1423/1}

(Authorizes a midwife, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant attending a newborn to cause that child to be subject to newborn screening tests for conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder.)

~~02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~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. [5218](#)

BY McEntee, Donovan, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Handy, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC949/1} (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.)

~~01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

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

House Bill No. [5613](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES {LC1421/1} (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5615](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1419/1} (Revises sections of the uniform controlled substances act to remove specific opioid dosage requirements, revises the uniform controlled substances act in accordance with current standards of professional practice and would repeal chapter 37.4 of title 5.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5616](#)

BY Shanley, Phillips, Caldwell, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC2118/1} (Provides that public health advertisements be prohibited from stating that there is a safe way to take illegal drugs.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5617](#)

BY Alzate, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Diaz, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCT SAFETY AND TOXIC METAL REMOVAL ACT OF 2025 {LC1184/1} (Sets a clear and enforceable standard for reducing the presence of harmful metals in personal care products, prioritizing public health through testing, labeling, and the development of safer alternatives.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5625](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1991/1} (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5627](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Read, Spears, McGaw, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1434/1} (Requires health insurance providers to provide insurance coverage for pharmacists' services.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5629](#)

BY Alzate, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Furtado, Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Diaz, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE POLICIES {LC882/1} (Amends the current law on health insurance coverage for fertility diagnostic care, standard fertility preservation services, and fertility treatment and requires coverage for any medically necessary ovulation-enhancing drugs and medical services.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5630](#)

~~BY Donovan, Bennett, Speakman, Casimiro, Potter, Morales, Fogarty, Caldwell, Carson, Boylan~~

~~ENTITLED~~, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT {LC1953/1} (Requires certain health care facilities to allow a terminally ill patient's use of medicinal cannabis within the health care facility, subject to certain restrictions.)

~~02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

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

House Bill No. [5633](#)

~~BY McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Kislak, Casimiro, Casey, DeSimone, Tanzi, Edwards, Donovan~~

~~ENTITLED~~, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1849/1} (Allows a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients under certain circumstances.)

~~02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

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

House Bill No. [5852](#)

BY Solomon, McGaw, Casimiro, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE {LC1836/1} (Expands the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements to allow non-physician healthcare providers to enter into such agreements.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5854](#)

BY ~~Tanzi, McGaw, Fogarty, Ajello, Kislak, Hull, Morales, Potter, Bennett, Cortvriend~~
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES
{LC1383/1} (Adds new sections that set forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies, including education approved by state board of pharmacy. The cessation therapies to be covered by all health insurance carriers on or after 1/1/26.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5855](#)

BY ~~McGaw, Edwards, Giraldo, Cotter, Handy, Boylan, Furtado, Caldwell, Stewart, Voas~~
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD,
DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT {LC1847/1} (Amends the types of less expensive generic products which pharmacists may prescribe to include "devices and supplies" and "therapeutically equivalent products" and requires the director to provide a list of therapeutically equivalent products.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5858](#)

BY Stewart, Alzate, Cruz, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Potter, McGaw, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD
HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC1903/1}
(Establishes the scope of a certified professional midwife's authority relating to prescribing medication to patients.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5861](#)

BY Stewart, Fogarty, McGaw, Cruz, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1900/1} (Requires health insurance policies to cover licensed certified lactation counselor services for childbearing families. It also prohibits requiring supervision or duplicate payments for services and mandates annual reporting.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5864](#)

BY Lima, Santucci
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOLOGOUS OR
DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS {LC2061/1} (Provides for autologous blood donations.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5865](#)

BY Lima, J. Brien, Serpa, Fellela, O'Brien, Potter, Kislak, Hull, Knight, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC1884/1} (Bans the sale of cosmetics developed/manufactured using animal testing. A violation would be a \$1,000 fine for each offense.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [5866](#)

~~BY McGaw, Boylan, Furtado, Caldwell, Casimiro, Stewart, Voas, Fogarty, Solomon, Cotter~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED~~

~~SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1584/1}~~ (~~Increases the maximum fill for non-opioid, non-narcotic controlled substances found in schedule II, so that a ninety-day (90) supply may be dispensed at any one time.)~~)

~~02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

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

House Bill No. [6037](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Morales, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Serpa, Cotter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC2274/1} (Amends the definition of the "practice of pharmacy" to include the administration of immunizations vaccines for persons three years of age and older.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [6038](#)

BY Ajello, McGaw, Alzate, Speakman, Boylan, Donovan, Cotter, Carson, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC2338/1} (Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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