
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [213](#)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, LaMountain, Raptakis, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES {LC1102/1} (Amends notice requirements for self-storage facility before perfecting lien, to wit; 7 consecutive days of publication on a publicly accessible website or subsequent written notice to lessee, or publication once time in newspaper of general circulation.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [317](#)

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC1519/1} (Increases the maximum fees payable to sheriffs, sergeants, and constables for the service of writs, citations, or subpoenas, from \$45.00 to \$70.00.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [353](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC1504/1} (Extends time for a party to apply for stay of arbitration to 180 days; invalidates any provision that penalizes a party for seeking legal representation; requires arbitrator to provide notice of default to a party for failure to pay fees.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [356](#)

BY LaMountain, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO TRUSTS {LC1328/1} (Provides that a communication between an attorney and client acting as a trustee or other fiduciary, is privileged and protected from disclosure to the same extent as if the client was acting in his, her, or its individual capacity.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [534](#)

BY Gu, Tikoian, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT {LC1512/1} (Comprehensively regulates the practices of third-party litigation financiers in Rhode Island.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [539](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Patalano, LaMountain, Dimitri, Tikoian, Thompson, Gallo, Appollonio, Pearson, Burke, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE {LC1668/1} (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [572](#)

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS {LC1661/1} (Simplifies the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from small claims and consumer matters adjudicated by the district court.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [573](#)

(Judiciary)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC1660/1} (Amends the definition of public record to exempt from public disclosure the city or town of residence of the justices, judges, and magistrates of the unified judicial system.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [575](#)

BY Lauria, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS {LC1897/1} (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or older eligible for exemption from jury service.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [581](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC1656/1} (Protect the personal information of judicial officers and their immediate family members who serve or have served the RI unified judicial system, as well as judicial officers who reside in RI and who serve or have served in the federal courts.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [732](#)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Lawson, McKenney, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT {LC1899/1} (Permits retired superior court magistrates to be assigned to perform service pursuant to §§ 8-2-11.1, 8-2-39, 8-2-39.1 or 8-2-39.2 and be reemployed by the superior court without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 13, 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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