
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

H-6059 & H-5608 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5492](#)

BY Boylan, McGaw, Bennett, Kislak, Speakman, Carson, Handy, Cortvriend, Spears, Fogarty
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MICROPLASTICS

REDUCTION ACT {LC1452/1} (Creates the Microplastics Reduction Act to prohibit the sale or distribution of products containing synthetic polymer micro particles.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5606](#)

BY Kislak, Bennett, Speakman, Boylan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- HUNTING AND HUNTING
SAFETY--WILDLIFE KILLING CONTEST {LC983/1} (Bans wildlife killing contests on both
public and private lands in the state.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5607](#)

BY Cotter, Ajello, Potter, Chippendale, Roberts, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --

AGRICULTURAL FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

{LC1782/1} (Redefines “farm” by reducing the amount of revenue from farm products required to be sold from ten thousand (\$10,000) to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500).)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5608](#)

BY ~~Roberts, Quattrocchi, Place, Hopkins, J. Brien, Fascia, Nardone~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- ~~LOBSTERS AND OTHER~~

~~CRUSTACEANS -- BLUE CRABS {LC1734/1} (Eliminates any limits restricting the harvesting of
blue crabs in the state.)~~

~~02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources~~

~~03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [5844](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Speakman, Fogarty, Kislak, Carson, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER POLLUTION {LC1674/1} (Requires quarterly testing of biosolids for PFAS contaminants by those seeking to apply biosolids to lands, with subsequent reports to the department of environmental management.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5845](#)

BY Read, Noret, Nardone, Serpa, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, McNamara, Paplauskas, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROTECTION {LC1344/1} (Requires Rhode Island water suppliers to prepare a resilience assessment and a response plan for the risk of flooding.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [5847](#)

BY Read, Noret, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Baginski, Serpa, Roberts, Bennett, Chippendale, Santucci

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE FINDINGS AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE FLOODING OF THE PAWTUXET RIVER {LC1820/1} (Creates an 11-member commission to study and provide recommendations and potential solutions to address the flooding of the Pawtuxet River, and who would report back by January 2, 2026, and would expire on March 2, 2026.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6059](#)

~~BY Noret, Corvese, Costantino, O'Brien, Dawson, Fellela, Batista, Fascia, Casey~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024 {LC2349/1} (~~Exempts certain products that have PFAS if deemed safe by FDA.~~)

~~03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources~~

~~03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

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