
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [114](#)

BY Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT {LC843/1} (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [117](#)

BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Bell, Felag, Murray, DiMario, Zurier, Lauria, Acosta, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC71/1} (Sets controls on Medicaid prescription drug costs by imposing transparency and accountability requirements on managed care organizations (MCOs) and their pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [165](#)

BY Urso, Murray, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ruggerio, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC1208/1} (Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from conducting or participate in spread pricing within the state.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [173](#)

BY Ujifusa, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC1279/1} (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)

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Senate Bill No. [221](#)

BY Ujifusa, Burke, Lawson, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Mack, Acosta, DiMario, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THIRD-PARTY HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATORS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST CONTROL AND TRANSPARENCY {LC68/1} (Provides certain controls over prescription drug costs by imposing transparency, oversight and accountability requirements on commercial insurers and their pharmacy benefit managers.)

02/10/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [222](#)

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Bell, Felag, Quezada, Murray, Lauria, Valverde, Acosta, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC193/1} (Requires pharmacy benefit managers to reimburse pharmacist no less than national drug acquisition costs plus fee.)

02/10/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [314](#)

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC145/1} (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)

02/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [468](#)

BY DiPalma, Ujifusa, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION {LC1215/1} (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [482](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Felag, DiMario, Pearson, Thompson, Urso, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT {LC2044/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [486](#)

BY Lauria, DiPalma, Murray, Valverde, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Ujifusa, Appollonio, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC1879/1} (Establishes a process whereby large drug manufacturers, may be penalized for prescription drug price increases where there is no, or inadequate, new evidence to support the price increase.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 20, 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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