
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB A/2 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-5901

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5300](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Dawson, Shanley, Kazarian, Furtado, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION {LC1107/1} (Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5638](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Serpa, Noret, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC2192/1} (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5892](#)

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Fogarty, Knight, Bennett, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC1481/1} (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.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

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03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5899](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casimiro, Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AGGRESSIVE DRIVING {LC1499/1} (Adds five (5) driving violations to the statute that defines aggressive driving.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5900](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Hull, Read, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Casey, Dawson, Costantino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1485/1} (Distinguishes, in two separate subsections, a first offense for reckless driving, which is a misdemeanor, and a second or subsequent offense for reckless driving, which is a felony.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5901](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Noret, Read, Corvese, Hull, Casey, Phillips, DeSimone, Kazarian, Speakman, Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC1490/1} (Provides additional exception to prohibition on usage of wireless communication device while driving and clarifies that use for purpose of navigation must be while the device is mounted or otherwise affixed to vehicle and not held in the motorist's hand.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5901 SUB A](#)

{LC1490/A/2}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5299](#)

BY McNamara, Cruz, Solomon, Potter, Slater, Fogarty, Cotter, Carson, Spears, McEntee
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- LEASED LAND DWELLINGS
{LC1146/1} (Directs RIHousing to work with stakeholders to investigate and determine ways to assist an incorporated homeowners' association to exercise rights to purchase leased land.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5637](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Ackerman, Kennedy, Fellela, Fogarty, Serpa, Speakman, Kazarian, Edwards, Corvese, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CREDIT CARD CRIME ACT
{LC2190/1} (Adds "debit cards" to the section of law relating to fraudulent use of credit cards.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5639](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING {LC2191/1}
(Establishes the crime of attempted kidnapping of a minor.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5643](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Costantino, Edwards, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CASINO GAMING {LC1346/1} (Amends the law relating to casino crimes to be consistent with the advent of iGaming and the relevant age restrictions to participate in iGaming.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5655](#)

BY Dawson, Kazarian, Furtado, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- STALKING {LC1992/1}
(Makes it a misdemeanor to harass another person by following them and using an electronic device to record their movements in any public or private place.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5656](#)

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES {LC2106/1} (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5659](#)

BY Dawson, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS {LC1988/1} (Provides for municipal and state police authorities to acquire and to utilize automated license plate readers. Further, the act identifies what data may be collected and in what ways the data can be used.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5662](#)

BY Kennedy, Ackerman, Azzinaro, Edwards, O'Brien, Kazarian, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING {LC1890/1} (Established crime of real estate title fraud and creates private cause of action.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5670](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- ARREST {LC2121/1}

(Expands the definition of peace officers to include juvenile program workers and shift coordinators at the department of youth, children and families.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5671](#)

BY Caldwell, Stewart, Fogarty, Carson, Donovan, McEntee, Furtado, Casimiro, Boylan, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMPUTER CRIME

{LC1854/1} (Makes it unnecessary to prove that a person's transmission of electronic communications be for the sole purpose of harassment before being found guilty of cyberstalking or cyberharrassment.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5673](#)

BY Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- POLICE OFFICERS -- COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING {LC937/1} (Establishes an equivalent training certification program at the municipal police academy.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5902](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Ajello, Cotter, Tanzi, Alzate, Corvese, Potter, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY {LC1914/1} (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5938](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- OFFENSES AND PENALTIES {LC2055/1} (Provides that enhanced penalties for possession of fentanyl shall only be applicable if the substance contains \ at least ten percent (10%) of fentanyl or its analogs.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6026](#)

BY Felix, Cruz, Batista, Potter, Morales, Stewart, Giraldo, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC1068/1} (Amends the uniform controlled substances act and reclassifies simple possession of 28 grams or less of certain controlled substances as a misdemeanor.)

03/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6063](#)

BY J. Brien, Baginski, Place, Cruz, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT {LC2379/1} (Makes certain personal watercraft violations a misdemeanor.)

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6089](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Slater, Solomon, Casimiro, Kazarian, Alzate, Stewart, Baginski, Biah ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC2380/1} (Increases imprisonment penalties and adds mandatory community service for violations of § 4-1-9.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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