
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [680](#)

BY LaMountain, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE {LC1579/1} (Requires that an individual's caregiver be present when healthcare decisions are discussed with the hospice team. It would also prevent a denial of home hospice care because of age or income.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [682](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY {LC1578/1} (Requires hospitals to have a notary on staff all hours of the day and week.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [696](#)

BY Vargas, DiPalma, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC2219/1} (Authorizes an increase in resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term-care needs who reside at home and requires semi-annual reports from Medicaid certified assisted living facilities and adult day service providers to the EOHHS.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [704](#)

BY Euer, Urso, Appollonio, Gu, McKenney, Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Murray, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- NURSING HOME FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT {LC2269/1} (Mandates transparency in nursing home finances and would establish procedures for compliance.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [787](#)

BY Mack, Murray, Lauria, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC2043/1} (Supports the role of independent family council and makes the waiting list transparent by requiring nursing facilities with more than thirty percent (30%) self-pay residents to admit applicants on a first-come-first-served basis for non-private rooms.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [789](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray, Valverde, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1426/1} (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and provides penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [847](#)

BY Murray, Acosta, Bell, Thompson, Euer, McKenney, Lauria, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT {LC1984/1} (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.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [848](#)

BY Tikoian, DiPalma, Lawson, Ciccone, Gallo, Burke, Appollonio, McKenney, Vargas, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC2513/1} (Imposes a hospital licensing fee for fiscal year 2026 against net patient-services revenue of every non-government owned hospital for the hospital's first fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2024.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 25, 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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