
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

S-689 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [195](#)

BY Mack, DiMario, Britto, Murray, Vargas, Kallman, Sosnowski, Gu, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC857/1}

(Provides for the operation and duties of natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. A disposition facility would be used for either cremation or natural organic reduction.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [344](#)

BY DiMario, Lawson, DiPalma, Mack, Thompson, Valverde, Lauria, Euer, Murray, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC1155/1} (Requires EOHHS to

develop a budget and seek funding to establish an early childhood mental health hub program to improve access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under six (6) years and their families.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [606](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

{LC1416/1} (Provides that public historical vital records maintained by the state archives shall not be amended.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [608](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Tikoian, DiPalma, Lawson, Felag, Murray, LaMountain, Ciccone, Appollonio, Thompson, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1762/1} (Standardizes successor appointment language for various boards and adds language providing that a quorum be a majority of appointed members and the language applies across several healthcare professional boards that currently lack this language.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

Senate Bill No. [681](#)

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Lauria, Bissailon, Burke, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC2075/1} (Amends powers/duties of the office of the health insurance commissioner to increase total cost of care for services reimbursed under contracts after risk adjustment that exceeds the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers percentage increase.)

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

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

Senate Bill No. [689](#)

~~BY Valverde, Murray, Lauria, Pearson, Thompson~~

~~ENTITLED~~, **~~AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- EMBRYO SAFETY AND STORAGE ACT {LC1684/1} (Create the “Embryo Safety and Storage Act of 2025.” Also requires the department of health to regulate and license embryo storage facilities.)~~**

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

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

Senate Bill No. [698](#)

BY Lauria, Kallman, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC1788/1} (Allows the office of health insurance commissioner (OHIC) as the state agency that has the authority to designate patient-centered medical home (PCMH) care to obtain maximal health outcomes.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 27, 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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