
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [56](#)

BY Ujifusa, Lawson, Valverde, Euer, Pearson, Ciccone, Murray, DiMario, Lauria
ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICARE FROM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE {LC329/1}

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [194](#)

BY LaMountain, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS {LC413/1} (Amends the licensing statute to allow a graduate of a board-approved physical therapy school to be reinstated upon a failed examination upon the filing and registering for a second or third examination.)

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

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [347](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Urso, Murray, Lauria, Thompson, LaMountain, Appollonio, DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC617/1} (Allows internationally trained physicians to practice at healthcare facilities in rural and underserved communities and provides a mentorship alternative to the residency requirement.)

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

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [472](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT {LC2140/1} (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2025. Also restores access to telemedicine for all Rhode Island residents and allows treatment by out-of-state providers who register with DOH.)

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

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [487](#)

BY Lauria, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1451/1} (Prohibits any personnel, in any healthcare facility, from asking the legal immigration status of any patient.)

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

04/04/2025 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

03/25/2025 Committee continued

04/04/2025 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

03/25/2025 Committee continued

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [702](#)

BY DiMario, Valverde, Lawson, Bissaillon, Murray, Euer, Kallman, Acosta, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS {LC2076/1} (Requires every individual or group health insurance plan on or after January 1, 2026, that provides benefits to reimburse child service providers for therapy services offered through EOHHS certified Kids Connect/Therapeutic Services.)

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

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [792](#)

BY Gallo, Sosnowski, Thompson, Burke, Murray, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT {LC2405/1} (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.")

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

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 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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