
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [928](#)

BY Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --

REGULATION OF VICIOUS DOGS {LC2364/1} (Changes term vicious to dangerous dogs, expands on requirements relative to leashes, enclosures, addresses fines, requires signage, mandates dangerous dogs be kept in enclosure and provides other requirements.)

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [550](#)

BY Urso, Ciccone, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Murray, DiMario, Sosnowski, Patalano, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS

{LC1544/1} (Increases penalties for animal abuse under this chapter.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [551](#)

BY Urso, Ciccone, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, DiMario, Sosnowski, Patalano, Britto, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY

TO ANIMALS {LC612/1} (Allows seizure and rehoming of animals prior to criminal charges being heard.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [559](#)

BY Dimitri, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissaillon, Patalano, Ciccone, Burke, Murray, Urso, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY

TO ANIMALS {LC1233/1} (Increases imprisonment penalties and adds mandatory community service for violations of § 4-1-9.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [542](#)

BY Bell, Mack, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- OFFENCES AND PENALTIES {LC597/1} (Reduces penalties for non-violent drug offenses and provide for terms of imprisonment of not more than 10 years for any drug offense and would repeal certain other offenses.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [540](#)

(by request)

BY Gallo, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC1526/1} (Allows lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [532](#)

BY Felag, DiPalma, Lauria, Raptakis, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC1639/1} (Allows boats and marine assets to utilize the overweight oversize annual blanket permit that was in effect until 2022, and for the resumption of the prior practice of permitting for boats and marine asset transportation.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [529](#)

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC1663/1} (Adds a provision in the statute relating to one way highways, providing an increased penalty when a motorist travels the wrong way on an interstate highway or an entrance or exit ramp connected to an interstate highway.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [528](#)

(Judiciary)

BY LaMountain, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY {LC1666/1} (Amends the general law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians to reference the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in § 31-41.1-4.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [544](#)

BY Raptakis, Tikoian, Patalano, Appollonio, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC495/1} (Increases the penalty for anyone found guilty of reckless driving while eluding police to a felony punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment and subject to a loss of license from 1 to 2 years and a possible forfeiture of their motor vehicle.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [555](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Sosnowski, Raptakis, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1671/1} (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.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, 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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