
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5349](#)

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Felix, Craven, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Batista, Cruz, Potter, Ajello, Place

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

{LC1058/1} (Provides an exemption for certain incarcerated persons from the payment of fees for a first request for vital statistics from the department of health.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5649](#)

BY Caldwell, Batista, Edwards, Morales, Knight, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS --

FAMILY COURT {LC1446/1} (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5125](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Stewart, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE

PREVENTION {LC107/1} (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5177](#)

BY Casimiro, Roberts, Hopkins, Cotter, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE

GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC186/1} (Creates "Harter's Law" to extend the civil statute of limitations, for injuries resulting from first degree child abuse, to thirty-five (35) years.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5669](#)

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PREVENTION ACT {LC2104/1} (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5888](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, Diaz, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Casimiro, Stewart, Donovan, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC2196/1} (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, would be punishable as a felony.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5893](#)

(Judiciary)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC1482/1} (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5895](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Felix, Kazarian, Tanzi, Hull, Diaz, Potter, Sanchez, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC1488/1} (Requires submission of a domestic violence/sexual assault reporting form when the domestic violence response or investigation involves a verbal argument or dispute.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5923](#)

BY Roberts, Quattrocchi, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC1445/1} (Prohibits the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5924](#)

BY Roberts, Craven, Lima, Chippendale, Hull, Casimiro, Corvese, Ackerman, J. Brien, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC935/1} (Increases minimum sentence for first degree sexual assault and provides first 10 years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault not be subject to a suspension or deferment of sentence.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6133](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC2521/1} (Provides that the statute of limitations for second-degree sexual assault shall be 10 years from the date of the offense, or, in the case of a victim who is under the age of 18, ten years from the victim's eighteenth birthday, whichever is later.)

03/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6160](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell, McEntee, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC2594/1} (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse, including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.)

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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