
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5635](#)

BY Spears, Azzinaro, Fogarty, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS {LC1804/1} (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5120](#)

BY Potter, Kislak, Donovan, Handy, Fogarty, Giraldo, Bennett, McGaw, Morales, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC753/1} (Provides an insurer would not impose prior authorization requirements for any service ordered by an in-network primary care provider.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/31/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5174](#)

BY Bennett, Corvese, Cotter, Carson, Dawson, Baginski, Phillips, Shanley, Craven, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CERTIFIED SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTS {LC87/1} (Allows for the licensing of certified surgical first assistants to assist in surgeries through the department of health and a seven (7) member board of licensure.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/03/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5426](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman, Morales, Boylan, Donovan, Carson, McGaw, Handy, Bennett, Potter, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1425/1} (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets
of healthcare facilities and provides penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership
information.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/24/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5496](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Bennett, Hopkins, Donovan, Ajello, Fogarty, Solomon, Baginski, Casimiro, Kazarian,
Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES
{LC1411/1} (Makes several changes to the licensing and disciplinary process of the board of
nursing.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/24/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5614](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES
{LC1413/1} (Makes a series of amendments to several statutes regarding businesses and
professions to provide clarity or align with new federal requirements.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/24/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5622](#)

BY Hopkins, Paplauskas, Serpa, Bennett, Shanley, Casey, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Cotter
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE
MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT {LC1531/1} (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 House Health & Human Services

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

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03/22/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5630](#)

BY Donovan, Bennett, Speakman, Casimiro, Potter, Morales, Fogarty, Caldwell, Carson, Boylan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- COMPASSIONATE ACCESS TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT {LC1953/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5848](#)

BY Hopkins, Place, Roberts, J. Brien, Bennett, Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS {LC1523/1} (Requires the DOH and the EOHHS to collaborate with community health centers to establish new programs designed to attract federal funds, with a focus on the utilization of Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education programs.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/22/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [5857](#)

BY Knight, Speakman, Ajello, Cruz, Fogarty, Caldwell, Kislak, Boylan, McEntee, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND GENDER AFFIRMING CARE HEALTH DATA PRIVACY ACT {LC2020/1} (Creates the reproductive freedom and gender affirming care health data privacy act.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [6035](#)

BY Donovan, McGaw, Boylan, Carson, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- HEALTHY KIDS ACT {LC2285/1} (Establishes the Healthy Kids Act whereby restaurants would be required to offer at least two (2) healthy versions of children's meals, or twenty-five percent (25%) of the children's meals on its menu, whichever is greater.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

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