
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2025

TIME: 2:30 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [210](#)

BY Sosnowski, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS {LC1010/1} (Allows on and after September 1, 2025, an owner of motor vehicle(s) to transfer ownership and registration of said vehicle on their death, by a certificate of title designation and requires DMV to amend title forms, to include transfer-on-death language.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [536](#)

BY Gu, DiMario, Burke, Kallman, Bissaillon, Britto, Vargas, Zurier, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE SALES DISCLOSURES {LC1956/1} (Modifies the real estate sales disclosure form to include the disclosure of “blower door diagnostic air leakage testing” and advises that air leakage testing is recommended prior to purchasing a residential unit.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [726](#)

BY McKenney, Burke, Appollonio, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PARTITION {LC2342/1} (Creates a cause of action for partition of heirs property held in tenancy in common.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [557](#)

BY LaMountain, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC1724/1} (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime on a military installation located in the State of Rhode Island.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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Senate Bill No. [574](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Patalano, Tikoian, Quezada, Paolino, Appollonio, Sosnowski, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC1659/1} (Provides that a hearing required before a judge or magistrate may adjudge a motorist in contempt for failure to comply with the court's orders regarding a conditional hardship license, and defines penalties for violation of a hardship/interlock order.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [800](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Lawson, Patalano, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1667/1} (Allows retired state employees who worked for the unified judicial system as certified or qualified court interpreters to be employed or reemployed for a limited period in a given year.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [570](#)

BY Paolino, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPEED RESTRICTIONS -- SCHOOL BUS SPEED LIMIT {LC369/1} (Establishes a speed limit for school buses being driven on a limited access highway to ten miles per hour (10mph) less than the posted speed limit.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [983](#)

BY Patalano, Tikoian, LaMountain, Lawson, DiPalma, Ciccone, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE {LC2713/1} (Creates the PURPLE alert state system to aid in the search for a missing adult with a serious physical, behavioral health, neurological disabilities or medical condition.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [953](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Dimitri, Appollonio, Patalano, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1331/1} (Exempts emergency mail ballots from the requirement to have certain wording regarding "mail voters" on the ballot.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [300](#)

BY Bell, Valverde, Ujifusa, DiMario, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FOREST CONSERVATION ACT -- COMPOSITION OF STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, AND QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS {LC281/1} (Removes appointees of state boards, commissions, public authorities and quasi-public who have a corporate/business interest in the subject matter of the board or commission.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [518](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Gu, Britto, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE IMPACT AND POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF BAIL REFORMS ON BLACK RHODE ISLANDERS AND THE STATE {LC802/1} (Creates an 11 member commission to analyze the impact and potential economic benefits of bail reforms on Black Rhode Islanders, and would report back by February 5, 2026, and expire on April 5, 2026.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 1, 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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