
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-165, S-166, S-168, S-170 & S-220

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 1, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [165](#)

BY Urso, Murray, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ujifusa, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PHARMACY FREEDOM OF CHOICE -- FAIR COMPETITION AND PRACTICES {LC1208/1} (Prohibits pharmacy benefit managers from conducting or participate in spread pricing within the state.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [166](#)

BY Britto, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Urso, Dimitri, LaMountain, Ciccone, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1055/1} (Amends the definition of the practice of pharmacy to include the administration of all forms of influenza immunizations to individuals of any age pursuant to a valid prescription or prescriber approved protocol.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [168](#)

BY Murray, Felag, Sosnowski, Vargas, Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC1207/1} (Prohibits an insurer from imposing a requirement of prior authorization for any admission, item, service, treatment or procedure ordered by a primary care provider.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [170](#)

BY Appollonio, Patalano, Lawson, Murray, Tikoian, Burke, Ruggerio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH {LC1056/1} (Grants the director of the department of health the authority to approve or deny any applications for professional licensure pending before a medical or dental board of licensure that has been unable to establish a quorum for 30 business days.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and 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
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [173](#)

BY Ujifusa, Ruggerio, Lawson, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC1279/1} (Requires the secretary of the executive office of health and human services to monitor and mandate changes to the price-setting practices of pharmacy benefit managers to prohibit the spread pricing payment model.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [220](#)

BY DiMario, DiPalma, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lawson, Bissaillon, Mack, Thompson, Murray, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE HEALTHCARE SERVICES FUNDING PLAN ACT {LC977/1} (Amends Rhode Island's existing healthcare services funding plan act by adding an account relating to a new psychiatry resource network to fund Rhode Island's present PediPRN and MomsPRN.)

02/10/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [477](#)

BY Britto, Zurier, DiPalma, Tikoian, Urso, Lawson, Gallo, Euer, McKenney, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC1403/1} (Includes any costs paid by an enrollee or on behalf of the enrollee by a third party when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost sharing requirement under a health plan as of January 1, 2026.)

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

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

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [694](#)

BY Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, LaMountain, Tikoian, de la Cruz, Rogers ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC2337/1} (Details each of those limited emergency circumstances where a registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurses, may safely administer sedation, such as critical life-saving or emergency situations where there is an imminent threat to life or limb.)

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

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. [607](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY DiMario, Urso, Murray, Ujifusa, Valverde, Appollonio, Thompson, Lauria ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC1414/1} (Makes a series of amendments to several statutes regarding businesses and professions to provide clarity or align with new federal requirements.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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. [687](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Valverde, Lauria, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC1412/1} (Makes several changes to the licensing and disciplinary process of the board of nursing.)

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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. [700](#)

(Dept. of BHDDH)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT {LC1364/1} (Amends provisions relative to confidentiality of health care communications and the process for requesting records and/or confidential health care information.)

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

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04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [165 SUB A](#)

{LC1208/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [166 SUB A](#)

{LC1055/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [168 SUB A](#)

{LC1207/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [170 SUB A](#)

{LC1056/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [220 SUB A](#)

{LC977/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 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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