
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PROPOSED SUB A's FOR S-271, S-343, S-462 & S-475 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [114](#)

BY Valverde, DiMario, Ujifusa, Pearson, Murray, Bell, Euer, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT {LC843/1} (Prohibits any health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other third-party payor from discriminating against any 340B entity participating in a drug discount program.)

01/31/2025 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

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [263](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Valverde, Bissailon, Lawson, Murray, Britto, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1160/1} (Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to eligible individuals enrolled as plan beneficiaries.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/10/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [271](#)

BY Urso, DiMario, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Rogers, Appollonio, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC1161/1} (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

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04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [343](#)

BY Tikoian, Urso, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo, Felag
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN
OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016 {LC1195/1} (Requires all lifeguards, and park
rangers, to be trained in administering opioid antagonists, and would require all public beaches to
keep available a minimum of four doses of opioid antagonist.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [462](#)

BY Murray, Lauria, Lawson, McKenney, Bissaillon, Kallman, DiMario, Felag, Mack, Urso
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION
CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM {LC1372/1} (Removes the sunset
provision of the four (4) year pilot program to prevent drug overdoses through the establishment of
harm reduction centers and creates a permanent program for harm reduction centers.)

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

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [468](#)

BY DiPalma, Ujifusa, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST
PROTECTION {LC1215/1} (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA, or any health plan from
purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

02/26/2025 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

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [475](#)

BY Dimitri, Ciccone, Thompson, Britto, LaMountain, Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano, Burke, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1384/1} (Requires public or private golf courses to have an automated external defibrillator on the premises.)

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

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [688](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION {LC1324/1} (Makes a technical amendment to correctly reference a section of general law that allows for a tax refund deduction for contributions to the Rhode Island organ transplant fund.)

03/07/2025 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

05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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Senate Bill No. [198](#)

BY Gallo, DiPalma, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS {LC1154/1} (Permits physical therapists to continue to order diagnostic imaging as an authorized practice of physical therapy beyond December 31, 2025.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [345](#)

BY McKenney, Gallo, Bissaillon, Murray, Gu, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT {LC769/1} (Allows for the enactment of the dietitian licensure compact permitting a licensed dietitian from another state to become licensed within the state, and also permitting a dietitian licensed by the state to become licensed in another compact state.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [471](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE

PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS {LC1528/1} (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.)

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

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [695](#)

BY Valverde, Lauria, Ujifusa, Murray, Appollonio, Thompson, Urso, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND

CLINICIAN WELLNESS AND SUPPORT ACT {LC2266/1} (Mandates establishment of a

support program for nurse practitioners similar to that which is offered for physicians.

Additionally, it requires professional licensing and reporting reforms to protect clinicians who seek support.)

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

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [701](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES

{LC1654/1} (Allows advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and physicians who are and are not licensed in Rhode Island to provide telemedicine services to patients who are in the state when those services are rendered.)

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

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [703](#)

BY Valverde, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN

ASSISTANTS {LC1802/1} (Alters a PA's continuing education requirements, ability to provide charitable care, and authority to clear students to return to sports after health-concern related removal and protect PA's from certain restrictive covenants.)

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

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [788](#)

BY Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Zurier, Murray, Mack, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS {LC2413/1} (Removes the age restriction for benefits coverage/requires, after 1/1/26, for policies issued or renewed include coverage for reimbursement for provider services at a rate equal to, or greater than, Medicaid establishments of EOHHS.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [790](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS {LC2414/1} (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.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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Senate Bill No. [898](#)

BY Bissaillon, McKenney, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT {LC2366/1}

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [941](#)

BY McKenney, Murray, Sosnowski, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONTINUING CARE PROVIDER REGISTRATION AND DISCLOSURE {LC2174/1} (Allows continuing care providers to provide care in an individual's home, subject to the same disclosures and requirements as continuing care provided in a facility.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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Senate Bill No. [976](#)

BY Ciccone, Dimitri, Britto, Gu, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL AESTHETIC PRACTICES SAFETY ACT {LC2644/1} (Mandates cosmetic medical procedures be performed by a physician, PA, APRN, or delegated to a qualified non-physician, non-PA or non-APRN under the supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [1005](#)

BY Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, LaMountain, Gu, Ciccone, DiPalma, Tikoian, Appollonio, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT {LC2822/1} (Allows a clinical laboratory, that is incorporated in the State of Rhode Island, to analyze blood samples, from children under the age of six (6) years, for blood lead levels.)

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

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [271 SUB A](#)

{LC1161/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [343 SUB A](#)

{LC1195/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [462 SUB A](#)

{LC1372/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [475 SUB A](#)

{LC1384/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 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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