
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [884](#)

BY McKenney, Britto, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RIGHT TO CONSUMER ACCESS TO POWERED WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS {LC2542/1} (Provides that original power wheelchair equipment manufacturers would be required to provide to independent service providers repair information and tools to maintain and repair original power wheelchair equipment.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [936](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Dimitri, Appollonio, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009 {LC1779/1} (Prohibits an individual who is licensed as both a Rhode Island real estate agent and mortgage loan originator to be compensated for both the sale of the property and the origination or referral of the loan in securing the property.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [629](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Sosnowski, Pearson, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNIT PRICING {LC1924/1} (Provides that an electronic shelving label by itself would not satisfy the disclosure and display requirements for unit pricing by way of the attachment of a stamp, tag or label to the commodity.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [770](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Gu, Ciccone, DiPalma, Murray, LaMountain, Britto, Bissaillon, Sosnowski, Mack, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC1925/1} (Provides that stores offering food product discounts must provide the same discounts to in store customers that are offered to customers using electronic digital coupons.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [970](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Murray, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY {LC1922/1} (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [991](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Britto, Raptakis, Murray, DiPalma, Gu, Bissaillon, Urso, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES {LC1923/1} (Creates a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers from coercive tactics at grocery stores.)

04/17/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 13, 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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