
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-5235, H-5484, H-5565, H-5575 AND H-5833 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5235](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Handy, Furtado, Read, Speakman, Noret, Casimiro, Finkelman, Baginski, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC986/1} (Provides an interest rate cap on medical debt.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5484](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1350/1} (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5547](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Solomon, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1348/1} (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5565](#)

BY Kennedy, Edwards, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT {LC1746/1} (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.")

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

04/08/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5575](#)

BY Solomon, O'Brien, Lima, Kennedy, Santucci, Casey, Noret, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY {LC1143/1} (Allows for the procurement of nuclear power.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5833](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Boylan, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- MOBILE COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING SERVICES {LC2016/1} (Provides for the licensure and operation of mobile cosmetology and barber services.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

04/24/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5235 SUB A](#)

{LC986/A/1}

House Bill No. [5484 SUB A](#)

{LC1350/A/1}

House Bill No. [5565 SUB A](#)
{LC1746/A/1}

House Bill No. [5575 SUB A](#)
{LC1143/A/1}

House Bill No. [5833 SUB A](#)
{LC2016/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6270](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, Potter, Edwards, Bennett, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC2778/1} (Prohibits the sale of beverages and drink mix powders containing hemp-derived delta-9 THC in RI, unless such products are authorized and regulated under the state's cannabis laws, and maintains regulatory consistency within the state's cannabis framework.)
04/25/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6315](#)

(Governor)

BY Finkelman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Solomon, Fellela, Costantino, Fascia, Perez, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INVESTMENTS BY DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES {LC2854/1} (Repeals § 27-11.1-3 to eliminate the ten percent (10%) limitation on Schedule BA assets.)
05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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