
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

PROPOSED SUB A's HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-16, S-318, & S-601

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 2, 2025

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [16](#)

BY Gu, Zurier, DiPalma, Burke, Urso, Bell, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS {LC562/1} (Establishes regulation by DBR over the practices and procedures of virtual currency kiosk operators to prevent fraud related to the use of virtual currency kiosks, by establishing daily transaction limits and the regulating of fees.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [318](#)

BY Tikoian, Lawson, Dimitri, Burke, Urso, Britto, Sosnowski, Rogers, LaMountain, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY {LC979/1} (Allows for the procurement of nuclear power.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [599](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Sosnowski, Murray, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC1349/1} (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.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [601](#)

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Britto, McKenney, Sosnowski, Gu, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1351/1} (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

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

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [843](#)

BY Murray, Bell, Thompson, Euer, Sosnowski, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --

NET-METERING {LC998/1} (Allows a property owner with eligible net-metering systems with a master meter to allocate excess net metering credits to any meter on the property.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

05/06/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for 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

05/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for 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

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04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5121 SUB A](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Read, Carson, O'Brien, Bennett, Serpa, Voas, Kazarian, Alzate
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY
TRANSMISSIONS {LC155/A/2}

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology
02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration
03/11/2025 Meeting postponed
03/25/2025 Scheduled for consideration
03/25/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/25/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/27/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar
04/10/2025 House passed Sub A
05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF
UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC1350/A/1}

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
05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/20/2025 House passed Sub A
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/30/2025 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

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/20/2025 House read and passed

05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Commerce

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5575 SUB A](#)

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/A/1}

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

05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute

05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute

05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/20/2025 House passed Sub A

05/30/2025 Referred to Senate Commerce

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5611](#)

BY Noret, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Finkelman, Casey, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hopkins, Morales, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- PUBLIC BUILDINGS {LC1793/1} (Requires the installation of universal changing stations in all newly constructed, reconstructed, or remodeled public buildings and places of public accommodation.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

03/03/2025 Committee transferred to House State Government & Elections

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

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

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05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration
05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage
05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/22/2025 House read and passed
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5811](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Voas, Stewart, Kazarian, Casimiro, Solomon, O'Brien, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009 {LC1765/1} (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.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration
03/25/2025 Committee recommends passage
04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar
04/10/2025 House read and passed
05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Commerce
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [16 SUB A](#)

{LC562/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [318 SUB A](#)

{LC979/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [601 SUB A](#)

{LC1351/A/1}

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