
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**NOTE: S-482 AND S-680 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AND RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd
PROPOSED SUB A's HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-347 & S-487**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 2, 2025

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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. [347](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Urso, Murray, Lauria, Thompson, LaMountain, Appollonio, DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC617/1} (Allows internationally trained physicians to practice at healthcare facilities in rural and underserved communities and provides a mentorship alternative to the residency requirement.)

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

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. [482](#)

~~**BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Murray, Felag, DiMario, Pearson, Thompson, Urso, Acosta**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT {LC2044/1} (Amends the types of less expensive generic products which pharmacists may prescribe to include "devices and supplies" and "therapeutically equivalent products" and requires the director to provide a list of therapeutically equivalent products.)~~

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

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

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

~~05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [487](#)

BY Lauria, Acosta, Quezada, Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiMario, Euer, Pearson, Ujifusa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1451/1} (Prohibits any personnel, in any healthcare facility, from asking the legal immigration status of any patient.)

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

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. [609](#)

(EOHHS)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1361/1} (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienist's from "other insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.)

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

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

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

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

~~Senate Bill No. [680](#)~~

~~BY LaMountain, Thompson~~

~~ENTITLED~~, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CONSENT TO MEDICAL AND SURGICAL CARE {LC1579/1} (~~Requires that an individual's caregiver be present when healthcare decisions are discussed with the hospice team. It would also prevent a denial of home hospice care because of age or income.~~)

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

~~03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/25/2025 Committee continued~~

~~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. [696](#)

BY Vargas, DiPalma, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC2219/1} (Authorizes an increase in resource eligibility limits for persons with long-term-care needs who reside at home and requires semi-annual reports from Medicaid certified assisted living facilities and adult day service providers to the EOHHS.)

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

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03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [706](#)

BY Murray, DiMario, Lauria, Sosnowski, Lawson, Valverde, Gallo, Kallman, Urso, Ujifusa ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1465/1} (Requires EOHHS to provide self-measured blood pressure monitoring for eligible pregnant and postpartum individuals, covering home monitors, training, data transmission, and co-interventions, with state funds if federal aid is unavailable.)

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
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [791](#)

BY Bissaillon, Tikoian, Lawson, Murray, DiMario, Appollonio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC2367/1} (Prohibits insurance companies from paying a rate that is less than the approved Medicaid rate set by the executive office of health and human services.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
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. [848](#)

BY Tikoian, DiPalma, Lawson, Ciccone, Gallo, Burke, Appollonio, McKenney, Vargas, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC2513/1} (Imposes a hospital licensing fee for fiscal year 2026 against net patient-services revenue of every non-government owned hospital for the hospital's first fiscal year ending on or after January 1, 2024.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [977](#)

BY DiPalma, Vargas, Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC2707/1} (Provides recommended air quality standards for schools. Further requires the department of education incorporate indoor air quality testing as part of the school building authority needs assessment.)

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

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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. [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

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

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [347 SUB A](#)

{LC617/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [487 SUB A](#)

{LC1451/A/1}

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