
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-796, S-695, S-482 & S-680
PLEASE NOTE: S-482 AND S-680 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 2025
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [796](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Murray, Valverde, Gu, Lawson, Sosnowski, Urso, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES {LC1422/1} (Provides a duty upon midwives, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to obtain a blood specimen of pregnant women within thirty (30) days after the first professional visit.)

03/14/2025 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

House Bill No. [5613 SUB A](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES {LC1421/A/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/21/2025 Proposed Substitute

03/21/2025 Proposed Substitute

03/27/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/08/2025 House passed Sub A

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [686](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC1424/1} (Authorizes a midwife, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant attending a newborn to cause that child to be subject to newborn screening tests for conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder.)

03/07/2025 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

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5495](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS {LC1423/1} (Authorizes a midwife, nurse practitioner or physicians assistant attending a newborn to cause that child to be subject to newborn screening tests for conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

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

03/07/2025 Scheduled for consideration

03/13/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar

03/25/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [608](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Tikoian, DiPalma, Lawson, Felag, Murray, LaMountain, Ciccone, Appollonio, Thompson, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1762/1} (Standardizes successor appointment language for various boards and adds language providing that a quorum be a majority of appointed members and the language applies across several healthcare professional boards that currently lack this language.)

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

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

03/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5550](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Shanley, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC1764/1} (Standardizes successor appointment language for various boards and adds language providing that a quorum be a majority of appointed members and the language applies across several healthcare professional boards that currently lack this language.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/27/2025 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

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

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

03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/01/2025 Committee recommends passage

04/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/22/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

05/30/2025 Scheduled for 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

05/06/2025 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

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

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05/31/2025 Meeting postponed

05/31/2025 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

05/31/2025 Meeting postponed

05/31/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [796 SUB A](#)

{LC1422/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [695 SUB A](#)

{LC2266/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [482 SUB A](#)

{LC2044/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [680 SUB A](#)

{LC1579/A/1}

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