
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-278, S-302, S-515, S-552, S-732 and S-876

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [66](#)

BY Lauria, Euer, Zurier, McKenney, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Pearson, Vargas, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE {LC273/1} (Provides that statements by a health care provider regarding the unanticipated outcome of a patient's medical care and treatment shall be inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability or as evidence of an admission.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [278](#)

BY Murray, McKenney, Bissaillon, Pearson, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY {LC1009/1} (Under certain circumstances, provides immunity from arrest and prosecution for prostitution, procurement of sexual conduct for a fee, loitering for prostitution and soliciting from motor vehicles for indecent purposes.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/17/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [302](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT {LC411/1} (Prohibits noncompete

agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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05/19/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/22/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [515](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Gallo, Pearson, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto, Tikoian, Ciccone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC1955/1} (Makes it a felony for any person required to register as a sex offender to live within three hundred feet (300') of a school as defined in § 11-37.1-2.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [549](#)

BY Dimitri, Ciccone, Burke, Thompson, Murray, LaMountain, DiMario, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT {LC1712/1} (Requires hotel employees and short-term rental property operators to annually receive human trafficking awareness training. The operator of the premises shall maintain records of the completed training.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [552](#)

BY DiPalma, Tikoian, Dimitri, Appollonio, LaMountain ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE OFFICER {LC1226/1} (Makes it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the department of attorney general.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [732](#)

BY LaMountain, Tikoian, Lawson, McKenney, Dimitri, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT {LC1899/1} (Permits retired superior court magistrates to be assigned to perform service pursuant to §§ 8-2-11.1, 8-2-39, 8-2-39.1 or 8-2-39.2 and be reemployed by the superior court without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [817](#)

BY Tikoian, LaMountain, McKenney, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Rogers, de la Cruz, Burke, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT {LC2423/1} (Defines squatter as a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not authorized by the property owner, landlord or tenant to occupy the unit and provides remedies for property owner including police assistance to remove a squatter.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
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
06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [876](#)

BY Bissaillon, Dimitri, Quezada, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC2564/1} (Permits those individuals convicted of multiple felonies and misdemeanors to have their records expunged and provide criteria for the court to consider in determining whether the person is of good moral character.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [904](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY {LC2431/1} (Establishes the commercial sex buyer's accountability program which consists of an instructional program on prostitution and human trafficking schemes.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/08/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [950](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Patalano, Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Appollonio, Thompson, Britto, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING {LC2203/1}

(Establishes the crime of attempted kidnapping of a minor.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

05/08/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5384](#)

BY Boylan, Knight, Ajello, McGaw, Stewart, Tanzi, Shanley, Speakman, Furtado, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND

VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC1185/1} (Increases from 7 days to 9 days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections and no certificates of election may be issued until the recount, if any, is completed.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage

04/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/24/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5639](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING {LC2191/1}

(Establishes the crime of attempted kidnapping of a minor.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/04/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/08/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/02/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/08/2025 House read and passed

05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5709](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1962/1}
(Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/02/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/08/2025 House read and passed

05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/06/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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Senate Bill No. [1133](#)

BY Patalano, LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD {LC3014/1} (Makes offenses against gift card holders subject to the penalties for larceny.)

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

06/06/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [1134](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE ACT {LC2997/1} (Enacts the Kayden's Law setting guidelines and training for courts, judges and other professionals who make recommendations or decisions about visitation, custody, and placement of children when there are allegations of abuse.)

06/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

06/06/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6306](#)

BY McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC2861/1}
(Allows Daniel Vaca to join Kaley Erin O'Connor and James John Pawelski in marriage on or about October 12, 2025, within the City of Newport, Rhode Island)

05/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation

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

05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar

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05/22/2025 House read and passed

06/06/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

06/06/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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Senate Bill No. [302 SUB A](#)
{LC411/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [515 SUB A](#)
{LC1955/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [552 SUB A](#)
{LC1226/A/1}

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{LC1899/A/2}

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, June 10, 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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