
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7047](#)

BY Potter, Speakman, McNamara, Slater, Cruz, Batista, Bennett, Craven, Sanchez, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC3805/1} (Amends the current law on controlled substances to permit a person to be in possession of less than one ounce of psilocybin and permits psilocybin to be securely cultivated within a person's residence for personal use.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7052](#)

BY O'Brien, Serpa, Lima, McEntee, Cardillo, Finkelman, Kennedy, DeSimone, Spears, Dawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3854/1} (Prohibits the declawing of cats by any surgical procedure to amputate or modify a portion of a cat's paw in order to remove the cat's claws. Does not apply to any procedure performed for a therapeutic purpose.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7056](#)

BY Potter, Speakman, Serpa, Bennett, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- FORCE-FED POULTRY PRODUCTS {LC3797/1} (Prohibits force-feeding to create a force-fed poultry product nor hire another to engage in force feeding of a poultry product. Violations would be subject to a civil penalty of \$500.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7075](#)

BY Edwards, Diaz, Bennett, Serpa, Potter, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3767/1} (Provides that the trapping and subsequent release of any unowned feral or free roaming cat for the purpose of spaying or neutering of the cat would not be considered abandonment.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7097](#)

BY DeSimone, Noret, Cardillo, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Morales, Diaz, Hull, Corvese, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC4017/1} (Provides for a residency requirement of at least six (6) months rather than one year for the Rhode Island family court to have jurisdiction over a divorce complaint.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7163](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Stewart, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION {LC3396/1} (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7166](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC3996/1} (Authorizes the family court to order educational classes on child development and family dynamics for divorcing parents with children.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7167](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC4068/1} (Allows for child support payments when a child is domiciled in the home of the custodial parent and principally dependent on parent until the child is 21, or 23 if child is enrolled in an educational program.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7199](#)

BY Perez, Costantino, Azzinaro, Batista, Hull, Diaz, Corvese, Bennett, Shanley, Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DIVORCE AND SEPARATION {LC4099/1} (Permits family court to make orders of support and education of a child from ages eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21).)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7237](#)

BY Knight, Speakman, Serpa, Phillips, McEntee, Batista, Boylan, Hull, Shallcross Smith, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - JURY LISTS {LC3439/1} (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or older eligible for exemption from jury service.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7238](#)

BY Hull, O'Brien, Perez, Cardillo, Messier, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES {LC4175/1} (Amends notice requirements for self-storage facility before perfecting lien, to wit; 7 consecutive days of publication on a publicly accessible website or subsequent written notice to lessee, or publication once time in newspaper of general circulation.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7239](#)

BY Cortvriend, Spears, Carson, Bennett, Knight, Ajello, Caldwell, McGaw, Kislak, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS {LC3762/1} (Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7271](#)

BY Craven, Dawson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT {LC4266/1} (Provides that a magistrate of the family court has the power and authority to hear contested divorce matters.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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