
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-314, S-471, S-692, H-5625, S-792 & S-1006

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

TIME: 4:40 PM

PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [314](#)

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Lawson, Tikoian, Bell, Quezada, Murray, Euer, Mack, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC145/1} (Restricts audits of pharmacists conducted by insurers and their intermediaries, limiting audits to one per year unless fraud or misrepresentation is reasonably suspected. The RI attorney general has the authority to impose sanctions for violations.)

02/14/2025 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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5248 SUB A](#)

BY Kislak, McGaw, Tanzi, Potter, Boylan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

{LC622/A/3}

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

03/14/2025 Proposed Substitute

03/14/2025 Proposed Substitute

03/20/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/02/2025 Scheduled for reconsideration

05/02/2025 Proposed Substitute

05/02/2025 Proposed Substitute

05/08/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/15/2025 House passed Sub A

05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [471](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Lawson, LaMountain, DiPalma, Gu, Sosnowski, Burke ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS {LC1528/1} (Establishes prevailing standards and procedures for licensing speech-language pathologists and audiologists in Rhode Island.)
02/26/2025 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
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5557 SUB A](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Ackerman, Fellela, Perez, Baginski, Casimiro, Alzate, Fogarty ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS {LC1844/A/1}
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/24/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration
05/06/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/06/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/08/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/15/2025 House passed Sub A
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [476](#)

BY Kallman, Lauria, Zurier, Mack, Murray, Ujifusa, Bell, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1476/1} (Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.)
02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6038](#)

BY Ajello, McGaw, Alzate, Speakman, Boylan, Donovan, Cotter, Carson, Tanzi, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC2338/1} (Amends current law so that initial contraceptive prescriptions would no longer be limited to a 3-month supply.)
03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/13/2025 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
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [692](#)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC2231/1} (Authorizes a pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern to perform technology-assisted dispensing process validation for medications prepared for distribution by another pharmacy technician or intern within an institutional pharmacy.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5353 SUB A](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Donovan, Speakman, Morales, Solomon, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC768/A/2}

02/07/2025 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
03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration
03/14/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/14/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/18/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
03/24/2025 Scheduled for reconsideration
03/24/2025 Proposed Substitute
03/24/2025 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
06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [120](#)

BY Raptakis, Patalano, DiMario, Ciccone, Appollonio, Burke, Urso, Rogers, Paolino, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1038/1} (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5218](#)

BY McEntee, Donovan, Cortvriend, Azzinaro, Bennett, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Serpa, Handy, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC949/1} (Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,750), per ear, for all people regardless of age effective January 1, 2026.)

01/29/2025 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

03/27/2025 Committee recommends passage

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/10/2025 House read and passed

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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5625](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1991/1} (Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.)

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

03/27/2025 Committee recommends passage

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/10/2025 House read and passed

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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [481](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Sosnowski, Felag, DiMario, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC1532/1} (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.)

02/26/2025 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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5619](#)

BY Ackerman, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Dawson, McEntee, Bennett, Donovan, Cotter, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC1918/1} (Requires the department of health to incorporate information about dementia risk factors and reduction into public education and healthcare provider education materials.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred 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

04/04/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/10/2025 House read and passed

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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [790](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, LaMountain, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS {LC2414/1} (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.)

03/14/2025 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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5635](#)

BY Spears, Azzinaro, Fogarty, Cotter, Caldwell, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- LICENSING OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS {LC1804/1} (Changes the name of "applied behavior assistant analyst" to "assistant applied behavior analyst" and makes several changes to provide consistency in the certification language for behavioral analysts.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred 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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/23/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/02/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/06/2025 House read and passed

05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [792](#)

BY Gallo, Sosnowski, Thompson, Burke, Murray, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT {LC2405/1} (Authorizes and regulates the distribution of the product known as "kratom.")

03/14/2025 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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5565 SUB A](#)

BY Kennedy, Edwards, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND KRATOM ACT {LC1746/A/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

04/08/2025 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

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/29/2025 House passed Sub A

06/11/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [1006](#)

BY Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

{LC2557/1} (Allows the director of the department of health to authorize the state registrar of vital records to change a person's race designation on their birth certificate, if justified.)

05/02/2025 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

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5714 SUB A](#)

BY Kazarian, Dawson, Voas, Alzate, Stewart, Furtado, Giraldo, Cruz, Boylan, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

{LC2117/A/2}

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

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/18/2025 Proposed Substitute

04/18/2025 Proposed Substitute

04/24/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/09/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/13/2025 House passed Sub A

05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Health and Human Services

06/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [314 SUB A](#)

{LC145/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [471 SUB A](#)

{LC1528/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [692 SUB A](#)

{LC2231/A/1}

House Bill No. [5625 SUB A](#)

{LC1991/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [792 SUB A](#)

{LC2405/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [1006 SUB A](#)
{LC2557/A/1}

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