
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

H-7293, H-7562 and H-7618 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 29, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7293](#)

BY ~~Shanley, Craven, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Spears, Ajello~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- OLD GROWTH FOREST PROTECTION ACT {LC3810/1} (Creates a statutory framework designed to protect our forests and biodiversity, also prohibits logging in old growth forests and in the natural area preserves when they are created.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7357](#)

BY McGaw, Spears, Kislak, Cortvriend, Carson, Ajello, Cotter, Henries, DeSimone, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HIGH HEAT WASTE FACILITY ACT {LC4383/1} (Provides for a prohibition on the licensing of any new high-heat waste facility.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7440](#)

BY Boylan, Cotter, Bennett, Chippendale, Edwards, Handy, Cortvriend, Carson, Knight, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LOBSTERS AND OTHER CRUSTACEANS {LC4596/1} (Amends the current law to allow for the harvesting of blue crabs during the hours of darkness.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7516](#)

BY Fogarty, Cotter, Handy, McEntee, Cortvriend, Spears, Donovan, Carson, Kazarian, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- PROTECTION OF TREES AND PLANTS GENERALLY {LC4846/1} (Allows the department of environmental management to remove freshwater non-native and invasive aquatic plants and assist municipalities in preventing the growth and spread of these and other invasive species in the freshwater lakes and ponds.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7562](#)

~~BY Noret, Marszalkowski, Bennett, Kazarian, Craven, Caldwell, Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Costantino~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- FURBEARING ANIMALS {LC4675/1} (Deletes subsection (b) of this section which lists the furbearing mammals in the state and requires DEM to promulgate by rule, a list of "furbearers" for this chapter.)~~

~~02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources~~

~~02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7563](#)

BY Roberts, Rea, Place, Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- ORGANIC FARMING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM {LC3611/1} (Establishes the organic farming and certification program to be administered by the department of environmental management.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources

02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7618](#)

~~BY Cotter, Chippendale, Cardillo, Solomon, Tanzi, Casimiro, Place, Felix, Speakman~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT {LC4978/1} (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality except where prohibited.)~~

~~02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Environment and Natural Resources~~

~~02/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

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