
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**H-7518, H-7365 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR
H-7623 HAS BEEN ADDED
PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7301 HAS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 29, 2024
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7301](#)

**BY Ackerman, Donovan, Edwards, Serpa, McNamara, Finkelman, Chippendale, Shallcross
Smith**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC4560/1} (Allows the healthcare facility to conduct
human-subject research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the
informed consent of human subjects.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

02/02/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

02/09/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/12/2024 Meeting postponed

02/12/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/15/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/23/2024 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7301 SUB A](#)

{LC4560/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7041](#)

BY Potter, Morales, Tanzi, Giraldo, Kislak, Donovan, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT {LC3801/1}
(Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical
sales representative engaged by the manufacturer and to pay an annual fee for each name on list.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

01/29/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [7042](#)

BY Potter, Cruz, Morales, Kislak, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC3796/1} (Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

01/29/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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

House Bill No. [7043](#)

BY Edwards, Diaz, Bennett, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT {LC3768/1} (Prohibits health benefit plans reviewing prescriptions for opioid addiction treatment.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [7140](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Henries, Stewart, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACEUTICAL COST TRANSPARENCY {LC3367/1} (Directs the state board of pharmacy to annually identify up to fifteen prescription drugs with increased costs and provide the list to the attorney general to obtain reasons for the cost increases.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/12/2024 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [7364](#)

BY Kennedy, Kazarian, Edwards, Diaz, Azzinaro, Morales, Serpa, Ackerman, O'Brien, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4658/1} (Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2025.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

~~House Bill No. 7365~~

~~BY Caldwell, Casimiro, McGaw~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4054/1} (Prohibits healthcare entities from interfering with a patient's right to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from their provider or pharmacy of choice.)~~

~~01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

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

House Bill No. [7443](#)

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION {LC4052/1} (Prohibits the state, participating ERISA or any health plan from purchasing referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [7444](#)

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Spears, Ajello, Handy, Alzate, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC4055/1} (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [7445](#)

BY Tanzi, McGaw, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Giraldo, Alzate, Spears, Henries, Morales
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC4644/1} (Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation/drug therapies, programs approved by the state board of pharmacy. The cessation therapies would be covered by all health insurance carriers on or after 1/1/25.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

~~House Bill No. 7518~~

~~BY Morales, Batista, Donovan, Giraldo, Casimiro, Henries, McEntee, Fogarty, Kislak, Azzinaro~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC4500/1} (Caps the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a covered prescription asthma inhaler to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per thirty (30) day supply.)~~

~~02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

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

House Bill No. [7566](#)

BY Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, McGaw, Edwards, Donovan, Cotter, Spears, Speakman, Carson, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC5001/1} (Requires the department of health to amend its rules and regulations that allow for DEA-registered pharmacies to transfer electronic prescriptions at a patient's request.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [7625](#)

BY Kislak, Shekarchi, McGaw, Solomon, Donovan, Boylan, Potter, Cruz, Giraldo, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PREVENTION OF HIV INFECTION {LC4981/1} (Eliminates prior authorization or step therapy requirement for prescriptions for any HIV prevention drug/prohibits the requirement of any copayment or the meeting of any deductible to obtain the prescription covered by the contract, plan, or policy.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

House Bill No. [7623](#)

BY Tanzi, Ajello, McGaw, Diaz, Cotter, Carson, Henries, Fogarty, Handy, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC5180/1} (Requires a report to be produced that focuses on prescription drug prior authorizations by January 1, 2025.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/25/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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