
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-7284 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7033](#)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES {LC3901/1} (Amends calculations of interest in civil actions a rate determined by average accepted auction price for last auction of 52 week U.S. treasury bills.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7038](#)

BY Corvese, O'Brien, Noret, Shanley, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Solomon, Bennett, Read, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC3555/1} (Establishes a set rate of seventy dollars (\$70.00) for certain writs, citations or subpoenas.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7080](#)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT {LC3902/1} (Provides for "litigation financing" regulation by DBR.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7197](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Costantino, Lima, Azzinaro, Slater, Potter, Voas, Giraldo, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES {LC3869/1} (Allows social gaming in private residences and in public taverns or private clubs as long as the gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between the participants and no person other than the participants receive anything of value.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7209](#)

BY Perez, Corvese, Messier, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Azzinaro, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC3932/1} (Prohibits the division of motor vehicles from placing on a motorist's driving record, a traffic violation which fine has been paid no longer than thirty (30) days after its issuance. This procedure would only be utilized twice per year.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7210](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Casimiro, Spears, Felix, Craven, Dawson, Speakman, O'Brien, Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT {LC3372/1} (Adopts the uniform partition of heirs property act.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7212](#)

BY Felix, Kazarian, Morales, Quattrocchi, Handy, Fogarty, Noret, Corvese, Kislak, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS {LC3857/1} (Exempts recovery claims for damages due to a town's neglect in maintaining highways or bridges from the provisions of chapter 31 of title 9 on governmental tort liability.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7213](#)

BY Felix, Place, Kazarian, Morales, Alzate, Tanzi, Kislak, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS {LC3854/1} (Limits the recovery for personal injuries actions against any town to \$3,000 retroactive to all causes of action arising after January 1, 2026, and prohibits the use of subsequent remedial measures in roadway/highway defect cases.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7214](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PRICE GOUGING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PROHIBITED {LC3774/1} (Makes it a felony to price gouge prescriptions or pharmaceuticals in time of a shortage.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7215](#)

BY Felix, Kazarian, Place, Morales, Quattrocchi, Alzate, Tanzi, Hull, Fogarty, Kislak
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE
GENERALLY -- GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY {LC3860/1} (Caps damages at \$100,000
in tort actions against Rhode Island, cities, towns, or fire districts, except for willful misconduct or
extreme recklessness. It also exempts them from § 9-21-10.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7283](#)

BY Chippendale, Newberry, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --
COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF DECEDENT'S ESTATES {LC4271/1} (Allows a duly
authorized administrator or executor of an estate to request decedent's funds on deposit with any
financial institution without cost.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7284](#)

(by request)

~~**BY Read, Potter, Corvese, Carson, Casimiro, Noret, Cotter, McEntee, Donovan, Craven**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --**~~
~~**UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER ON DEATH ACT {LC4378/1} (Allows an owner or**~~
~~owners of real property to execute a deed that names one or more beneficiaries who will obtain title~~
~~to the property at the owner's death without the necessity of probate.)~~

~~01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7288](#)

BY Place, Cruz, J. Lombardi, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Newberry, Fascia, Felix, J.
Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION --
EFFECT OF GENERAL LAWS {LC4314/1} (Directs the office of law revision to identify, on a
yearly basis, any decisions or holding of the United States Supreme Court that would require
amendments to any state statutes.)

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