
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 5, 2024

TIME: 4:30 PM

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2036](#)

BY Murray, Kallman, Sosnowski, DiMario, Euer, Acosta, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3495/1} (Directs PUC to extend utility termination moratorium for gas/electricity from April 15 to May 1, of each year with discretion to respond to emergency/economic conditions/customers needs.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2264](#)

BY Quezada, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES {LC4907/1} (Amends requirements regarding how taxicabs can be placed in service.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2037](#)

BY Ujifusa, Quezada, Miller, Zurier, Lawson, Valverde, DiMario, Acosta, Mack, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT {LC3840/1} (State websites to comply with WCAG 2.2 standards by July 1, 2026.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2268](#)

BY Lawson, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Cano, Kallman, Murray, Mack, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GROCERY STORES {LC3476/1} (Requires grocery stores to specifically limit the number of self-service checkout units to six (6) units per location. The consumer protection unit of the department of attorney general would have authority to enforce these restrictions.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2271](#)

BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Britto, Felag

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

{LC4799/1} (Extends the current provisions relative to certain rights of innkeepers and eliminates the sunseting of such sections thereby preserving the law as it currently exists.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2272](#)

(by request)

BY Euer, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CITY OF

NEWPORT -- ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS {LC4900/1} (Enables the Newport city council to enact ordinances related to the operation of e-bikes and e-scooters.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2273](#)

BY Euer, LaMountain, Burke, Bissailon, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY

PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC4294/1} (Requires businesses that offer automatic subscription renewals/continuous service offers to provide consumers with notice to the consumer prior to their engagement in the contract along with notice of renewal of subscription/cancellation info. eff. 1/1/25)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2274](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, Zurier, Acosta, F. Lombardi

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

{LC3951/1} (Requires the division of vital records to ensure that the records are accessible to the local registrars and grant local registrars the authority to issue certified copies of certificates and records.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2276](#)

BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Quezada, Ciccone, Murray, F. Lombardi, Britto, Burke, Rogers, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS-THE

CHARLOTTE A. VACCA ACT {LC4824/1} (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations when construction/renovations are being done and permits insurers to consider the installation to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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