
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7029](#)

BY Boylan, McGaw, Potter, Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Azzinaro, Kislak, Bennett, Hopkins
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES
{LC3130/1} (Permits a certified foot care nurse to provide certain at-home foot care, including routine foot and nail care including nail clipping. DOH determines fair and reasonable license and renewal fees for nurses providing services.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7191](#)

BY Phillips, J. Brien, Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Hull, Azzinaro, Shanley
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING
PREVENTION ACT {LC3940/1} (Allows a clinical laboratory, that is incorporated in the State of Rhode Island, to analyze blood samples, from children under the age of six (6) years, for blood lead levels.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7347](#)

BY McGaw, Fogarty, Carson, Potter, Fellela, Furtado, Morales, Messier, Donovan, Boylan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES {LC4486/1} (Limits prior authorization requirements for rehabilitative and habilitative services. Also prohibits prior authorization for the first twelve (12) visits of a new episode of care and for ninety (90) days following a chronic pain diagnosis.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7428](#)

BY Giraldo, Potter, Cruz, Diaz, Ajello, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, McNamara
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF
CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS {LC4612/1}
(Commencing July 1, 2026, this act eliminates the provision of this section that requires new applicants for employment under this section to pay the expense for their criminal background checks.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7429](#)

BY Bennett, Edwards, McNamara, Casimiro, Kazarian, Hull, Cortvriend, Shanley, Read, Slater ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES -- PHYSICAL THERAPY COPAY {LC4688/1} (Limits copays, coinsurance or office deductibles for services of a physical therapist to the amount authorized for the services of a primary care physician or osteopath on or after January 1, 2027.)

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