
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

H-7519 & H-7522 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7477](#)

BY Voas, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT {LC4088/1} (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7512](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION AND LICENSING BOARD {LC3737/1} (Expands various definitions relative to contractors, home inspectors, and claim adjusters to provide clarity regarding licensed and unlicensed vendors, consultants, or third-party representatives.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7514](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Diaz, Slater, McEntee, Shallcross Smith, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES {LC4786/1} (Creates a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers from coercive tactics at grocery stores.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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House Bill No. [7519](#)

(by request)

~~BY Craven, Casimiro, Azzinaro~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS {LC4735/1} (Provides that roads located within the Quonset Business Park be under the control of the Quonset Development Corporation.)~~

~~02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

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House Bill No. [7522](#)

(by request)

~~BY Craven, Casimiro, Azzinaro~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT {LC4736/1} (Permits the Quonset Development Corporation to acquire, own, maintain, and control all streetlights located within the Quonset Business Park.)~~

~~02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

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House Bill No. [7603](#)

BY Serpa, J. Brien, Fellela, Lima, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE {LC4900/1} (Requires veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug is prescribed and dispensed for that animal patient.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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House Bill No. [7606](#)

BY Carson, Morales, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Cotter, Donovan, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- LIBRARY EBOOK CONTRACTS {LC5146/1} (Establishes enforcement limitations on contract terms for the licensing of electronic books or digital audiobooks to libraries to preclude the library from being subject to unfair sales practices.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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House Bill No. [7607](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Fogarty, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Phillips, Cortvriend, Costantino, Voas, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SWIPE FEES {LC4939/1} (Prohibits the charging of swipe fees on taxes and gratuities.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7608](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY {LC5020/1} (Provides that no train or light engine would be used in connection with the movement of freight could be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons, would also include the imposition of fines upon a company for violation of the act.)

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House Bill No. [7613](#)

(Dept. of Revenue)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX PREPARERS ACT OF 2013 {LC4981/1} (Provides for penalties for tax preparers that purposefully mislead their clients or act as ghost preparers of tax returns.)

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House Bill No. [7719](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Noret, Kazarian, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Corvese, Fascia, Paplauskas, Read, Fogarty, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC4780/1} (Provides that stores offering food product discounts must provide the same discounts to in-store customers that are offered to customers using electronic digital coupons.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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House Bill No. [7841](#)

BY Cruz, Potter, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Shanley, Edwards, J. Brien, Cotter, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE {LC5464/1} (Requires veterinarians to provide consultations to animal owners when a drug is prescribed and dispensed for that annual patient.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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House Bill No. [7844](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT {LC5385/1} (Requires businesses that conduct business to register and maintain required filings with the secretary of state so that consumers and small businesses may readily identify responsible parties, verify good standing, and effectuate service of process.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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House Bill No. [7849](#)

BY Marszalkowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- FILING OF TRADE NAME {LC5691/1} (Creates the surveillance pricing and online retailing act that would prohibit algorithmic price increases for online purchases.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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House Bill No. [7850](#)

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC5403/1} (Allows RI to opt out of the provisions of DIDMCA exempting out of state lenders from interest rate limits which apply to RI lenders. Prevents evasion of statutory interest rate limits and lending rules for loans made in RI.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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House Bill No. [7868](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- SMALL LOAN LENDERS {LC5707/1} (Allows a lender to charge an origination fee, increase interest rates and collect a monthly service fee, on loans up to three hundred dollars (\$300) but not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)

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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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