
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7923](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT {LC5258/1} (Revises sections of the uniform controlled substances act to remove specific opioid dosage requirements and revise the uniform controlled substances act in accordance with current standards of professional practice.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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

03/03/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7031](#)

BY ~~Fellela, Messier, Hull, Hopkins, Serpa~~

ENTITLED, ~~JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SAFE STAFFING RATIOS IN HOSPITALS {LC3364/1} (Creates a 15-member joint commission to study and provide recommendations regarding safe staffing ratios in hospitals, and who would report back to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, and expire on January 30, 2028.)~~

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

~~03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7142](#)

BY Casimiro, J. Brien, Fascia, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Place, Hopkins, Alzate, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT ACT {LC3885/1} (Creates the certified community behavioral health clinic accountability and oversight act to ensure transparency, fiscal responsibility, and service quality by certified community behavioral health clinics.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7542](#)

BY Casimiro, Shekarchi, Ackerman, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, McEntee, Craven, Carson, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC4976/1} (Creates the position of dementia services coordinator within the department of health to coordinate the departments' approach to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7624](#)

BY Donovan, Fogarty, Handy, Boylan, Speakman, Carson, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT {LC4792/1} (Requires annual inspections of those assisted living residences which contain units licensed to treat residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7815](#)

BY Lima, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOLOGOUS OR DIRECT BLOOD DONATIONS {LC5565/1} (Provides for autologous blood donations.)

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7922](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY {LC5260/1} (Repeals the older of the two existing chapters related to speech-language pathologists and audiologists and makes several amendments to reconcile the two statutes into one.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7927](#)

BY Knight, Boylan, Alzate, Serpa, Fellela, Corvese, Kislak, McEntee, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES {LC5763/1} (Requires a nursing and assisted living facility to allow its residents to connect their electronic monitoring devices to its internet service without incurring any extra cost or charges.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7928](#)

BY Donovan, Tanzi, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, Ajello, Bennett ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT {LC5561/1} (Establishes, encourages and supports the establishment of family councils and resident councils in managed residential communities providing assisted living services.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7929](#)

BY Morales, McNamara, Kislak, Sanchez, Donovan, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter, Carson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT {LC5668/1} (Limits the facility's ability to charge rent and fees for a maximum of seven (7) days or until removal of the personal property from the room, whichever occurs first. A violation would constitute a deceptive trade practice.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7931](#)

BY Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC5339/1} (Amends current law on interpreter services to mandate hospitals provide a certified, interpreter for every non-English speaker, unless there is no national or state certification for a specific language so that a qualified interpreter may be used.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7932](#)

BY Handy, Cruz, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC5822/1} (Requires approval by the Rhode Island commission the deaf and hard of hearing before any reduction in American Sign Language interpreter services in hospitals and other public service facilities.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7933](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Potter, Donovan, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS {LC5257/1} (Clarifies and updates language in the office of state medical examiners statute to address outdated or ambiguous language, outdated practices, outdated position titles/qualifications, and ensure compliance with federal HIPAA requirements.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7936](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Furtado, Ajello, Dawson, Boylan, Roberts, Potter, Giraldo, Carson, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT {LC5897/1} (Creates the public health data privacy and protection act to regulate the reporting of information relating to reportable disease data in the possession of the department of health.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7951](#)

BY Alzate, Casimiro, Place, Stewart, McGaw, Furtado, Boylan, Tanzi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFE COURSE {LC5788/1} (Creates a 17-member legislative commission to study women’s reproductive health across the life course, and would report back to the House by March 2, 2027, and would expire on May 2, 2027.)

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