
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Stefan Pryor VICE Elizabeth M. Tanner, Esq. as Secretary of Commerce

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2344](#)

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEES {LC4573/1} (Prohibits the charging of interchange fees on taxes and gratuities.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2522](#)

BY Burke, Felag, LaMountain, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEE RESTRICTION ACT {LC5213/1} (Creates the interchange fee restriction act prohibiting interchange fees on sales and use tax or excise tax when payment is made with a credit or debit card.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2639](#)

BY Dimitri, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Britto, Thompson, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS {LC5408/1} (Allows customers to directly take single-use plastic straws from food service establishments.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2773](#)

BY Gu, Paolino, Murray, Urso, Valverde, Appollonio, McKenney, Ujifusa, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- CONSUMER-PROVIDED TAKEOUT CONTAINERS {LC5508/1} (Permits eating and drinking establishments to accept consumer-provided containers to fill or refill with takeout food or beverages.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2781](#)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SYSTEMS {LC5398/1} (Prohibits unauthorized placement of merchants on advertising platform order interfaces, and would prohibit third-party restaurant reservation services.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2342](#)

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RESTRICTIONS ON SELF-SERVICE CHECKOUT STATIONS ACT {LC4473/1} (Places limits on the number of self-service checkout stations a grocery store can have and on the workload of employees assigned to monitor those checkout stations.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2428](#)

BY Euer, Quezada, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Lauria, Lawson, Patalano, McKenney, Kallman, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC4221/1} (Prohibits any person from employing dynamic or surveillance pricing practices in the sale of goods or services to consumers in Rhode Island.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2642](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Britto, Gu, DiMario, McKenney, Zurier, Bissailon, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- PROTECTING RHODE ISLANDERS FROM COERCIVE ECONOMIC TACTICS AT GROCERY STORES {LC4788/1} (Creates a new chapter to protect Rhode Island consumers from coercive tactics at grocery stores.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2643](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Gu, Britto, Tikoian, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC4781/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2644](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Murray, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY
{LC4779/1} (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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