
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7449](#)

BY Paplauskas, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Newberry, Chippendale, Roberts, J. Brien, Santucci, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES-ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENTS {LC3602/1} (Requires agencies preparing economic impact statements for small businesses contain findings that the anticipated compliance costs of a proposed rule scale proportionally with the business size, and do not impose fixed costs that favor larger businesses.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [7493](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Shallcross Smith, Voas, Cortvriend, Cotter, McGaw, DeSimone, Speakman, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC4764/1} (Allows a brewery to sell, deliver, and distribute its own malt beverages directly to retailers without using a wholesaler. The holder of a license for a brewery may also have 1 additional location for the retail sale of alcohol.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [7570](#)

(Lieutenant Governor)

BY Diaz, McEntee, Shallcross Smith, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND CENTER FOR EMPLOYEE OWNERSHIP {LC4776/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island center for employee ownership to facilitate businesses in transitioning to an employee-owned business model.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [7664](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, McEntee, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4863/1} (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [7975](#)

BY Speakman, Spears, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5547/1} (Requires licensed retailers authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to provide a lid to a consumer upon request.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [8250](#)

BY Alzate, Cotter, Carson, Donovan, Hull, J. Lombardi, Stewart, McEntee, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5970/1} (Establishes a specific statutory pathway for distillery manufacturers to receive a distillery off-premises event endorsement under a class P license.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

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