
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2401 HAS BEEN ADDED
PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2147, S-2148 AND S-3036 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2141](#)

BY Zurier, McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC3442/1} (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2142](#)

BY LaMountain, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN {LC4013/1} (Allows the department of environmental management to acquire established foot paths by eminent domain in order to provide public access to streams, rivers, lakes and ponds.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2147](#)

BY Burke, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC4179/1}

(Requires that the primary election date, statutorily the eighth Tuesday preceding the biennial state elections, shall be held on the Wednesday when Labor Day is the day before said Tuesday. No other filing deadlines would be affected.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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

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02/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2148](#)

BY Gu, Felag, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4027/1} (Liquor licenses in Westerly required to have liability insurance.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2149](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT {LC3185/1} (Expands the jurisdiction of the city of Warwick municipal court.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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

02/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2160](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT {LC4002/1} (Prohibits noncompete agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2281](#)

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Thompson, LaMountain, Dimitri, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Burke, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC4363/1} (Makes it a felony for any person required to register as a sex offender to live within three hundred feet (300') of a school as defined in § 11-37.1-2.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2401](#)

BY Gallo, Vargas, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS
{LC4296/1} (Authorizes the city of Cranston to establish a housing division within its municipal court.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7043 SUB A](#)

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES
{LC3381/A/1}

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration
01/27/2026 Meeting postponed
02/06/2026 Scheduled for consideration
02/06/2026 Proposed Substitute
02/06/2026 Proposed Substitute
02/11/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
02/19/2026 Placed on House Calendar
03/05/2026 House passed Sub A
03/13/2026 Referred to Senate Judiciary
03/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2145](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL
ACTIVITY {LC4014/1} (Establishes the commercial sex buyer's accountability program which
consists of an instructional program on prostitution and human trafficking schemes.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2146](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM ACT {LC3984/1} (Created a peer-to-peer car sharing program, which will prescribe insurance coverage and other related details while using a car sharing application.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/02/2026 Meeting postponed

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3044](#)

BY Urso, Felag, Ciccone, Appollonio, McKenney, DiPalma, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC6009/1} (Increases the role of the DMV in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual an application to register to vote.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2614](#)

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS {LC5262/1} (Repeals the section of law relating to suspension of operator licenses for failure to pay fines.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2948](#)

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS {LC5839/1} (Allows the medical advisory board to suspend the license of an operator-- authorizes the medical advisory board to order an operator to use an interlock ignition system.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2949](#)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS {LC5840/1} (Updates, streamlines the law regarding loss or suspension of license by the DMV, and eliminates the provisions that the division may suspend a license for reckless or negligent operation of a motor vehicle or for frequency of offense.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2988](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Ciccone, Felag, LaMountain, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4668/1} (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3098](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Burke, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY ACT {LC6075/1} (Gives the Rhode Island traffic tribunal jurisdiction to hear first offense refusals to submit to a chemical test pursuant to the Alcohol Boating Safety Act.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3036](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, McKenney, Bell, Quezada, Ciccone, Gallo, Urso, Dimitri, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC6012/1} (Permits those individuals convicted of multiple felonies and misdemeanors to have their records expunged and provide criteria for the court to consider in determining whether the person is of good moral character.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2147 SUB A](#)

{LC4179/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2148 SUB A](#)

{LC4027/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [3036 SUB A](#)

{LC6012/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2401 SUB A](#)

{LC4296/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 26, 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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