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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 31, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [3099](#)

**BY Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, Bissaillon, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Quezada, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT {LC6102/1} (Changes the term of drug court to recovery court.)**

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2942](#)

**BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUPER SPEEDER ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC4465/1} (Establishes the Super Speeder Accountability Act to be used as a sentencing option or enhancement for drivers charged with certain driving violations.)**

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2048](#)

**BY Kallman, Ciccone, Acosta, Mack, Quezada, Vargas, Euer, Sosnowski, Urso, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT {LC3692/1} (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 -17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost.)**

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2986](#)

(DMV)

**BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Ciccone**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES {LC5195/1} (Prohibits the holding of multiple drivers licenses or identification cards and would change the term "re-constructed salvage" to "rebuilt salvage" for purposes of the Rhode Island salvage law.)**

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2286](#)**

**BY Lauria, Kallman, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Quezada, Euer, Ujifusa, Bell, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SPECIAL LICENSES FOR MOTORCYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, LOW-SPEED VEHICLES AND OTHER MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES {LC4324/1} (Requires all motorcycle operators to wear a helmet regardless of age.)**

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2708](#)**

**BY Bissaillon, Burke, Dimitri**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC5318/1} (Clarifies that a magistrate or sentencing judge sitting in a court with jurisdiction over motor vehicle offenses has the discretion to grant a conditional hardship license for a first-time offender upon request.)**

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2717](#)**

**BY Burke, Thompson, Famiglietti, Patalano, Raptakis**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES -- VIOLATIONS {LC5451/1} (Adds criminal penalties for operation of a motor vehicle after a suspension for lack of physical or mental fitness, or as a result of frequency of offenses pursuant to § 31-11-7 (a)(1)(i) or as result of a court ordered suspension.)**

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2052](#)**

**BY Lauria**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS {LC3662/1} (Makes persons seventy (70) years of age or older eligible for exemption from jury service.)**

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2150](#)**

**BY Famiglietti, Murray, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Patalano, Bissaillon, Bell, Paolino, Burke**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES {LC3685/1} (Requires that notice of a judgment lien be sent within ten (10) business days of the recording of the lien.)**

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2311](#)**

**BY Appollonio, Thompson, Britto, Urso, Famiglietti**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC3907/1} (Strengthens consumer protections in insurance claims by expanding definitions of unfair claims settlement practices and clarifies an insured's right to pursue bad-faith remedies.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2312](#)**

**BY Appollonio, Thompson, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Britto**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURES -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC3906/1} (Strengthens consumer protections in insurance claims by improving the fairness and timeliness of arbitration and appraisal proceedings, and preventing insurers from delaying or obstructing the dispute resolution process.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2396](#)**

**BY McKenney, Burke, LaMountain, Appollonio, Bissailon**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC4516/1} (Extends time for a party to apply for stay of arbitration to 180 days; invalidates any provision that penalizes a party for seeking legal representation; requires arbitrator to provide notice of default to a party for failure to pay fees.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2725](#)**

**BY Bissailon, Burke, Acosta, Mack, Dimitri**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC5187/1} (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2937](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Quezada, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Patalano**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC5282/1} (For purposes of the judicial security act permits an authorized agent to file a written notice with a state, county, or municipal agency on behalf of a protected individual.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2953](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Tikoian**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC5280/1} (Provides immunity for mediators and staff employed by the family court in the family court mediation program from financial liability for certain claims arising out of their participation in the program.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2959](#)**

**BY Thompson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC5867/1} (Tolls the statute of limitations for causes of action arising out of business activities conducted in this state by a person or entity required to register with the secretary of state but failing to do so, until such person or entity becomes registered.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2963](#)**

**BY LaMountain**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC5647/1} (Removes the provision not allowing to publicly post or display the personal information of any protected individual or immediate family member without first obtaining permission.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2975](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY McKenney**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE-- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTION -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS {LC5278/1} (Simplifies the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from small claims and consumer matters adjudicated by the district court.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3047](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, Appollonio, Thompson, Urso, Burke**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE {LC5277/1} (Provides amendments to the assessment of filing fees required to appeal from certain matters adjudicated by the district court.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2604](#)**

**BY Euer**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL CODE PROVISIONS {LC5109/1} (Spells out requirements for operation of recreational vehicles, manual, electric or gas powered.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 31, 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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