
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7475](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND SECURE CHOICE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT {LC4644/1} (Makes several technical amendments to the Rhode Island secure choice retirement savings program act necessary for continued administration and inter-state partnership.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7716](#)

(Cannabis Control Commission)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC4932/1} (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to remove the current requirement to express cannabinoids as the dry-weight percentages.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7717](#)

(Cannabis Control Commission)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC4933/1} (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to eliminate the statutorily required subcommittees under the cannabis advisory board.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7873](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND COORDINATE SYSTEM {LC5417/1} (Updates the RI coordinate system to adopt the most recent system of plane coordinates established by the NGS, a federal agency which is part of NOAA and the USDC. Modifies the meter to foot conversion to adopt the international foot to provide uniformity.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7179](#)

BY Phillips, J. Brien, Place, Azzinaro, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VEHICLE BARRIERS -- THE CHARLOTTE A. VACCA ACT {LC3939/1} (Requires commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations as part of any new construction.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Resolution No. [7340](#)

BY Speakman, Boylan, Alzate, McGaw, Potter, Cotter, Carson, Spears, Knight, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING RHODE ISLAND INSURERS AND THE RHODE ISLAND PROPERTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION TO REDUCE INSURANCE COSTS ON LOCAL RESIDENTS BY PURSUING SUBROGATION CLAIMS AGAINST POLLUTERS WHO KNOWINGLY ENGAGED IN MISLEADING AND DECEPTIVE PRACTICES REGARDING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THEIR PRODUCTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE {LC4380/1}

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7478](#)

BY Hull, Azzinaro, J. Lombardi, Biah, Slater, Fogarty, Fellela, Santucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HOMEOWNER CASUALTY INSURANCE BILL OF RIGHTS {LC4091/1} (Creates a homeowner casualty bill of rights.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7605](#)

(by request)

BY Boylan, Dawson, Donovan, Voas, Kazarian, Speakman, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC3132/1} (Deceptive trade practice to sell vehicle used in violent crime or exposed to biohazards without notice to purchaser.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7835](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY DeSimone, Baginski, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS {LC5419/1} (Amends how architecture firms and individual architects are registered.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7836](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS {LC5256/1}

(Allows electronic notifications modernize language for notifications, synchronize renewal dates for certain license-types, streamline licensing requirements across several license-types, and update the unlicensed health care practices statute.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7842](#)

(by request)

BY Carson, Potter, Caldwell, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- STATE OF RHODE ISLAND INTERIOR DESIGN PRACTICE ACT {LC5617/1} (Enacts the State of Rhode Island interior design practice act to control and regulate the professional practice of interior designers.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7843](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND DECENTRALIZED AUTONOMOUS ORGANIZATION ACT {LC5609/1} (Establishes the “Decentralized Autonomous Organization (DAO) Act” that would position Rhode Island as a forward-thinking leader in blockchain innovation by giving DAOs clear legal status as limited liability companies.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7858](#)

BY Furtado, McGaw, Donovan, O'Brien, Casey, Solomon, Casimiro, Alzate, Messier, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS

INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5396/1} (Requires that any private short-term disability insurance (STDI) carrier that bids to provide coverage to Rhode Island state employees must cover all eligible employees, regardless of age.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7859](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Edwards, O'Brien, Serpa, Azzinaro, Phillips, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES {LC5413/1} (Provides an update to certain insurance sections of law to update or eliminate outdated sections of the insurance law.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7860](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES {LC5386/1} (Establishes minimum limitations standards for structural property damage claims, and voids any policy provision, endorsement, condition, limitation, agreement, or claim practice that shortens those standards.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7861](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES AND RESERVES {LC5703/1} (Prohibits the use of genetic information for purposes of determining eligibility, setting premium rates, or imposing preexisting condition exclusions for life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7865](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Solomon, Edwards, O'Brien, Serpa, Spears, Cotter, Azzinaro, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WEATHER-RELATED LOSSES {LC5410/1} (Provides a framework through which the department of business regulation can seek grants to fund a home hardening program.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [7920](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Furtado, Boylan, Bennett, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC5255/1}

(Reduces funeral home inspections from twice a year to once a year and removes the practical exam requirement for out-of-state funeral directors and embalmers.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8229](#)

BY Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION {LC5952/1}

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8242](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Spears, Ackerman, Casimiro, Fellela, Donovan, Hull, Fogarty, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- WELLNESS

AND OVERSIGHT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL RESOURCES ACT {LC5354/1} (Establishes an oversight process which would safeguard individuals seeking therapy or psychotherapy services by ensuring that the services are delivered by qualified, licensed, or certified professionals.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8243](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC5933/1} (Prohibits disclosure terms

"down payment", "money down", or any similar language to describe lump sum payments in order to reduce monthly lease payments. Provides that lump sum payments are non-refundable in the event of a total loss of the vehicle.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

House Bill No. [8264](#)

BY Phillips, Batista, J. Brien, Casey, Corvese, Noret, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- UNFAIR SALES PRACTICES {LC5990/1} (Requires that retailers retain money

received for gift certificates in a separate account, until the gift certificate is used or redeemed.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

Senate Bill No. [2757](#)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF ROBERTS AND ROCHA, INC. {LC5495/1}

02/27/2026 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

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03/03/2026 Senate read and passed

03/04/2026 Referred to House Corporations

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

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