
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-7753 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7035](#)

BY Boylan, Caldwell, Tanzi, Ajello, Knight, Batista, Dawson, Kazarian, Felix, McEntee ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3615/1}

(Prohibits purchases of more than one firearm in any thirty (30) day period.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7553](#)

BY Noret, Place, Corvese, Chippendale, Dawson, Phillips, Bennett, J. Brien, Casey, Read ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3892/1}

(Provides the review and appeal process for individuals applying for a permit or license to carry a handgun with the licensing authority or attorney general.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7557](#)

BY Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Carson, Tanzi, Potter, Fogarty, Ajello, McGaw, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --THE RHODE ISLAND FIREARM INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2026 {LC4651/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island firearm industry accountability act of 2026.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7636](#)

BY Boylan, Caldwell, Casimiro, Dawson, Craven, Read, Batista, Felix, Ajello, Knight ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SUICIDE

PREVENTION--VOLUNTARY FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ACT {LC4974/1} (Creates process for individual to voluntarily be either temporarily or indefinitely added to a list restricting their rights to purchase or possess firearms. Adds civil fines and misdemeanor for violations.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7647](#)

BY McEntee, Spears, Craven, Casimiro, Bennett, Fogarty, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT -- JUVENILE RECORDS {LC4952/1} (Allows access to juvenile criminal records in order to conduct firearm background checks.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7650](#)

BY Lima, Fellela, Place, Corvese, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Bennett, Edwards, Phillips, Casey
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5081/1}

(Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun. It would impose criminal penalties for a person to sell or transfer a stun gun to a person under the age of eighteen (18).)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. [7753](#)**~~

~~**BY Read, Chippendale, Santucci, Noret, Serpa, Spears, O'Brien, Fascia, Corvese, Fellela**
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- DISARMING A PEACE~~

~~**OFFICER {LC5246/1}** (Makes it a felony for any person to remove or attempt to remove any firearm or other weapon or any communication device from any peace officer or investigator of the department of attorney general.)~~

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

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

~~03/22/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor~~

~~04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7754](#)

BY Fogarty, Handy, Donovan, McEntee, Caldwell, Tanzi, Kazarian, Cortvriend, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5025/1}

(Deletes the provision permitting out of state residents to obtain concealed carry permits in this state solely based on their rights in other states. It also corrects a minor typographical error.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7755](#)

BY Boylan, Tanzi, Dawson, Craven, Caldwell, Read, Batista, Stewart, Felix, Knight
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS --

RESPONSIBLE FIREARM PURCHASING ACT {LC4448/1} (Changes the application to purchase a firearm. Further, this act would require all persons seeking to possess a firearm except for police and military personnel to complete and pass a basic firearm safety training course.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8067](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Furtado, Boylan, Tanzi, Donovan, Alzate, Casimiro, Caldwell, Messier, Stewart, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5626/1}

(Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8068](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Boylan, Tanzi, Furtado, Ajello, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5625/1}

(Specifies that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess a firearm.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8069](#)

BY Donovan, Boylan, Tanzi, Alzate, Speakman, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Cruz, Furtado, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5207/1}

(Requires shooting ranges to post signs in any area in which shooting occurs that contain the following language: “WARNING: If you or a loved one is experiencing distress and/or depression, call the 988 Suicide and Crisis hotline or text “HOME” to 741741”.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8070](#)

BY Hopkins, Casimiro, Casey, Noret, J. Brien, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5454/1}

(Makes it permissible for any student, professor, or other employee of any public or private college or university, to carry, possess and have in their custody, possession and/or under their control, a stun-gun or pepper spray for purposes of self-defense.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8071](#)

BY Caldwell, Potter, Boylan, Knight, Carson, McEntee, McGaw, Voas, Casimiro, Furtado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5712/1}

(Prohibits the sale or transfer of ammunition unless the purchaser successfully undergoes a background check.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8072](#)

BY Casey, Chippendale, Hopkins, J. Brien, Costantino, Corvese, O'Brien, Dawson, Read, Biah ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5748/1}

(Allows a person over 18 to purchase a stun gun or electronic dart gun and prohibits the sale of a stun gun or electronic dart gun to a person under 18 and criminalizes using a stun gun or electronic dart gun in a crime or against a police officer.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8073](#)

BY Tanzi, Boylan, Alzate, Stewart, Kislak, Handy, Ajello, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF PROHIBITED FIREARMS {LC5614/1} (Restricts the possession of prohibited firearms.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8075](#)

BY Caldwell, Potter, Boylan, Knight, Carson, McEntee, McGaw, Casimiro, Furtado, Ajello ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE {LC5713/1}

(Requires individuals who own firearms to obtain and continuously maintain a policy of liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 dollars and exempts active duty law enforcement and military from this requirement.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8081](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5627/1} (Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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