
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7031](#)

BY Fellela, Messier, Hull, Hopkins, Serpa

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SAFE STAFFING RATIOS IN HOSPITALS {LC3364/1} (Creates a 15-member joint commission to study and provide recommendations regarding safe staffing ratios in hospitals, and who would report back to the General Assembly by September 1, 2027, and expire on January 30, 2028.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/14/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7143](#)

BY Place, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Newberry, Nardone, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES {LC3619/1} (Repeals the certificate of need process statutes which are used by the department of health to determine the need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7272](#)

**BY Carson, Cortvriend, Fogarty, McGaw, Edwards, Finkelman, Alzate, Donovan, Shallcross
Smith, Boylan**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT {LC3208/1} (Prohibits the closure or significant reduction of services of a birthing center without notice, application, financial disclosure, public hearing, and approval by the department of health.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7541](#)

BY Boylan, Carson, McGaw, Potter, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Kislak, Donovan, Handy, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES {LC4049/1} (Requires all major hospitals within the state constructed or substantially renovated or expanded on or after 1/1/2028 to use renewable energy sources for power.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7626](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND MATERNAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND EQUITY ACT OF 2026 {LC4874/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Maternal Health Improvement and Equity Act of 2026, to establish permanent statewide support for maternal health and to implement the maternal health strategic plan improving maternal health care and access.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7720](#)

BY Fogarty, Handy, McEntee, Shanley, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Carson, McGaw, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTHCARE TRANSACTION OVERSIGHT ACT {LC4407/1} (Requires a healthcare entity to submit written notice to the attorney general and the department of health of any material change transaction at least 180 days prior to that transaction.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/18/2026 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7721](#)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Shanley, Ajello, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Carson, McGaw, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND BAN ON THE CORPORATE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE ACT {LC5118/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Ban on the Corporate Practice of Medicine Act.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/18/2026 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7930](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Speakman, Boylan, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC5254/1} (Requires the disclosure of the transfer of certain assets of healthcare facilities and provides penalties for failing to file healthcare facility ownership information.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7937](#)

BY Potter, Kislak, Giraldo, Handy, McGaw, Tanzi, Donovan, Morales, Cotter, Bennett ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTING UNWARRANTED FACILITY FEES {LC5432/1} (Prohibits the addition of facility fees when healthcare services are not rendered on a hospital campus.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7940](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Kislak, Ajello, Knight, Potter, Giraldo, Cortvriend, Caldwell, McEntee, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5624/1} (Amends unfair discrimination statutes to encompass more protected categories and protect against additional forms of discrimination.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8203](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A CONDITION PRECEDENT BE PLACED ON ALL FUTURE STATE FUNDING OR GRANT ASSISTANCE TO BROWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF THE NEWPORT HOSPITAL BIRTHING CENTER {LC5147/1} (This resolution would condition the distribution of any state funds to Brown University Health on the continued operation of a birthing center in the city of Newport.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/01/2026 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8214](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY-- DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR NEW HEALTHCARE EQUIPMENT AND NEW INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES {LC5107/1} (Imposes a moratorium on the issuance of new home care provider, home nursing care provider and hospice provider licenses prior to 7/1/2031, and provides for health systems planning specific to these provider licenses during the moratorium by the DOH.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8364](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Boylan, Spears, Kislak, Fogarty, Knight, Diaz, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS ACT {LC6203/1} (Authorizes the Superior Court to place a hospital into receivership upon action by the attorney general or department of health when a hospital is mismanaged, financially distressed, acting illegally, or endangering patient health and safety.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8365](#)

BY Fogarty, Handy, Bennett, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Carson, Speakman, McGaw, Craven ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATION {LC6207/1} (Authorizes the department of health to participate in international public-health collaboration networks.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8367](#)

BY Donovan, Kislak, Fogarty, Boylan, Potter, Giraldo, Furtado, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Ajello ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC6194/1} (Requires healthcare insurers, without prior authorization, to provide post-acute care services to patients discharged from a hospital for a minimum of seven (7) days commencing on or after January 1, 2027.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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