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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, April 9, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the Senate

**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [2134](#)**

**BY Dimitri, Thompson, Famiglietti**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- REGULATION OF SALES {LC3980/1} (Makes it unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 to operate a motor vehicle while knowingly having liquor in any part of the vehicle, except when accompanied by another adult who is 21 years of age or older and related to the operator.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2288](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Appollonio, Burke, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Thompson, Britto, McKenney, Paolino, Ciccone**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT {LC3464/1} (Prohibits defendants who are serving probation for driving under the influence death resulting from earning good time off their probationary period.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2310](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Raptakis, Patalano, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Ciccone, Gallo, DiPalma, Dimitri, Burke**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS -- THE MATTHEW O'GARA ACT OF 2026 {LC4420/1} (Increases the penalties for a first offense of leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death to a minimum 10 years in incarceration, a minimum of \$10,000 and a minimum license revocation of 10 years.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2402](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Burke, Appollonio, Patalano, Thompson, DiPalma, Murray, Ciccone, Tikoian, de la Cruz**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC3466/1} (Increases penalties for a variety of motor vehicle offenses.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2403](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Dimitri, Burke, Patalano, Thompson, Famiglietti, Ciccone, Tikoian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES {LC4421/1}** (Requires that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a police officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2482](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Appollonio, Burke, Patalano, Urso, Thompson, Murray, Famiglietti, Ciccone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES--VIOLATIONS {LC3463/1}** (Amends the section of law relative to violations for driving after denial, revocation or suspension of a license and expands the list of offenses for which an unlicensed motorist would be in violation.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2493](#)**

**BY Raptakis, Patalano, Thompson, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Burke, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC4510/1}** (Increases the penalties for reckless driving from a misdemeanor first offense to a felony, with a penalty of up to five years in prison and a fine of between one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2615](#)**

**BY Paolino, Lauria, de la Cruz, Acosta, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES, AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC4399/1}** (Makes a violation using the passing lane on limited access highways when not passing another vehicle.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2718](#)**

**BY Famiglietti, Raptakis, Thompson, Appollonio, Dimitri, Urso, Burke, Patalano, Tikoian, Valverde ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ADJUDICATION OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES {LC5374/1}** (Increases fines for speeding in residential or school zones.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2722](#)**

**BY Vargas, Britto, DiPalma, Urso, Famiglietti, Acosta, Bell, Appollonio, Patalano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC5337/1}** (Creates a cause of action for the replacement cost of a child restraint system that is in a motor vehicle at the time of a motor vehicle accident.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2728](#)**

**BY Euer, Vargas, DiPalma, DiMario**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC5122/1}** (Requires notice to E-ZPass users before DMV reporting, and set rules and regulations for transponder failures, requires outreach and free replacements, and allow mitigation or forgiveness of tolls and penalties from equipment failures.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2732](#)**

**BY Gallo**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC3787/1}** (Allows lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2943](#)**

**BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC4355/1}** (Removes the forfeiture provision for a first offense eluding law enforcement in a high speed pursuit. It would also require that forfeiture of a motor vehicle for a violation of § 31-27-4.1(2) be allowed only after conviction of that offense.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2970](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY McKenney, Raptakis, Zurier, Tikoian, Burke, Bissaillon, Britto, Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC4724/1}** (Requires that any person convicted of a charge of driving under the influence or refusal to submit to a chemical test, have an ignition interlock system installed in their vehicle as part of any sentence before being eligible for a license reinstatement.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [2974](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY LaMountain, Felag, Burke**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RIGHT-OF-WAY {LC5279/1}** (Amends the general law relative to right-of-way of pedestrians to reference the schedule of violations for the adjudication of traffic offenses contained in § 31.41.1-4.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [3042](#)**

**BY Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, de la Cruz, Thompson, Tikoian**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC4755/1}** (Bans street takeovers and violators would be guilty of a felony and punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [3102](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Sosnowski, Burke, Felag, LaMountain, Tikoian**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ACCIDENTS AND ACCIDENT REPORTS {LC5633/1}** (Provides for a single, increased range of penalties for all driving offenses which result in serious bodily injury or death.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [3103](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Sosnowski, Burke, Felag, LaMountain, Tikoian**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5635/1}** (Amends existing expungement laws to be consistent with the new 10-year lookback period required for DUI charges.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [3135](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Raptakis, Dimitri, McKenney, LaMountain, Burke, Quezada, Thompson**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC5636/1}** (Restores law enforcement discretion, allowing officers to issue a verbal warning when appropriate or pursue misdemeanor or felony charges in more egregious cases where a child is left unattended in a motor vehicle.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [3165](#)**

**BY Ciccone, Britto, Burke, Thompson, Felag, DiPalma**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4858/1} (Allows any city, town, state and/or agency of a municipality or the state to report unpaid fines of two hundred dollars (\$200) or more to the division of motor vehicles as grounds for refusal of registration.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**Senate Bill No. [3169](#)**

(Governor)

**BY Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, de la Cruz, Burke, Raptakis, Sosnowski, McKenney, Dimitri, Patalano**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES -- CASEY'S LAW {LC6054/1} (Creates an enhanced penalty defined as "road rage" to be applied in addition to penalties for convictions of certain motor vehicle offenses.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 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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