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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**H-7744 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR  
S-2116 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION  
PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-7030**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7030](#)**

**BY Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Bennett, Casimiro, Corvese, Morales, Paplauskas, Hopkins ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTHCARE WORKER PLATFORM ACT {LC3152/1}** (Creates the healthcare worker platform act that requires platforms offering healthcare shifts to register with the Rhode Island department of health while exempting them from being classified as nursing service agencies.)

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

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/29/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7926](#)**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY Speakman, Boylan**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASBESTOS ABATEMENT {LC5259/1}** (Removes obsolete language and clarifies asbestos abatement and radon control requirements.)

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

03/26/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/30/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2116 SUB A](#)**

**BY Urso, McKenney, Ciccone, Murray, Valverde, Bell, Vargas, Lawson, de la Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC3721/A/1}**

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

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03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration  
03/30/2026 Proposed Substitute  
03/30/2026 Proposed Substitute  
03/31/2026 Committee recommends passage of Sub A  
04/02/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar  
04/07/2026 Senate passed Sub A  
04/08/2026 Referred to House Health & Human Services  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [7030 SUB A](#)**  
{LC3152/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7076](#)**

**BY Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, Fogarty, Carson, Potter, Cortvriend, Donovan, Fellela,  
Read**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CERTIFIED SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANTS ACT {LC3178/1} (Allows for the licensing of certified surgical first assistants to assist in surgeries through the department of health and a 7 member board of licensure.)**

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7273](#)**

**BY Hopkins, J. Brien, Casimiro, Shanley, Perez, Nardone, Fascia, Read, Tanzi, Chippendale**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT {LC3608/1} (Requires the state to implement the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact no later than July 1, 2026.)**

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7274](#)**

**BY Hopkins, J. Brien, Casimiro, Shanley, Perez, Nardone, Fascia, Ackerman, Tanzi, Chippendale**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS {LC3633/1} (Permits physician assistants to practice without a physician's direct supervision and receives direct payments from Medicaid.)**

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7278](#)**

**BY Hopkins, McNamara, Nardone, J. Brien, Casimiro, Shanley, Perez, Fascia, Read, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT {LC3611/1}** (Permits healthcare professionals to diagnose and treat patients remotely with store-and-forward technology when provision of services in such manner is consistent with the standard of care.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7740](#)**

**BY McNamara, Corvese, Chippendale**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC5183/1}** (Details each of those limited emergency circumstances where a registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurses, may safely administer sedation, such as critical life-saving or emergency situations where there is an imminent threat to life or limb.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7741](#)**

**BY Potter, McNamara, Giraldo, Kislak, Bennett, Cotter, Corvese, Voas**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES {LC5076/1}** (Allows advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, and physicians who are and are not licensed in Rhode Island to provide telemedicine services to patients who are in the state when those services are rendered.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7744](#)**

**BY ~~Potter~~**

**~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC5064/1}~~** (Amends the law on drug coverage to require insurance plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs to offer two options for prescription delivery.)

~~02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~02/23/2026 Meeting postponed~~

~~02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/02/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor~~

~~04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7921](#)**

**BY McGaw, Donovan, Tanzi, Boylan, Cruz, Furtado, Potter, Giraldo, Kislak, Cotter**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACISTS TEST-AND-TREAT AUTHORITY ACT {LC5314/1}** (Authorizes pharmacists to order, perform and interpret CLIA-waived tests authorized by statewide protocol and prescribe medications, and permits coverage by all health insurance carriers.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7935](#)**

**BY Bennett, Edwards, Speakman, McNamara, Handy, Donovan, Hull, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Shanley**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS {LC5604/1}** (Increases continuing education requirements for physician assistants, removes restrictions of PAs to render charitable care and aid for school and youth programs or cardiac arrest and removes restrictive covenants as to ownership by a PA.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7938](#)**

**BY Biah, Hull, Sanchez, Morales, Diaz, Cruz, Batista, Baginski, Alzate, DeSimone**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REGISTRATION OF NURSING ASSISTANTS -- QUALIFYING LANGUAGE {LC5311/1}** (Requires the examination for licensing of certified nursing assistants by the department of health to be administered in both English and Spanish.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8327](#)**

**BY Hopkins, Cruz, J. Brien, Casimiro, Cotter, Boylan, Shanley, Phillips, Lima, Place**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRIMARY CARE ADMINISTRATIVE FAIRNESS ACT {LC6081/1}** (Prohibits payers from requiring uncompensated referral coordination by primary care providers, require either elimination of referral prior authorizations, and prevent denial of lab coverage based solely on diagnostic coding differences.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8366](#)**

**BY Fascia, Corvese**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC6077/1}** (Adds centers for independent living pursuant to § 42-12.2-2 to the healthcare facilities required to have automated external defibrillators on site.)

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8382](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Kislak, McGaw, Donovan, Corvese, Cruz, Giraldo, Potter, Fogarty, Stewart**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC6204/1}** (Strengthens enforcement of the state's pharmacy audit law by clarifying and tightening audit procedures to ensure pharmacy audits are conducted fairly and transparently.)

04/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8383](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Spears, Cotter, Donovan, Speakman, Caldwell, Read, Shanley, McEntee, Fogarty, Carson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASING POOL ACT {LC6205/1}** (Establishes a state-run prescription drug purchasing pool, available for participation by nonstate public employers, private employers, and health insurance carriers, to maximize the value of drug discounts available to participants.)

04/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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