
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 14, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2151](#)

BY Urso, Appollonio, Tikoian, LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Bell, Gu, Euer, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3222/1} (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardedly accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2298](#)

BY Dimitri, Thompson, Urso, Tikoian, Murray, Famiglietti, Patalano, Burke, Appollonio, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3950/1} (Increases the penalty for cruelty to animals, first offense, from eleven months to twelve months incarceration.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2397](#)

BY Urso, Tikoian, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Patalano, Appollonio, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC3221/1} (Increases penalties for a second or subsequent offense with a fine of not less than \$500 or no more than \$2,500 and up to 2 years imprisonment, for violating the law on the care of dogs.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2610](#)

BY Urso, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Paolino, Dimitri, Murray, Tikoian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC5070/1} (Creates a cause of action for the intentional or negligent injury or death of a pet.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2723](#)

BY Dimitri, Tikoian, Murray, Urso, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC5200/1} (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2153](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3357/1}

(Allows attorney general to enter into agreements with other states to recognize a concealed handgun permit as valid and authorizes RI to recognize and honor a concealed weapon permit from out of state with certain requirements.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2155](#)

BY Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3361/1}

(Permits Rhode Island residents, 21 years of age or older, to carry a concealed handgun, without a permit.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2163](#)

BY de la Cruz, Ciccone, Burke, Dimitri, Appollonio, LaMountain, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3327/1}

(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.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2164](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3348/1}

(Defines suitable person, establishes reasons for applying for concealed carry permit, establishes what information is required on applications, establishes appeal process for denials, provides that records are not public permits hunting with suppressor.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2277](#)

BY Rogers, Paolino, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Ciccone, Raptakis, Patalano, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3293/1}
(Defines suitable person for purposes of concealed carry pistol permit establishes reasons and information needed for applying for the permit, an appeal process and provides that records are not public records.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2283](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Patalano, Dimitri, E Morgan, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC3342/1} (Provides for a cause of action against an individual or entity that prohibits the possession of firearms on real property, except residences, by an individual that is authorized and licensed to carry a firearm.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2285](#)

BY Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Burke, Rogers, Patalano, Thompson, Dimitri, Tikoian, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3461/1}
(Increases sentences for carrying a stolen firearm when committing a crime of violence and for possessing a stolen firearm. Requires that a person convicted of these offenses serve a period of time in which they would not be eligible for parole/ probation.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2295](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Lawson, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3634/1}
(Prohibits purchases of more than one firearm in any thirty (30) day period.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2306](#)

BY Rogers, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Paolino, Dimitri, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3353/1}
(Permits possession or use of device that muffles sound on any firearm longer than 17" in length and permits the use of such a device by any person while hunting provided that they have a valid hunting license.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2314](#)

BY Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Tikoian, Burke, Felag, Thompson, Patalano, Ciccone, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LARGE CAPACITY FEEDING DEVICE BAN OF 2022 {LC3454/1} (Makes a first offense of possessing a large capacity feeding device a misdemeanor and subsequent offenses felonies.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2395](#)

BY Thompson, Dimitri, Burke, Ciccone, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Appollonio, Patalano, Raptakis, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4248/1} (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.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2611](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, LaMountain, McKenney, Mack, Ujifusa, Valverde, Euer, Acosta, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --THE RHODE ISLAND FIREARM INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2026 {LC4652/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island firearm industry accountability act of 2026.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2710](#)

BY Mack, Lauria, Valverde, Kallman, McKenney, DiMario, Euer, Zurier, Ujifusa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNLAWFUL SALE OF PROHIBITED FIREARMS {LC5538/1} (Restricts the possession of prohibited firearms.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2726](#)

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Britto, Gu, Zurier, DiPalma, Murray, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- RESPONSIBLE FIREARM PURCHASING ACT {LC5094/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2958](#)

BY DiPalma, Lauria, DiMario, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5507/1}

(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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2971](#)

BY Valverde, Lauria, Kallman, Acosta, Ujifusa, Euer, DiMario, Urso, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SUICIDE

PREVENTION--VOLUNTARY FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ACT {LC4796/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3108](#)

(Attorney General)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5641/1} (Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3110](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Bissaillon, Quezada, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5639/1}

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

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 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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