
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Michael DiLauro and Christopher Behan HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR ADVICE & CONSENT

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Michael DiLauro VICE Linda Bachand-Jackson to the Crime Laboratory Commission for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Reappointment of Christopher Behan to the Fort Adams Foundation for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2391](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, LaMountain, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Quezada, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE {LC4320/1} (Requires public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2715](#)

BY Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Burke, Bissaillon, Felag, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING {LC5209/1} (Establishes the criminal offense of real estate title fraud. Allows municipalities to refuse to record "suspicious documents" from persons who are not trusted submitters. Also creates penalties for real estate title fraud.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3166](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4857/1} (Car rental company not subject to registration penalties resulting from out-of-state toll violations from operators using their rental vehicles but are responsible for any outstanding toll amounts due.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3188](#)

BY Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS {LC5219/1} (Changes the definition of owner to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3189](#)

BY Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE {LC5216/1} (Repeals the collateral source rule in medical malpractice actions.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3190](#)

BY Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DECISIONS, SPECIAL FINDINGS AND ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES {LC5221/1} (Adds the doctrine of assumption of risk to the current comparative negligence statute.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3191](#)

BY Famiglietti, McKenney, Patalano, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE {LC5215/1} (Provides that for purposes of all civil actions, the fair and reasonable charge for certain medical and dental services is the amount billed by the licensed healthcare provider.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3192](#)

BY Famiglietti, LaMountain, Dimitri, Bissaillon, Patalano, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ABUSE IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC5223/1} (Removes the intent requirement relative to the definitions of "abuse" within the chapter on "abuse in healthcare facilities" and amends the definitions of "abuse" and "neglect" with regard to elderly affairs by deleting the element of willful conduct.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3193](#)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC5226/1} (Provides for punitive damages in civil actions where there is willful or wanton conduct or a reckless disregard for health, safety and welfare.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3194](#)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE -- MANDATORY ARBITRATION PROVISION {LC5217/1} (Increases the minimum claim amount necessary to require a matter involving motor vehicle liability be submitted to mandatory arbitration.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3195](#)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Famiglietti, Bissaillon, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE {LC5229/1} (Provides for mandatory uninsured motorist coverage.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3196](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS {LC5225/1} (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury laws.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3197](#)

BY Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSE OF ACTION {LC5220/1} (Permits a signed release to be transmitted to the party responsible for paying the settlement or their attorney by electronic means.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3198](#)

BY Dimitri, Patalano, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE {LC5218/1} (Requires that insurance policies for property damage, personal injuries, and indemnification other than payment of compensation for workers compensation, state policy limits and no amount of the policy may be used to pay costs to defend a claim.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3199](#)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Patalano, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC5214/1} (Provides a specific cause of action for violations of the rights of nursing home patients chapter.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3200](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES {LC5222/1} (Prohibits an employer, employment agency, labor organization, or employee, to commit any act declared to be an unlawful employment practice; individuals would be held personally liable for such conduct.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 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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