
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-7859
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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7477](#)

BY Voas, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT {LC4088/1} (Replaces the existing limited liability company act with a newer and updated model act.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

02/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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

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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7608](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- OPERATION OF RAILROADS GENERALLY {LC5020/1} (Provides that no train or light engine would be used in connection with the movement of freight could be operated unless it had a crew consisting of at least 2 persons, would also include the imposition of fines upon a company for violation of the act.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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

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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7836](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Cruz, Donovan, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS, MANICURISTS, AND ESTHETICIANS {LC5256/1}

(Allows electronic notifications modernize language for notifications, synchronize renewal dates for certain license-types, streamline licensing requirements across several license-types, and update the unlicensed health care practices statute.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/02/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7859](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Edwards, O'Brien, Serpa, Azzinaro, Phillips, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES {LC5413/1} (Provides an update to certain insurance sections of law to update or eliminate outdated sections of the insurance law.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/02/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7865](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Kennedy, Solomon, Edwards, O'Brien, Serpa, Spears, Cotter, Azzinaro, Diaz, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- WEATHER-RELATED LOSSES {LC5410/1} (Provides a framework through which the department of business regulation can seek grants to fund a home hardening program.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/02/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8213](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS {LC5026/1} (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7477 SUB A](#)
{LC4088/A/1}

House Bill No. [7865 SUB A](#)
{LC5410/A/1}

House Bill No. [7859 SUB A](#)
{LC5413/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7520](#)
BY Corvese, J. Brien, DeSimone, Read, Azzinaro, Shanley, Noret
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE {LC4854/1} (Adds property damage to statutory underinsured motor coverage, rather than just uninsured motorist coverage, as it is presently.)
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/23/2026 Meeting postponed
04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7839](#)
(Dept. of Business Regulation)
BY Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY {LC5418/1} (Updates the state's public accountancy act for consistency with the 9th edition of the Uniform Accountancy Act, as issued by NASBA and AICPA in July 2025.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7840](#)
BY DeSimone, Baginski, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESPERSONS {LC4880/1} (Requires any person in the business of selling, assigning or buying an equitable interest in real estate without taking legal title to such property, to be licensed as a real estate broker or salesperson and to comply with the disclosure requirements.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations
04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7864](#)

BY O'Brien, Slater, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MOTOR VEHICLE APPRAISAL PROVISION {LC4749/1} (Requires an insurance company to directly pay the insured's chosen appraiser and the umpire appraiser, if applicable, upon receipt of a "direction to pay" executed by an insured or claimant.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7866](#)

BY Baginski, Slater, Casey, DeSimone, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC4758/1} (Raises the percentage from eighty percent (80%) to eighty-five percent (85%) regarding declaring a vehicle a total loss.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/23/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7867](#)

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

BY Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES {LC5415/1} (Establishes requirements for capital, liquidity, and corporate governance including: audit, risk management, and board oversight, for nonbank mortgage servicers.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7889](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES {LC5612/1} (Applies to electric generating facilities generating electricity on/after 1/1/25 regarding sale/transmission of electricity/facility restructuring/last-resort service.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7890](#)

BY Stewart, Tanzi, Morales, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- THE EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY REGULATION ACT {LC5168/1} (Creates an intervenor compensation program to provide compensation in the form of grants for legal fees, expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs to an intervenor in both, energy siting board and public utilities commission proceedings.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7891](#)

BY Cortvriend, McGaw, Kazarian, Spears, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO TERMINATE GAS LINE EXTENSION ALLOWANCES AS PART OF DOCKET 25-45-GE {LC4821/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8128](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY {LC5945/1} (Updates the state's public accountancy act for consistency with the 9th edition of the Uniform Accountancy Act, as issued by NASBA and AICPA in July 2025.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8324](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casey, Fogarty, Hull, Azzinaro, DeSimone, Casimiro, Solomon, Furtado, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- SECURED TRANSACTIONS {LC6142/1} (Makes a series of amendments and adds new provisions of law to address business identity theft and deceptive solicitations sent to businesses and the unauthorized formation of entities.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8400](#)

BY Casimiro, Craven, McEntee, Caldwell, Finkelman, Solomon, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION {LC6214/1} (Prohibits the operation of any thermal waste conversion facility such as pyrolysis within the Quonset Point/Davisville Industrial Park.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8427](#)

BY Hull, J. Lombardi, Fogarty, Slater, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC6311/1} (Provides that every gas distribution company that charges for the distribution of would need to include certain information on any bill or statement provided to the consumer.)

04/10/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8450](#)

BY Newberry, Shekarchi, Finkelman, Chippendale, Marszalkowski, Slater, Phillips, J. Brien, Santucci, Solomon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT -- THE RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CLIMATE REFORM ACT {LC6320/1} (Adopts several concepts from other jurisdictions with the goal of promoting a stronger climate for business growth in Rhode Island, including a "Franchise Fee" in lieu of the corporation tax.)

04/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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