
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2140](#)

BY Quezada, Kallman, DiMario, Euer, Britto, Cano, Valverde, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC3860/1} (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees, asking questions about the applicant's financial past during interviews or including credit history questions in their job applications.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2269](#)

BY Lawson, Pearson, Euer, Felag, Gallo, Cano, Britto, DiMario, Bissaillon, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING {LC4562/1} (Prevents insurance companies from treating widowed persons differently than married persons when establishing or maintaining an insured's rate or classification respecting the operation of a personal motor vehicle. Effective 1/1/25.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2270](#)

BY Picard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURERS' REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT {LC4221/1} (Provides that no person, for over ten days, shall be restricted from enforcing a right under any pledge, security, credit, guarantee agreement, arrangement or other agreement credit enhancement to which a federal home loan bank is a party.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2275](#)

BY Murray, Mack, Ciccone, Raptakis, Zurier, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Acosta, Sosnowski, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY {LC4615/1} (Allows Rhode Island to opt out of provisions of Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980 which allow financial institutions chartered in states other than Rhode Island to be exempt from interest rate limits set by RI.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2278](#)

BY LaMountain, Burke, McKenney, Lauria, Tikoian, Quezada, Raptakis, Euer, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT {LC4302/1} (Prohibits the charging of any fees to a senior citizen who is 65 years of age or older for a hard-copy paper bill, invoice or statement. The violation of this provision would be a deceptive trade practice subject to a (\$500 fine.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2279](#)

BY Zurier, Acosta, Britto, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CONSUMER CHECKING ACCOUNTS {LC4472/1} (Establishes Rhode Island consumer checking accounts to insure the availability of low-cost, low-volume basic checking services for citizens of the state.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2489](#)

BY Raptakis, Burke, McKenney, LaMountain, Murray, Valverde, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN BROKERS {LC3340/1} (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates six (6) loans or less in twelve (12) consecutive months.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2737](#)

BY McKenney, Euer, LaMountain, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT {LC5049/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:30 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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