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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

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**PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-2011, S-2639, & S-2647  
S-2347 & S-2781 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the Senate  
**PLACE:** Room 212 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

### Senate Bill No. [2011](#)

**BY Gu, Britto, Gallo, Bell, DiMario, Burke, Sosnowski, Kallman, Mack, Bissailon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE-CASUALTY INSURANCE  
GENERALLY-LIMITATIONS ON POLICY CANCELLATIONS AND RENEWALS  
{LC3429/1} (Requires homeowner's insurance providers to provide two months' notice before  
increasing any policy renewal premium more than 20% and a violation constitutes a deceptive trade  
practice punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2015](#)

**BY Raptakis, Thompson, Gu, Patalano, Murray, Burke, Quezada, LaMountain, McKenney,  
Sosnowski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LENDERS AND LOAN  
BROKERS {LC3453/1} (Removes the licensing exemption for a lender that originates less than six  
(6) loans in twelve (12) consecutive months.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

### Senate Bill No. [2203](#)

**BY Zurier, Valverde, Euer, Urso, Gu**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY  
PROVISIONS -- GENETIC INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT {LC3434/1} (Requires a  
direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, as defined, to provide a consumer with certain  
information regarding the company's policies and procedures regarding use of genetic data.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2347](#)**

~~**BY Britto, McKenney, DiPalma, Burke, Bissaillon, Felag**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS {LC4342/1} (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.)**  
01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration~~

**Senate Bill No. [2431](#)**

**BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Appollonio, Burke, Dimitri, Patalano, Murray, Bissaillon, LaMountain, Tikoian**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING {LC4703/1} (Permits on and after July 1, 2027, for an insurer to consider the zip code in which the vehicle is garaged provided that the calculation of the zip code is segmented by the municipality where the vehicle is garaged.)**  
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2519](#)**

**BY McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Bissaillon, Zurier**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL DEPOSITS ACT {LC4839/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Special Deposits Act to be governed by an account agreement between the bank and the depositor or its beneficiary.)**  
02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2639](#)**

**BY Dimitri, Famiglietti, Tikoian, Britto, Thompson, Patalano**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS {LC5408/1} (Allows customers to directly take single-use plastic straws from single straw dispensers at food service establishments.)**  
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2644](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY Murray, Thompson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ESTATES IN REAL PROPERTY  
{LC4779/1} (Prohibits restrictive covenants related to grocery stores.)

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

**Senate Bill No. [2647](#)**

**BY Appollonio**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- COMMERCIAL KITCHEN  
EXHAUST SYSTEM INSPECTION AND CLEANING, LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION  
ACT {LC5335/1} (Establishes the commercial kitchen exhaust system inspection and cleaning  
licensing and certification act. It also requires entities inspecting or cleaning commercial exhaust  
systems be licensed and insured.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2772](#)**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY Gallo, Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Felag**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ARCHITECTS  
{LC5445/1} (Amends how architecture firms and individual architects are registered.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2775](#)**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)

**BY McKenney**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- DOMESTIC INSURANCE  
COMPANIES {LC5441/1} (Provides an update to certain insurance sections of law to update or  
eliminate outdated sections of the insurance law.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2781](#)**

**BY ~~Dimitri, LaMountain, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Quezada~~**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY SYSTEMS {LC5398/1} (Prohibits unauthorized placement of merchants on advertising platform order interfaces, and would prohibit third-party restaurant reservation services.)**

~~03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration~~

**Senate Bill No. [3073](#)**

**BY Britto, McKenney**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGES OF REAL PROPERTY {LC5273/1} (Limits mortgage prepayment rules to mortgages on owner-occupied properties with one to four dwelling units.)**

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3075](#)**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)  
**BY Britto, Burke, Urso, Bissailon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- LICENSED ACTIVITIES {LC5442/1} (Establishes requirements for capital, liquidity, and corporate governance including: audit, risk management, and board oversight, for nonbank mortgage servicers.)**

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3076](#)**

(Dept. of Business Regulation)  
**BY Britto, McKenney, Burke, Urso, Bissailon**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY {LC5444/1} (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.)**  
03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**Senate Bill No. [2075](#)**

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

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC3270/1} (Requires the PUC to produce yearly reports beginning on January 1, 2027 on the ability of the current electric grid to handle electrification loads needed to power cars, buildings, and heating of homes within the state.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2200](#)**

**BY Paolino, E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Raptakis, Famiglietti**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC3303/1} (Requires the PUC to make public notification of any changes in eligibility or production of energy, and would direct the commission to promulgate rules and regulations to allow and facilitate the prompt public disclosure of this information.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2516](#)**

**BY de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Paolino, Patalano, Raptakis, Tikoian, Ciccone, Appollonio**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC4866/1} (Repeals the energy efficiency charge.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2520](#)**

**BY Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Raptakis, Quezada, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan, Tikoian, Paolino**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC4315/1} (Terminates the requirement that the public utilities commission allocate five million dollars (\$5,000,000) annually to the Rhode Island infrastructure bank for use with energy efficient programs.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2521](#)**

**BY Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Quezada, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan, Tikoian, Burke**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD {LC4308/1} (Amends the obligation of entities to sell at retail to Rhode Island and use customers.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2631](#)**

**BY Patalano, Dimitri, Quezada, Thompson, Raptakis, Famiglietti, Appollonio, E Morgan, Tikoian, Burke**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION {LC4312/1} (Requires the PUC to produce report on comprehensive study by April 30, 2027.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2805](#)**

**BY Euer, Mack, Valverde, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson, Ujifusa**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- AFFORDABLE CLEAN ENERGY SECURITY ACT {LC5656/1} (Excludes nuclear power from the office of energy resources and division of public utilities from participation, procuring and entering into long-term contracts.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [3074](#)**

**BY Britto, Burke**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- SMALL LOAN LENDERS {LC6021/1} (Allows a lender to charge an origination fee, increase interest rates and collect a monthly service fee, on loans up to three hundred dollars (\$300) but not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000).)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

04/10/2026 Meeting postponed

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

**Senate Bill No. [3212](#)**

(Secretary of State)

**BY Britto, McKenney, Burke, Murray, DiPalma, Felag, LaMountain, DiMario**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE -- SECURED TRANSACTIONS {LC6163/1} (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.)

04/14/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

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

**Senate Bill No. [2645](#)**

**BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Dimitri, Burke, Felag**  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- UTILITY OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES {LC5692/1} (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 Senate Commerce  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**Senate Bill No. [2011 SUB A](#)**  
{LC3429/A/1}

**Senate Bill No. [2639 SUB A](#)**  
{LC5408/A/1}

**Senate Bill No. [2647 SUB A](#)**  
{LC5335/A/1}

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 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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