
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS

**PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-8324 HAS BEEN ADDED
H-8265 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR
PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7920 HAS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7070](#)

BY McGaw, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, McNamara, Tanzi, Speakman, Boylan, Stewart, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC3543/1} (Provides for the operation and duties of natural organic reduction for the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil. Disposition facilities would be used for either cremation or natural organic reduction.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7332](#)

BY Hull, J. Lombardi, Fogarty, DeSimone, Tanzi, Felix, Azzinaro, Alzate, Bennett, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS {LC4618/1} (Requires all public utilities to maintain a customer service facility within the state to perform services such as addressing customer inquiries and accepting bill payments.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7837](#)

(Dept. of Executive Office of Health and Human Services)

BY Caldwell, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS {LC4973/1} (Permits reimbursement for dental hygienists from "other insurance" or a third-party payor such as Medicare.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

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04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/15/2026 Scheduled for 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
04/28/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7920](#)

(Dept. of Health)

BY Donovan, Furtado, Boylan, Bennett, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER AND FUNERAL SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC5255/1} (Reduces funeral home inspections from twice a year to once a year and removes the practical exam requirement for out-of-state funeral directors and embalmers.)

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
05/15/2026 Scheduled for 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
04/28/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/15/2026 Scheduled for 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

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

04/28/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7920 SUB A](#)

{LC5255/A/1}

House Bill No. [8324 SUB A](#)

{LC6142/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [8265](#)

~~**BY Felix, Potter, Morales, Alzate, Batista, Sanchez, Kislak, Stewart, Cruz, Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC5995/1} (Makes several amendments to the cannabis act relating to applications for licensure, the social equity assistance program and the application of cannabis tax revenue.)**~~

~~03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations~~

~~05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [8414](#)

(by request)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- HEMP GROWTH ACT -- RHODE ISLAND HEMP THC BEVERAGE ACT {LC6281/1} (Provides a licensed liquor retailer/cannabis retailer/or hemp consumable retailer that received an infused-beverage endorsement from the cannabis control commission the authorization to sell at retail THC infused beverages in accordance with this chapter.)

04/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8426](#)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE EDWARD O. HAWKINS AND THOMAS C. SLATER MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT {LC6285/1} (Allows for the payment of compassion center fees of \$500,000 to be paid in quarterly installments.)

04/10/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8544](#)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC6430/1} (Amends sections of the Rhode Island Cannabis Act relative to proof of residency terminology, and amends the definition of applicant and provides a new process for the approval and certification for social equity and cannabis retail sales licenses.)

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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