
SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

PROPOSED SUB A/2 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR S-2627

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

TIME: 4:30 PM

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2177](#)

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS {LC4232/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2182](#)

BY Appollonio, LaMountain, Urso, Vargas, Quezada, Valverde, Famiglietti, Euer, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS'

AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC3680/1} (Exempts an individual in foster or adoptive homes from the fee associated with drivers education classes at the community college of Rhode Island.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

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

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2184](#)

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION

OF VEHICLES {LC4237/1} (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2327](#)

BY Sosnowski, Britto, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE {LC4298/1} (Designates the month of May, annually, as "Rhode Island Native Plant Month," with appropriate ceremonies and activities to recognize and educate people about Rhode Island's native plants.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

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

04/08/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2334 SUB A](#)

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gu, Murray, Bissailon, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SAFEGUARDING ELECTION CANDIDATES USING REASONABLE EXPENDITURES ACT {LC3983/A/1}

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

04/14/2026 Proposed Substitute

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04/15/2026 Committee recommended indefinite postponement

04/15/2026 Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2414](#)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES {LC4568/1} (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2418](#)

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Gallo, Lauria, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES {LC4214/1} (Includes veterans 75 years or older with a combined service connected disability rating of 70% as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2420](#)

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Urso, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD {LC4301/1} (Allows the dependents of a national guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2754](#)

BY Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT {LC5905/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2756](#)

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissaillon, Ciccone, E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT {LC5878/1} (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2838](#)

(Adm/Office of Healthy Aging (OHA))

BY Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE-- DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE {LC4959/1} (Provides that the month of September in each year be designated "Rhode Island Senior Center Month" with appropriate exercises in public places.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

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

04/08/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2996](#)

(National Guard)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Gallo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS {LC5436/1} (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3002](#)

(Dept. of Transportation)

BY McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT, AND LOAD LIMITS {LC5447/1} (Provides a series of updates to size, weight, and load regulations for commercial and specialized vehicles.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

03/25/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/24/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2332](#)

BY Bell, Murray, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Valverde, Felag, Vargas, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

{LC3965/1} (Provides that exemptions to the prohibition of liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools or places of worship do not eliminate neighboring property owners' remonstrance rights to object to the license.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [2415](#)

BY Felag, Raptakis, LaMountain, DiPalma, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING

AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC4563/1} (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to sell one one-sixth (1/6) barrel keg of malt beverage, produced on the premises, per day.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [2508](#)

BY Ciccone, Urso, Burke, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4918/1} (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [2627](#)

BY LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Britto, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TEMPORARY EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS {LC5018/1} (Authorizes temporary periods for extended service hours under existing liquor licenses for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, subject to limitations or opt out by a municipality via council resolution.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [2630](#)

BY Thompson, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4247/1} (Repeals § 3-7-19 which prohibits retail liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools and religious institutions.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [2748](#)

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC4042/1} (Allows the holder of a manufacturer's license to sell one-sixth of a barrel keg or any otherwise permitted vessel containing no more than the amount of malt beverage allowed.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [3000](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Tikoian, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, Mack, Acosta, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5090/1} (Requires licensed retailers authorized to sell intoxicating beverages to provide a lid to a consumer upon request.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [3004](#)

BY Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY {LC5957/1} (Authorizes the town of Scituate to issue a total of three (3) Class A liquor licenses.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

Senate Bill No. [3005](#)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CIGARETTE, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND ELECTRONIC NICOTINE-DELIVERY SYSTEM PRODUCTS {LC4717/1} (Permits dealers without a distributor's license to resell cigars, and ultra premium pipe tobacco, excluding pipe tobacco intended for cigarettes, to other dealers.)

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

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2627 SUB A](#)

{LC5018/A/2}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 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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