
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**S-213 AND IT'S PROPOSED SUB A WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME
S-353 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME, PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-133, S-213 & S-983
H-5231, H-5311, H-6063 & H-6165 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

TIME: 3:30 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [132](#)

BY LaMountain, Patalano, Burke, Appollonio, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING {LC893/1} (Requires that all monies received from the payment of fines under the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking be deposited into the into the violent crimes indemnity account within the general fund.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [133](#)

BY LaMountain, Patalano, Burke, Felag, Tikoian, Lawson, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS {LC981/1} (Prohibits the use of service agreements that are unfair to an owner of residential real estate who enters into such an agreement or to persons who may become owners of that real estate in the future.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [213](#)

BY ~~Cicccone, DiPalma, LaMountain, Raptakis, Gu~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ~~SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES {LC1102/1}~~ (Amends notice requirements for self-storage facility before perfecting lien, to wit; 7 consecutive days of publication on a publicly accessible website or subsequent written notice to lessee, or publication once time in newspaper of general circulation.)

~~02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary~~

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~~03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [353](#)

~~**BY McKenney, LaMountain, Burke**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- ARBITRATION {LC1504/1}** (Extends time for a party to apply for stay of arbitration to 180 days; invalidates any provision that penalizes a party for seeking legal representation; requires arbitrator to provide notice of default to a party for failure to pay fees.)~~

~~02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary~~

~~03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/13/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [523](#)

BY Thompson, Dimitri, Patalano, Raptakis, LaMountain, Pearson, Murray, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT {LC1428/1} (Provides that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [554](#)

BY LaMountain, McKenney, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT {LC1506/1} (Makes certain personal watercraft violations a misdemeanor.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [557](#)

BY LaMountain, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC1724/1} (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime on a military installation located in the State of Rhode Island.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [559](#)

BY Dimitri, Appollonio, Tikoian, Bissailon, Patalano, Ciccone, Burke, Murray, Urso, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC1233/1} (Increases imprisonment penalties and adds mandatory community service for violations of § 4-1-9.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/10/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [815](#)

BY Patalano, Thompson, Vargas, Tikoian, Britto, Dimitri, LaMountain ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC1235/1} (Allows the board of elections to tabulate mail ballots in local special elections in the same manner as in tabulate mail ballots in statewide elections.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [825](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Ciccone, DiPalma, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC1701/1} (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [908](#)

BY Bissailon, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC2358/1} (Removes the mandatory certification for an individual 16 years or older who was found delinquent for having committed 2 offenses after the age of 16 which would render the person subject to an indictment if the person was an adult.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/03/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [983](#)

BY Patalano, Tikoian, LaMountain, Lawson, DiPalma, Ciccone, Thompson, Burke, Appollonio, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE {LC2713/1} (Creates the PURPLE alert state system to aid in the search for a missing adult with a serious physical, behavioral health, neurological disabilities or medical condition.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
05/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5231](#)

BY Phillips, Bennett, Corvese, Newberry, Chippendale, J. Brien, Solomon, Read, Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT {LC747/1} (Provides that commercial driver instruction would include industry-specific training on the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
02/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/12/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
02/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration
02/27/2025 Committee recommends passage
03/07/2025 Placed on House Calendar
03/13/2025 House read and passed
03/21/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5311](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Shanley, Batista, Hull, Biah, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC957/1} (Allows the board of elections to tabulate mail ballots in local special elections in the same manner as in tabulate mail ballots in statewide elections.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/18/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/03/2025 Committee recommends passage
04/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar
04/24/2025 House read and passed
05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6063](#)

BY J. Brien, Baginski, Place, Cruz, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY ACT {LC2379/1} (Makes certain personal watercraft violations a misdemeanor.)

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/25/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/22/2025 Committee recommends passage
05/02/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/08/2025 House read and passed
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6165 SUB A](#)

BY Spears, Noret, McEntee, Read, Cotter, Craven, Fogarty, Hull, Tanzi, Felix

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE {LC2589/A/1}

04/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/24/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration
05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute
05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
05/16/2025 Placed on House Calendar
05/22/2025 House passed Sub A
05/23/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary
05/23/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [133 SUB A](#)
{LC981/A/1}

~~**Senate Bill No. [213 SUB A](#)**~~
{LC102/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [983 SUB A](#)
{LC2713/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 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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