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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

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**H-7537 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR  
H- 8024 HAS BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2024  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room135 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7203](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Corvese, Shanley, Craven, Knight, Dawson, Finkelman, Noret, Serpa, Azzinaro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4073/1} (Adds the month of August to the dates a Class A retail alcoholic beverage establishment can offer unlimited free samples of wine, beer and distilled spirits products.)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business  
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7220](#)**

**BY Kazarian, McEntee, Finkelman, Dawson, Boylan**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC4242/1} (Allows manufacturer-wineries to sell up to three (3) drinks of wine for on-site consumption or three (3) bottles of wine for off-site consumption or three (3) bottles of wine for off-site consumption.)

01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business  
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7325](#)**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS IN FOOD-SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS {LC3356/1} (Requires food service establishments to add an additional warning to their menus relative to food allergens and impose a civil penalty on those establishments that fail to include the required warnings on its menus.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business  
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7434](#)**

**BY Sanchez, Place, Morales, Hull, Shanley, Stewart, Craven, Phillips, Slater, Serpa**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC3533/1} (Amends the current law to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages by the bottle to be consumed on the premises of a licensee.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations  
03/06/2024 Committee transferred to House Small Business  
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7537](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

~~**BY Voas, Hull, Slater**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY {LC4400/1} (Amends the composition of the small business advisory council.)~~

~~02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business  
03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~



**House Bill No. [7778](#)**

**BY Quattrocchi, Nardone, Chippendale, Newberry, Place, Rea, Roberts ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC4800/1}** (Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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



**House Bill No. [7842](#)**

**BY McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Knight, Handy, Casimiro, Finkelman, Edwards**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC5189/1}** (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to sell one one-sixth (1/6) barrel key of malt beverage, produced on the premises, per day.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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



**House Bill No. [7843](#)**

**BY Finkelman, Fogarty, Tanzi, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Handy, McEntee, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES --**

**MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC5192/1}** (Allows for the holder of a manufacturer's license to be able to transport beer, spirits or wine between its satellite taprooms.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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



**House Bill No. [8024](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Slater**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES {LC5582/1}** (Prohibits manufacturers of alcoholic beverages from holding or having any interest in a wholesaler license.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/11/2024 Committee transferred to House Small Business

03/11/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



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