
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 3, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5554](#)

BY McEntee, Voas, Cortvriend, Dawson, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Spears, Phillips, Lima, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEES {LC1580/1} (Prohibits the charging of interchange fees on taxes and gratuities.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Committee transferred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [5582](#)

BY Serpa

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERCHANGE FEE RESTRICTION ACT {LC1605/1} (Creates the interchange fee restriction act restricting interchange fees on sales and use tax or excise tax when payment is made with a credit or debit card.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

03/07/2025 Committee transferred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [5885](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC1749/1} (Allows holders of a Class P license to purchase alcoholic beverages from either a retail or wholesale establishment in the State of Rhode Island.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Small Business

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

House Bill No. [5886](#)

BY Santucci, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Newberry, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FAIRNESS IN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC1535/1}

(Expands the duties of the small business ombudsman, by also having the ombudsman serve as the Rhode Island commerce corporation's small business advocate.)

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