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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, February 27, 2025  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5034](#)**  
**BY** Edwards, Cortvriend, Knight, Speakman, Shanley, Craven, Caldwell, Chippendale, Newberry  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC321/1} (Allows school committees to add item(s) not appearing in published notice to their agendas for purposes of discussion only if the revised agenda is filed with the secretary of state and posted on district website at least 48 hrs in advance of the meeting.)  
01/10/2025 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



**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



### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5085](#)**  
**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Noret, Finkelman, Kennedy, Phillips  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC311/1} (Requires that all agencies' final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31 of the year it is promulgated before it can become effective.)  
01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections  
02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5379](#)**  
**BY** Morales, Felix, Cruz, Caldwell, Craven, McEntee, Casimiro, Stewart, Slater, Ajello  
**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMISSION ON PARDONS {LC1116/1} (Establishes a commission to promulgate rules, regulations and make recommendations to the governor as to petitions for pardons under Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution of Rhode Island.)  
02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections  
02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5380](#)**

**BY Place, Fascia, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - AGREEMENT TO PHASE OUT CORPORATE INCENTIVES COMPACT ACT {LC821/1} (Establishes a compact agreement among at least two (2) states to prohibit the use of subsidies to selectively retain industry or company entice relocation from one state to another state or to open a new facility.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Resolution No. [5385](#)**

**BY Corvese**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION {LC1294/1} (Petitions congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution to impose restraints on the federal government.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Resolution No. [5386](#)**

**BY Place, Fascia, Paplauskas, Santucci, J. Lombardi, Roberts, Felix, Hull, Furtado, Cruz**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- JURY NULLIFICATION AS PROPER TRIAL DEFENSE ARGUMENT {LC842/1} (This joint resolution would propose to the voters a constitutional amendment which would allow a criminal defendant to argue jury nullification as a defense.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5458](#)**

**BY Craven, Corvese, Shanley**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AND TITLING {LC1402/1} (Establishes a system of electronic registration and titling of motor vehicles. Rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this chapter to be promulgated by the administrator of the division of motor vehicles.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5513](#)**

(Dept. of Revenue)

**BY Phillips, Perez, Casey, Corvese, Costantino, Noret, Shanley, Read, Dawson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC1264/1} (Implements a thirty (30) day waiting period following the issuance of a learners permit and the waiting period must expire before the person is permitted to take the road test in order to obtain a full license.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5521](#)**

**BY Newberry**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- REDISTRICTING COMMISSION {LC931/1} (Creates a redistricting commission to act every ten (10) years to adopt a redistricting plan for all general assembly and congressional districts. It also provides for a possible right of appeal of the plan, to the state supreme court.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5522](#)**

**BY Corvese, Solomon, Azzinaro, Serpa, DeSimone**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC1599/1} (Requires the rule adopting agency, to send the general assembly members a copy of the proposed rule within 20 days of filing a final rule.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5538](#)**

**BY Cruz, Ajello, Morales, Stewart, Alzate, Handy, Sanchez, Felix**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT {LC1569/1} (Requires state use actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes.

Information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the division of statewide planning, to be utilized for redistricting.)

02/18/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



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