
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

S-2146 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2390](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD {LC4306/1} (Makes offenses against gift card holders subject to the penalties for larceny.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2406](#)

BY Lawson, DiPalma, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE {LC4205/1} (Requires that any covered entity that develops/provides online services, products, or features that children are reasonably likely to access shall consider the best interest of children when designing/developing such online service, product, or feature.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2487](#)

BY Britto, LaMountain, DiMario, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Murray, McKenney, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL ELECTRONICS RIGHT TO REPAIR ACT {LC4369/1} (Establishes a digital electronics right to repair, which allows for digital electronic equipment and parts that are sold in this state on or after January 1, 2026, to be repaired at an independent repair provider.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2494](#)

BY Gu, Bell, Kallman, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- THIRD-PARTY LITIGATION FINANCING CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT {LC4731/1} (Provides for "litigation financing" regulation by DBR.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2609](#)

(by request)

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC5202/1} (Deceptive trade practice to sell vehicle used in violent crime or exposed to biohazards without notice to purchaser.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2146](#)

~~**BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM ACT {LC3984/1} (Created a peer-to-peer car sharing program, which will prescribe insurance coverage and other related details while using a car sharing application.)~~

~~01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary~~

~~02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [2301](#)

BY Quezada, Thompson, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, Vargas, Mack, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC3997/1} (Amends unfair claims practices law by requiring an insurance appraisal by a licensed appraiser where damage to a motor vehicle exceeds \$5,000 (from \$2,500) and eliminates language that prohibits an appraisal based on photos of a damaged motor vehicle.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2633](#)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE {LC4827/1} (Adds property damage to statutory underinsured motor coverage, rather than just uninsured motorist coverage, as it is presently.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2142](#)

BY LaMountain, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN {LC4013/1} (Allows the department of environmental management to acquire established foot paths by eminent domain in order to provide public access to streams, rivers, lakes and ponds.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2059](#)

BY Gu, Murray, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Burke, DiMario, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES {LC3799/1} (Requires specific notice of the tax sale to the taxpayer with a copy of this § 44-9-10 attached thereto. Failure to do so would render the tax sale null and void.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2135](#)

BY Gu, LaMountain, DiMario, McKenney, Burke, Bissaillon, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION {LC4192/1} (Repeals the provisions of § 34-7-4 regarding rights of footway being acquired by adverse possession.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2391](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Ciccone, LaMountain, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Quezada, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE {LC4320/1} (Requires public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2394](#)

BY Bissaillon, Britto, McKenney, LaMountain, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT {LC4610/1} (Adopts the uniform partition of heirs property act.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 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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