
SENATE COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

S-2416 & S-2997 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

Please Note: Room Change

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

TIME: 4:30 PM

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2175](#)

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4235/1} (Raises the gross weight of a vehicle eligible for reserve forces plates from 8,500 lbs. to 12,000 lbs. with US flag on the plates. Proof of honorable discharge to be provided to DMV.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2177](#)

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- DECORATIONS {LC4232/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island orange heart medal to formally recognize Rhode Island veterans whose service exposed them to toxic herbicides, burn pits, or other hazardous agents.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2183](#)

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4238/1} (Eliminates the registration and service charge fees for National Guard plates.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2184](#)

BY Felag, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4237/1} (Removes the fee for registration and plate transfer for a Distinguished Service Cross registration plate.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2414](#)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lauria, Vargas, DiMario ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES {LC4568/1} (Disabled veteran license plate may be transferred to veterans' spouse or issued to veteran or veterans spouse.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2416](#)

~~**BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, LaMountain, Murray, Vargas**~~

~~**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY CHILD ACT {LC4577/1} (Defines "military-connected student", "advance enrollment" and "open enrollment" to give them flexibility in choosing a school district.)**~~

~~01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs~~

~~03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [2418](#)

BY Lawson, LaMountain, Gallo, Lauria, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES {LC4214/1} (Includes veterans 75 years or older with a combined service connected disability rating of 70% as eligible for disabled veterans license plates.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2420](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL GUARD {LC4301/1} (Allows the dependents of a national guard member, who is in good standing, to be eligible for tuition assistance.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2753](#)

BY Ujifusa, DiPalma, Felag, Euer, Kallman, Appollonio, E Morgan, Murray, Zurier, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- RHODE ISLAND VETERANS HOME STAFFING SUPPORT ACT OF 2026 {LC5346/1} (Creates The Rhode Island Veterans Home Staffing Support Act of 2026.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2754](#)

BY Ciccone, Felag, Tikoian, Gallo

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT THE MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT {LC5905/1}

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2756](#)

BY Felag, Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissailon, Ciccone, E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- MILITARY

CHILD ACT {LC5878/1} (Defines "military-connected student" and permits military-connected students to enroll by remote registration upon presentation of military orders confirming the parent or guardian be stationed in this state during the current or following school year.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2996](#)

(National Guard)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Gallo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

DECORATIONS {LC5436/1} (Creates three (3) new awards for Rhode Island National Guard members and would provide eligibility for the Rhode Island star for certain civilian government employees and military and civilian leaders of foreign governments.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2997](#)

~~**BY E Morgan, Raptakis, Rogers, Patalano, Dimitri, Felag, Urso, Thompson, Paolino, Ciccone**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- VETERANS~~

~~IDENTIFICATION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM {LC5518/1} (Provide services for veterans in the criminal justice system ensuring disclosure and connections with federal and state resources.)~~

~~03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs~~

~~03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [3001](#)

BY Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- BURIAL OF

VETERANS {LC4233/1} (Provides that certain Hmong or Lao veterans who served honorably in military operations in support of the United States as special guerrilla units be granted burial rights at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:30 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 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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