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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**H-5282 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR  
H-5553 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT SPONSOR'S REQUEST  
PROPOSED SUB A FOR 5682 HAS BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [5044](#)**

**BY** Edwards, Caldwell, Kazarian, Potter, Alzate, Casimiro, Kislak, Felix, Abney, Craven  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HARM REDUCTION  
CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM {LC382/1} (Extends the  
expiration date of the Harm Reduction Center Advisory Committee and Pilot Program by two years,  
from March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2026.)

01/11/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/28/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [5282](#)**

**BY** ~~Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Morales, Diaz, Lima, Donovan, Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, J.  
Lombardi~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES  
{LC1123/1} (Authorizes a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptives, provided  
that the pharmacist has completed a training program approved by the state board of pharmacy.)~~

~~02/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~02/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~02/28/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5349](#)**

**BY** Casey, Fenton-Fung, Kazarian, Chippendale, Craven, Bennett, Messier, Kislak, O'Brien,  
Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- NURSES  
{LC239/1} (Amends the conditions upon which a nurse would be exempt from certain licensing  
requirements to include eligibility to practice before taking and receiving results of the NCLEX  
exam.)

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

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02/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/14/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [5506](#)**

**BY Ackerman, McNamara, Bennett, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Edwards, Kennedy, Giraldo, Fogarty ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1017/1} (Allows health care facility to conduct research on patients subject to 21 C.F.R. Pt 50 and/or 45 C.F.R. Pt 46 (relating to the informed consent in clinical trials).)

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/14/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [5555](#)**

**BY Tanzi, McGaw, Kislak, Cotter, Spears, Cruz, Boylan, Potter, Giraldo, Voas ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1957/1} (Adds a new section which sets forth conditions for pharmacists to prescribe tobacco cessation drug therapies.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/28/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [5682](#)**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY Giraldo, Potter**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- OFFICE OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS {LC1618/1} (Provides DOH multidisciplinary team review of drug overdose deaths may gather info of deaths from family willing to do so to help identify prevention/intervention strategies.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/28/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [5687](#)**

(Dept. of BHDDH)

**BY Kislak, Tanzi, Potter, McNamara, Alzate, Bennett, Edwards, Cotter, Sanchez**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC1619/1} (Amends provisions of law relative to the disclosure of confidential healthcare information and records and the disclosure thereof occurring through electronic means.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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02/22/2023 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

02/24/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/28/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/10/2023 Scheduled for consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [5682 SUB A](#)**

{LC1618/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [5173](#)**

**BY Casey, Newberry, J. Brien, Carson, Abney**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE LICENSING ACT {LC243/1} (Allows ALFs to provide medical/skilled nursing care services to residents in assisted living setting, as their care needs change, rather than requiring transition to a skilled nursing facility when full-time skilled services are required for the resident.)

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/13/2023 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [5224](#)**

**BY Carson, Azzinaro, Noret, Donovan, Kazarian, Alzate, Knight, Fogarty, Ajello**

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND COORDINATION OF STATE PROGRAMS RELATING TO OLDER ADULT RHODE ISLANDERS {LC184/1}

01/25/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

02/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/13/2023 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5352](#)**

(By Request)

**BY Kennedy, Edwards**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- THE TELEMEDICINE COVERAGE ACT {LC1026/1} (Defines a patient-provider relationship as when the healthcare professional agrees to undertake diagnosis and treatment of the patient and the patient agrees to be treated.)

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [5353](#)**

**BY Fenton-Fung, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Cotter**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMBAT THE RISING THREAT OF TARGETED VIOLENCE AGAINST FAITH COMMUNITIES {LC1266/1} (Creates a 15 member commission to examine and make recommendations to combat the rising threat of targeted violence against faith communities, and report back to the House by February 7, 2024, and expire on May 7, 2024.)

02/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5430](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Cortvriend, McGaw, Henries**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- WHOLESALE PRESCRIPTION DRUG IMPORTATION PROGRAM {LC377/1} (Establishes the Wholesale Prescription Drug Importation Program for the importation of wholesale prescription drugs from Canada to provide savings to Rhode Island consumers.)

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5431](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Henries, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST PROTECTION {LC376/1} (Prohibits the state, ERISA or any health plans to purchase referenced drugs for a cost higher than the referenced rate.)

02/08/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5507](#)**

**BY McNamara, Potter, Donovan, Cotter, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVISORY BOARD - GROUP PURCHASING BOARD FOR RX WE CAN AFFORD {LC53/1} (A prescription drug advisory board is created to evaluate drug prices in an attempt to make them more affordable.)

02/10/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5552](#)**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY Serpa, Cardillo**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC1621/1} (Provides that no employee or agent of the department of health participate in any healthcare facility inspection if the employee or agent has, in the past two (2) years, had an ownership or employment or consultant interest in the facility.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5553](#)**

**BY ~~Fenton-Fung, Lima~~**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC1276/1}** (~~Provides that nursing home facilities that have achieved 70% compliance with the staffing requirements that commenced in January 2023, are granted a 12 month grace period to achieve 100% compliance without being penalized.~~)

~~02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services~~

~~03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [5556](#)**

**BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Kazarian, Diaz**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- UNIFORM TELEHEALTH ACT {LC1081/1}** (Allows an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in this state if the services are consistent with the practitioner's scope of practice and state and federal professional standards.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5557](#)**

**BY Place, Rea, Chippendale, Nardone**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- MILK SANITATION CODE {LC1771/1}** (Permits and legalizes the sale of raw milk.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5606](#)**

(Office of Healthy Aging)

**BY Messier, McNamara, Potter, Diaz, Fellela**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CITIZENS' COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY {LC1407/1}** (Amends several sections of law relating to safety and care for the elderly.)

02/15/2023 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

02/22/2023 Committee transferred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5677](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE ACT {LC1698/1}** (Provides that dental services and treatment rendered to patients in Rhode Island would be reimbursed by standards governed by the general laws of Rhode Island.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5678](#)**

**BY Potter, Kislak, Casey, Voas, Stewart, Morales, Tanzi, J. Lombardi, Carson, Donovan ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT {LC1788/1} (Regulates price increases for prescription drugs.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5679](#)**

**BY Potter, McNamara, Cruz, Cotter, Batista, Kislak, Casey, Giraldo, Stewart, Morales ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES REPRESENTATIVE DISCLOSURE ACT {LC1787/1} (Requires prescription drug manufacturers to file a detailed, updated list of each pharmaceutical sales representative engaged by the manufacturer and to pay an annual fee for each name on list.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5680](#)**

**BY Caldwell, Casimiro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1837/1} (Prohibits healthcare entities from interfering with a patient's right to choose to obtain a clinician-administered drug from their provider or pharmacy of choice.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5683](#)**

(by request)

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES {LC1427/1} (Requires individual or group health insurers to provide coverage for medically necessary dental implants.)

02/17/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5743](#)**

**BY Place, Chippendale, Nardone, Fenton-Fung**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS {LC1949/1} (Repeals the certificate of need process statutes which are used by the department of health to determine the need for new health care equipment and new institutional health services.)

02/21/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5867](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY Messier, Ackerman, Casimiro, J. Brien, Fellela**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LONG-TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL {LC2247/1} (Provides that the lieutenant governor serve as the chairperson of the long-term care coordinating council and provides that a quorum of the council consist of twelve (12) members of the council.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5869](#)**

**BY DeSimone, Shekarchi, Slater, Hull, Kazarian, Cardillo, Biah**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES {LC2395/1} (Sepsis and septic shock best practices for hospital and emergency care facilities.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5870](#)**

**BY Bennett, Hull**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES {LC2141/1} (Establishes a cap on the rates that nursing service agencies can charge; protects clients from having their staff recruited/hired by a nursing service agency while providing services to them; updates training, report and other administrative details.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5871](#)**

**BY Chippendale, Place, Rea**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC1910/1} (Amends the law on nursing home minimum staffing requirements in order that any penalty incurred in calendar year 2022 would be abated.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [5872](#)**

**BY McNamara, Noret, Casimiro, Solomon, Handy, Phillips**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS {LC2028/1} (Regulates the marketing of prescription drug manufacturers using direct-to-consumer marketing strategies including coupons, discount cards and similar offers, to provide information about lower cost alternatives.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [5877](#)**

**BY Baginski, Casey**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MEDICAL SPAS SAFETY ACT {LC1692/1} (Provides that a cosmetic medical service would be performed by a qualified licensed or certified non-physician only if the services have been delegated by a medical director responsible for on-site supervision of the services.)

03/01/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6073](#)**

**BY Speakman, Morales, Ajello, Kazarian, Donovan, Tanzi, Cruz, Potter, Kislak**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF NURSING SERVICE AGENCIES {LC2151/1} (Establishes a cap on the rates that nursing service agencies can charge; protects clients from having their staff recruited/hired by a nursing service agency while providing services to them; updates training, report and other administrative details.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6074](#)**

**BY Fenton-Fung, Lima**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS {LC2451/1} (Provides that nursing home facilities that have achieved 90% compliance with the staffing requirements that commenced in January 2023, are granted a 12 month grace period to achieve 100% compliance without being penalized.)

03/03/2023 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

03/10/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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