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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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**PLEASE NOTE: H 7533 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE SPONSOR'S REQUEST**  
H 7521 & H-7646 have been postponed and H-7995, S-2701, S-2764 have been added

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 205 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7334](#)**

**BY Keable, Newberry, Marshall, Knight, Hearn**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - UNIFORM FRAUDULENT TRANSFER ACT {LC4170/1} (Renames title to be called Uniform Voidable Transaction Act/amends definition of "person"/adds substantive/procedural changes.)

01/31/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/16/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/20/2018 Meeting postponed

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7458](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- STATUTORY INTEREST {LC3203/1} (Decreases from 12% per annum to 6% per annum the statutory interest rate added to judicial civil action money damage judgments.)

02/07/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7511](#)**

**BY Corvese, Jacquard, Edwards, Solomon, Marshall**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY {LC4202/1} (Eliminates the penalty of abating rent in cases where a non-resident landlord fails to designate an agent for service of process and would clarify that the fine for violating this section is civil.)

02/08/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7521](#)**

**~~BY Marshall, O'Brien, Edwards, Morin, Casey~~**

**~~ENTITLED,~~** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- ~~COURTS~~ {LC4433/1} (~~Establishes a new and separate calendar within the superior court to expediently hear and decide land use matters concerning the development of renewable energy resources.~~)

~~02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7523](#)**

**BY Ucci, Corvese, Cunha, Fellela, Winfield**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS - LITTER CONTROL AND RECYCLING {LC3522/1} (Expands the definition of litter to include commercial signs placed on public property or telephone poles, and allows the authorities to remove such signs without risk of criminal penalties or civil suits.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7524](#)**

**BY Regunberg, Shekarchi, Ucci, Blazejewski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS--LIABILITY LIMITATIONS {LC4591/1} (Changes the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**~~House Bill No. [7533](#)~~**

**~~BY Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Hull, Perez, Slater~~**

**~~ENTITLED,~~** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- FULL ENFORCEMENT OF SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS {LC3096/1} (~~Subjects obligors of child support to license suspension after a 60-day arrearage but provides conditional driving privileges for employment.~~)

~~02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7535](#)**

**BY Craven, McEntee, Knight**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY {LC4587/1} (Provides that an open and obvious danger or defect is not a complete bar to recovery of damages in personal injury or property damage actions.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7537](#)**

**BY Barros, Cunha, Tobon, Maldonado, Blazejewski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND VALUES ACT--ENHANCED COMMUNITY PROTECTION IN IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ACTION {LC4404/1} (Enhances community protection during ICE enforcement and investigatory actions.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7540](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Craven, McKiernan, McEntee**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY - THE STATE FALSE CLAIM ACT {LC4310/1} (Amends the State False Claims Act to reflect amendments to the Federal False Claims Act.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7542](#)**

**BY Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- TRUST {LC4432/1} (Permits settlor of trust to provide for person other than trustees to direct trustee's actions/clearly establishes legal responsibilities of trust advisors/protectors.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7574](#)**

**BY Morgan, Giarrusso, Nardolillo, Price, Roberts**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROVISION OF VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE SERVICES {LC3804/1} (Grants immunity from liability and suit to health care professionals, workers, and facilities providing volunteer services, and would also provide continuing education credits for such services.)

02/09/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7583](#)**

**BY Craven, Shekarchi, Shanley, Solomon, Knight**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- LITIGATION LENDING AGREEMENTS {LC4590/1} (Makes litigation loan agreements subject to state usury laws.)

02/14/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7584](#)**

**BY Keable, Blazejewski, Craven, Messier, Regunberg**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION {LC4593/1} (Prohibits disclosure in a civil action of a person's confidential health care information through ex parte contact with the provider or the provider's legal representative.)

02/14/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7600](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, Ackerman, Cunha**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC4623/1} (Allows for security deposits on furniture when a furnished apartment is leased.)

02/14/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7646](#)**

**BY ~~Kazarian, Amore, Cunha~~**

**~~ENTITLED,~~** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- HOTELS

~~{LC3510/1} (Authorizes an innkeeper to remove any guest who is a level III high risk sexual offender who attempts to remain a hotel resident for more than thirty (30) consecutive days in any calendar year.)~~

~~02/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7651](#)**

**BY Solomon, Phillips**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BUDGETS IN DIGITAL FORM {LC3336/1} (Makes public entity budgets available in digital form through the secretary of state.)

02/15/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7912](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Keable, McEntee, Blazejewski, Knight, Solomon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - COURTS - DISTRICT COURT {LC4852/1} (Allows for the appointment of more than one district court clerk/magistrate by the chief judge of the district court.)

02/28/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/23/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/23/2018 Meeting postponed

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7929](#)**

**BY Morin, Phillips, Shanley, Messier, Tobon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - EXPIRED DEBT ACT {LC4805/1} (Creates the "Expired Debt Act" which would prohibit certain practices relative to the collection of debts beyond the statute of limitations.)

03/07/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7993](#)**

**BY Fellela, Costantino, Ucci**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - VACANCY IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY {LC5280/1} (Enables a chief executive of a town or city with the largest percentage of population in the district to appoint a representative or senator to a vacant seat for the remainder of the term.)

03/23/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8006](#)**

**BY Perez, McEntee, Solomon, Fellela, Ucci**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- WITNESSES {LC5317/1} (Provides that an LEP interpreter shall not be compelled to testify in any civil or criminal action wherein communication is privileged pursuant to statutory or common law.)

03/28/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8042](#)**

**BY McKiernan, Mattiello, Donovan, McEntee, Serpa**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES -- CODE OF ETHICS {LC5378/1} (Requires the Rhode Island ethics commission to post required financial statements of public officials online.)

04/04/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/06/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7995](#)**

**BY Blazejewski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC5304/1}

(Allows Nathan Limbach to join Alexia Rabinowitz Dantzig and Brett Andrew Barlow in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.)

03/23/2018 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/09/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2701](#)**

**BY Fogarty**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC5286/1}

(Allows Russell J. Cornelia to join Danielle La Torre Cornelia and Mohammed El Ayate in marriage on or about June 30, 2018, within the Town of Burrillville, Rhode Island.)

03/20/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/23/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2018 Committee recommends passage

04/04/2018 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

04/05/2018 Senate read and passed

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04/06/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

04/09/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2764](#)**

**BY Lynch Prata**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC5348/1}

(Allows The Honorable Scott Avedisian to join Christy Lee Angell and Matthew Stephen Moretti in marriage on or about May 4, 2018, within the City of Cranston, Rhode Island.)

03/27/2018 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

03/27/2018 Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

04/03/2018 Senate read and passed

04/04/2018 Referred to House Judiciary

04/09/2018 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Chairman Keable requests that any witnesses providing written testimony provide 23 copies for committee use. Please mark the written testimony with the bill number.**

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