
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2022

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6616](#)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, Batista, Knight, Cortvriend, Cassar, Amore, Craven, Fogarty, Ajello ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3480/1}
(Same as 21H-6482 --Prohibits the sale or transfer of ammunition unless the purchaser successfully undergoes a background check.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7196](#)

BY Place, Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3842/1}
(Amends the definition of firearms to include tasers, as well as define taser and stun gun.)

01/26/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7300](#)

BY Caldwell, Kazarian, Craven, Knight, Slater, Kislak, Potter, Fogarty, Amore, Biah ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4273/1}
(Makes it a violation to store or leave a firearm unsecured and punishable by a fine of \$3,000, if a child is injured or killed as a result of firearm owner leaving firearm unsecured, owner shall be guilty of felony and punished up to five years in jail.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7301](#)

BY C Lima, S Lima, Vella-Wilkinson, Place, Noret ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4358/1}
(Permits any person 18 years of age or older to possess a stun gun and permits those persons with a concealed carry permit can also carry a stun gun. Adds "tasers" to the definition of "firearm."
Creates appeal process for denial of permit to carry.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7302](#)

BY C Lima, S Lima, Vella-Wilkinson, Place, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4359/1}

(Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun and provides for an appeal process for denial of an application for a license or permit.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7358](#)

BY Felix, Caldwell, Alzate, Morales, Potter, McNamara, Kazarian, Casimiro, Cassar, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC4198/1}

(Defines rifle and shotgun as weapons and make it unlawful to possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in public subject to various exceptions inclusive of hunting activity punishable upon conviction by imprisonment up to 5 years or a fine up to \$5,000.)

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7406](#)

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4563/1}

(Increases the number of minimum rounds fired from one hundred (100) to three hundred (300) during the qualification and training of police officers.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7407](#)

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4565/1}

(Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms in both daylight and nighttime conditions two (2) times per year and that correctional officers qualify every year instead of once every two (2) years.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7408](#)

BY Noret, Hull, Baginski, Hawkins, Vella-Wilkinson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4564/1}

(Mandates that police officers qualify in the use of firearms two (2) times per year instead of one time annually.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7456](#)

BY Perez, Vella-Wilkinson, Quattrocchi, Solomon, Roberts, Place, Hull, J Lombardi, McLaughlin ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4309/1}

(Allows those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7457](#)

BY Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar, Felix, McGaw, Donovan, Alzate, Giraldo, Kazarian, Kislak ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4437/1}

(Increases the age from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years for lawful sale of firearms or ammunition. Exempts full-time law enforcement, state marshals and members of the U.S. military from these prohibitions.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7459](#)

BY O'Brien, Craven, Noret, Corvese, Solomon, Costantino, C Lima, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Hawkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON CAMPUS {LC4707/1} (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.")

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7569](#)

BY Cardillo, Phillips, Noret, Chippendale, Shanley, C Lima, Craven, Corvese, Solomon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4864/1}

(Defines suitable person relative to possessing a firearm. An unsuitable person being defined as one that is clear and present danger to themselves or others or anyone that is a member of a criminal street gang as defined under § 12-19-39(a).)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7570](#)

BY Chippendale, Cardillo, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4798/1}

(Permits any person 21 years of age or older to carry a concealed firearm provided that they have qualified in accordance with § 11-47-15 and has completed a hunter safety course.)

02/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7692](#)

BY Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Casey, C Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC4799/1} (Requires that whenever a person is charged with possession of a firearm with alteration of identification marks, the alteration would create a rebuttable presumption that the person is a danger to the safety of the community.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7696](#)

BY Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Casey, C Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING--INJURY OR DEATH-DEFENSE {LC4803/1} (Creates a rebuttable presumption as a matter of law in any civil or criminal proceeding that the owner, tenant, or occupier of any place where a violent crime has occurred from a duty to retreat.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7703](#)

BY Cardillo, C Lima, Bennett, O'Brien, Craven, Perez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC5301/1} (Authorizes a retail storeowner or their agent to use reasonable force to defend the persons and property of the retail establishment. The owner or their agent could use deadly force to respond to a crime of violence.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7705](#)

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY Noret, Hull, Craven, Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon, Cardillo, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4878/1} (Requires correctional officers to qualify annually with the pistol or revolver rather than the previous requirement of biennial qualification.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7762](#)

BY Cardillo, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- DEER HUNTING {LC4912/1} (Permits any person with a concealed carry permit to carry and possess their pistol or revolver while deer hunting, provided that, the pistol or revolver is not used for deer hunting.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7763](#)

BY Place, Chippendale, Cardillo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC4793/1}

(Defines suitable person and establishes reasons for applying for carry permit, establishes what information is required on applications, establishes appeal process if application denied and provides that records are not public.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7764](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Knight, McEntee, Caldwell, Cortvriend, Speakman, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Kislak, McGaw, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5019/1}

(Disqualifies individuals with prior convictions for possession of a firearm without a license from purchasing or possessing a firearm.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7806](#)

BY Cardillo, Chippendale, Perez, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- EDUCATION

-- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4861/1} (Establishes school security committee administer increased school security measures and an active shooter training program to increase school security and permit exemptions for entering school property by anyone with a carry concealed carry permit.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7889](#)

BY Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - WEAPONS {LC4828/1}

(Prohibits the operation of an outdoor gun range within one mile or closer of any kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) schools.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7891](#)

BY Noret, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC5428/1}

(Provides the review and appeal process for individuals applying for a permit or license to carry with the licensing authority or attorney general.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/25/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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IN PERSON TESTIMONY

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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