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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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**H-7891 & H-7989 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

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

**BY Ajello, Diaz, Morales, Batista, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Hull**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4885/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Preservation Society.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/09/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/15/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7657](#)**

**BY Costantino, Rea**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC5056/1} (Permits Smithfield to enact ordinances that would allow the animal control officer to issue citations which could be paid my mail and to prescribe penalties for violations of the town's ordinances regulating dogs.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/15/2024 Scheduled for consideration

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7463](#)**

**BY Tanzi, Felix, Ajello, Cruz, Morales, Cortvriend, Potter, Henries, Speakman, McGaw**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC4653/1} (Provides for code blue and code red alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities must follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with shelter.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7465](#)**

**BY Vella-Wilkinson, Perez, Casimiro, Hull, Lima, Fellela, J. Lombardi, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT {LC4721/1} (Requires hosting platforms offering short-term rental of residential property for tourist or transient use to disclose on listings the current, valid registration number and its expiration date.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7655](#)**

**BY Speakman, Henries, Morales, Felix**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE ACT {LC4501/1} (Grants a right of first offer to qualified nonprofits for the purchase of certain multi-family residential properties at market prices, within a reasonable period of time to promote the creation and preservation of affordable rental housing.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7656](#)**

**BY Speakman, Carson, Morales, Cortvriend, Knight, Tanzi, McGaw, Cotter, Spears, Handy**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES {LC4785/1} (Removes the department of business regulation as the licensing authority for mobile home parks and place the authority with the secretary of housing.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7699](#)**

**BY Speakman, Carson, Cotter, McGaw, Giraldo, Potter**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND ACT {LC4889/1} (Restructures RI Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, increase its membership to 15 members, 11 of whom are to be from the general public and reallocate the percentage of the funds for housing, conservation and other goals.)

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7891](#)**

**BY ~~Sanchez~~**

**~~ENTITLED,~~** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ~~RENT CONTROL IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE~~ {LC3532/1} (~~Authorizes the city of Providence to adopt rent control ordinances subject to certain exemptions.~~)

~~03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing~~

~~03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7893](#)**

**BY Speakman, Giraldo, Cortvriend, Potter, Morales, Dawson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC5221/1} (Establishes building safety code standards for multi-dwelling buildings and requires the development of recommendations for resolving any conflicts between fire safety codes and the building codes.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7987](#)**

**BY Cruz, Stewart, Speakman, Morales, Potter, Ajello, Kislak, Felix, Sanchez**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE -- NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS {LC5394/1} (Requires a housing code enforcement officer to give a copy of any housing code violation notice to all tenants of the building affected by a housing code violation along with any hearing dates scheduled for the violation.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7988](#)**

**BY Cruz, Morales, Potter, Stewart, Ajello, Kislak, Felix**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS BY ELECTRONIC OR REMOTE PROCEDURES {LC5413/1} (Brings greater public scrutiny to the public auction sales of real estate in Rhode Island by requiring public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein shall only be done in person, not by electronic or remote procedures.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**~~House Bill No. [7989](#)~~**

**~~BY Sanchez~~**

**~~ENTITLED,~~** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--TENANT PROTECTION ACT {LC4270/1} (Authorizes cities and towns to establish a housing authority to adopt tenant protection measures, including rent control, annual rent increase ordinances and no-fault evictions, subject to certain exemptions.)

~~03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing~~

~~03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7991](#)**

**BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, Kazarian, Speakman, Hull, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC5423/1} (Limits real estate tax assessments for low- and moderate-income housing units to the last current sales price within a 5 year period.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8028](#)**

**BY Chippendale**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- FOSTER MUNICIPAL COURT {LC3538/1} (Establishes a municipal court within the town of Foster.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8060](#)**

**BY Kennedy, Cotter, Azzinaro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC5501/1} (Permits the town council of the town of Hopkinton to enact ordinances which increase the fines pertaining to the violation of any dog ordinance.)

03/13/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8061](#)**

**BY Alzate, Giraldo, Voas**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES {LC5687/1} (Establishes the composition of the housing authority for the city of Central Falls.)

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