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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 4, 2025

**TIME:** 3:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 212 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Deborah J. Goddard as the Secretary of Housing

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [57](#)**

**BY Rogers, Ciccone, LaMountain, DiPalma, Tikoian, Burke, Pearson, McKenney, de la Cruz, Paolino**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- SIDEWALKS {LC393/1} (Requires that all maintenance of sidewalks along state highways, with the exception of snow and ice removal, be the responsibility of the state.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [199](#)**

**BY Lauria**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON {LC1103/1} (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [201](#)**

**BY Felag, DiPalma**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON {LC1045/1} (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Tiverton Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Tiverton on November 5, 2024.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [273](#)**

**BY Euer**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT {LC245/1} (Allows the commissioners of the water and sewer commission for the town of Jamestown to limit its public water system's obligation to supply water only within designated and described area as opposed to the entire land area of the town.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [351](#)**

**BY DiPalma**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC603/1} (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a tax classification plan for residential real estate which divides the class into non-owner and owner-occupied properties with separate tax rates.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [123](#)**

**BY Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney, Appollonio, Raptakis**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC877/1} (Permits municipalities to enact ordinances that provide them the authority to organize local tax amnesty events once every three (3) years.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [349](#)**

**BY Gu, Bissaillon, Euer, Sosnowski, DiMario, Tikoian, McKenney**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS {LC1390/1} (Allows for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to walking, biking, and hiking trails and access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 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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