SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. 275

BY Bell, Murray, Valverde, Ujifusa, Bissaillon, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Quezada, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT {LC267/1} (Establishes a new article in the state building code that provides that certain new housing construction contain at least one floor that meets the requirements for a Type C "ANSI" Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government 03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 350

BY Ciccone, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Lawson, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC1151/1} (Defines a quorum of the building code standards committee be a majority of the current board members and amends the state building code to require that sections provide that dwelling units from one to four (4) units use the international residential code.) 02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government 03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. <u>506</u>

(by request)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT {LC1527/1} (Eliminates provisions establishing a legislative regulation committee, and would also repeal the provision that codes and standards adopted by the state building code standards committee subject to approval by the legislative regulation committee.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government 03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 714

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS {LC994/1} (Creates the home-fit dwelling units act to apply to all new construction of covered dwelling units to incorporate design features that provide safe and convenient use of to the greatest extent feasible, regardless of age or physical ability.)

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Senate Bill No. 722

BY Thompson, Tikoian, Quezada, McKenney, Ciccone, Appollonio, Murray, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC1637/1} (Prohibits the restriction of access in and out of a construction site by using locked gates or fences while work is ongoing.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government 03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 490

BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC1737/1} (Requires landlords of residential properties built before 1978 to register lead hazard mitigation information with the department of health and the information would be private and only accessible by specific entities.)

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Senate Bill No. 491

BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION {LC1739/1} (Substitutes "housing resources commission" with "department of health" for lead hazard mitigation purposes. It also makes it easier for a property owner to release funds put into an escrow account, if needed to make required repairs or improvements.)

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Senate Bill No. 492

BY Vargas, Bissaillon, Zurier, Acosta, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT {LC1280/1} (Allows municipalities to enact ordinances that would permit municipalities and water suppliers to enter properties to perform lead service line replacements and permit tenants to request and schedule private side lead service line replacements.) 02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government 03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. 493

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION {LC2147/1} (Allows a landlord that did not obtain a lead certificate pursuant to the lead mitigation laws of chapter 128.1 of title 42 due to the fact that the state lacks the adequate resources to conduct inspections.)

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Senate Bill No. 718

BY Appollonio, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Thompson, Patalano, McKenney ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC2226/1} (Limits the mandatory rental registry to properties constructed prior to 1978, and further push out the effective date of registration to September 1, 2025, with the penalty clause becoming effective as of October 1, 2025.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 27, 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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