
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

Presentation by Alex Horowitz, Director of the Housing Policy Initiative at The Pew Charitable Trusts, entitled "State Housing Policy: New Developments & Outcomes"

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [720](#)

BY Ciccone, Bissaillon, Felag, Mack, Quezada, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC1618/1} (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/04/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5694](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Carson, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC1759/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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

03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

03/20/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/21/2025 Placed on House Calendar

03/25/2025 House read and passed

03/27/2025 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/04/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [797](#)

BY Murray, DiMario, Mack, Ciccone, Bissaillon, Kallman, Valverde, Acosta, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- HOMELESS BILL OF RIGHTS

{LC1787/1} (Updates the Homeless Bill of Rights to add rules governing encampments, including the right to clean and sanitary conditions and impose penalties for violations of the rights set forth in this chapter in the amount of \$500 per violation.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [713](#)

BY Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Bell, Murray, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE --

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT {LC475/1} (Provides for warming center and cooling center alerts to trigger certain procedures municipalities shall follow during extreme heat or cold to help at-risk individuals with shelter.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 10, 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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