
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Reappointment of Kimberly R. Ahern to the Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission for a term expiring May 17, 2031.

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [129](#)

BY Kallman, DiMario, Lauria, Acosta, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICE ACT {LC175/1} (Amends the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [209](#)

BY Kallman, DiMario, Lauria, Mack, Valverde, Quezada, Vargas, Appollonio, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR CHANCE IN HOUSING ACT {LC178/1} (Limits the use of certain criminal records and credit history reports in denying housing to prospective applicants, and provides for fines for failure to comply. This act further requires notices of denials to be sent to the prospective tenants.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [212](#)

BY Mack, Kallman, Gu, DiMario, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORDS AND TENANT ACT -- JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS {LC834/1} (Provides for just cause evictions for residential landlord tenancies.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [511](#)

BY Mack, Murray, Kallman, Gu, Bell, Britto, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC1173/1} (Removes the five (5) year waiting period for filing a motion to seal an eviction court file. It also deletes the numerical limitation on filing seal requests.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [512](#)

BY Mack, Euer, Gu, Bell, Acosta, Zurier, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL TENANT'S RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION ACT {LC836/1} (Creates the division of civil representation within the department of housing and require civil representation by a Designated Legal Organization to provide legal representation to all tenants who qualify in eviction proceedings.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [553](#)

BY Gallo, LaMountain, Patalano, Tikoian, Valverde, Gu, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT {LC1685/1} (Tenants with disabilities may request to keep an emotional support animals.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [580](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC2032/1} (Limits rent increases to no more than 4% annually unless the landlord is granted exemption by the secretary of housing. Provides tenants with a civil action to recover damages, including award of attorneys' fees and punitive damages, for any violations.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [738](#)

BY Euer, Urso, Appollonio, Gu, McKenney, Bell, Quezada, DiMario, Mack, Lauria ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC2246/1} (Grants tenants that are the victim of various forms of abuse, including, but not limited to, sexual and domestic abuse and stalking, the right to terminate a lease agreement early without penalty or liability for rent.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [803](#)

BY Burke, Appollonio, Ciccone, Tikoian, Raptakis ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC2415/1} (Adds a provision that allows a tenant to pay the last month's rent or any other prepaid rent. It also increases the amount that a security deposit can be requested from one to two (2) months of rent.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [817](#)

BY Tikoian, LaMountain, McKenney, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Rogers, de la Cruz, Burke, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT {LC2423/1} (Defines squatter as a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not authorized by the property owner, landlord or tenant to occupy the unit and provides remedies for property owner including police assistance to remove a squatter.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [285](#)

BY Quezada, Bell, Bissailon, Ciccone, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CONSUMER CREDIT HISTORY EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES {LC646/1} (Prohibits employers from seeking/using credit reports in making hiring decisions concerning prospective employees, asking questions about the applicant's financial past during interviews or including credit history questions in their job applications.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 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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