
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6111](#)

(Tiverton)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON {LC1052/1} (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.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/04/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/10/2025 Committee recommends passage

04/25/2025 Placed on House Calendar

04/29/2025 House read and passed

05/02/2025 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [626](#)

(CRMC)

BY Gu, Kallman, McKenney, Urso, DiMario, Britto, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC1772/1} (Requires municipalities to maintain and update a list of CRMC designated rights-of-way to tidal areas in their municipality.)

03/06/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [716](#)

BY Gu, Sosnowski, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Mack, Bissaillon, Britto, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC2184/1} (Provides a procedure for parking modifications near shoreline rights of way.)

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [58](#)

BY Gu, DiMario, Murray, Mack, Kallman, Burke, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC199/1} (Permits a tenant, at the tenant's expense, to implement energy conservation measures to any dwelling or dwelling unit such as removable weather-stripping around doors and windows.)

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [200](#)

BY Mack, Bissaillon, Kallman, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BED BUGS IN RESIDENTIAL PREMISES ACT {LC801/1} (Spells out the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant with respect to the inspection and treatment of bed bugs in residential premises.)

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [494](#)

BY Burke, Tikoian, McKenney, Pearson, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES {LC1554/1} (Allows unpaid fines for violations of municipal ordinances to be recorded as alien in the land records, where the violating real property is located. The lien would be added to amount of real estate taxes owed on the property at issue.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [719](#)

BY Bissaillon, Mack, Britto, Acosta, Gu, Murray, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC2077/1} (Increases the notification time about rent increases and termination of tenancy for month-to-month tenants.)

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

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [899](#)

BY Lawson, Euer, Gallo, DiMario, Bissaillon, Felag, Burke, Britto, Tikoian, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- REGULATORY POWERS OF ADMINISTRATION {LC905/1} (Prohibit rate charges in excess of rates applied if tenant of residential complexes with electrical master-meters receives electricity directly from a public utility.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [906](#)

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE {LC2376/1} (Allows for a tenant to withhold payment of rent, and deposit the rent accruing into an escrow bearing account, upon the issuance of a second notice of violation by an enforcing officer for any state or local minimum housing code enforcement agency.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [943](#)

BY Dimitri, Tikoian, Patalano, Vargas, Thompson, Ciccone, Bissailon, Urso, Burke, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- INSURANCE ON MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS -- TENANT RELOCATION INSURANCE {LC2646/1} (Requires certain landlords to obtain insurance to cover alternate living accommodations for displaced tenants due to fire or disaster.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [986](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MAINTENANCE OF PRIVATE EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY {LC2705/1} (Provides that the cost of maintaining and repairing or restoring an easement or right-of-way shall be shared by each owner of a benefited property and their costs shall be determined by and commensurate with the municipal appraisal of each property.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [1011](#)

BY DiPalma, Britto, Ciccone, Burke, McKenney, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 {LC2836/1} (Amends the definition of affordable housing to create separate categories for housing using private or state financing as opposed to financing from the federal government.)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [1063](#)

BY Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS -- CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT {LC2910/1} (Authorizes the city of Central Falls, via home rule charter or city ordinance, to create a school board with all powers and duties thereto, to govern the Central Falls school district.)

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 15, 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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