
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7005](#)

BY Boylan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3126/1} (Authorizes the town of Barrington to provide a tax dollar credit reduction for legally blind persons by ordinance.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7043](#)

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC3381/1} (Liquor licenses in Westerly required to have liability insurance.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7045](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC3159/1} (Authorizes the town of Bristol to apply the owner-occupied tax rate for mixed-used properties where the residential portion is owner-occupied.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7046](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3146/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blithewold, Inc., located at 101 Ferry Road, Bristol, Rhode Island.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. 7047

BY McGaw, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC3550/1} (Authorizes the town council of Little Compton to establish a homestead exemption for residential dwellings.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. 7151

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3859/1} (Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/16/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/20/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/23/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. 7220

(by request - Barrington)

BY Boylan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4063/1} (Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7221

(by request - Barrington)

BY Boylan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4062/1} (Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Barrington.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7223](#)

BY Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS {LC4376/1} (Names the new coveside dog park, located at Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington "The Christine Conrad Lane Memorial Dog Park.")

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7227](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4393/1} (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7228](#)

BY Handy, Fogarty, Boylan

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM {LC3964/1} (Extends the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study and provides recommendations for the creation of a statewide whole-home repairs program from January 5, 2026, to June 30, 2026, and said commission expires on August 30, 2026.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7299](#)

BY Voas, Solomon, Casey, Giraldo, Potter, O'Brien, Slater, DeSimone, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC4084/1} (Permits every municipality in the state to offer a homestead tax exemption of up to 20% of assessed value on residential properties, and also provides that municipalities that grant greater exemptions not be limited by this section.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7300](#)

BY DeSimone, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4415/1} (Provides that exemptions to the prohibition of liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools or places of worship do not eliminate neighboring property owners' remonstrance rights to object to the license.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7301](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION REINSTATING THE LIFE OF AND EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POLICIES THAT DEAL WITH NUMEROUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SHORT-TERM RENTALS ISSUES {LC3205/1}

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