
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE A FOR H-7228 AND H-7043 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR RECONSIDERATION

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

01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

01/30/2026 Scheduled for consideration

02/03/2026 Committee recommends passage

02/06/2026 Scheduled for reconsideration

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

01/27/2026 Meeting postponed

02/06/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Resolution No. [7228 SUB A](#)

{LC3964/A/1}

House Bill No. [7043 SUB A](#)

{LC3381/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7044](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Tanzi, Ajello, Sanchez, Cruz, Potter, Stewart, Alzate, Felix

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

{LC3764/1} (Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards through regulations.)

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

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7225](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

EMERGENCY SHELTERS {LC3771/1} (Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters for homeless persons, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging of fees to the residents.)

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

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7371](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Diaz, Slater, Hull, Messier, Donovan, Fogarty, Ackerman,

McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

{LC4489/1} (Sets the zoning statewide for “family child care homes” to no fewer than twelve (12) children maximum.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7562](#)

BY Dawson, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC5009/1} (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardously accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7563](#)

~~BY Quattroechi, Faseia, Nardone, Santucci, Perez, Place, Chippendale, Cotter, Hopkins~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- THE DEVELOPMENT~~
~~REVIEW EFFICIENCY ACT {LC3617/1} (Provides property owners to hire licensed third-party~~
~~to review development documents and performs building inspections.)~~
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7564](#)

~~BY Spears, Speakman, Carson, McEntee, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Stewart, Cotter, Donovan, Boylan~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING~~
~~UNITS {LC4676/1} (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.)~~
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7567](#)

~~BY Cotter, Chippendale, Speakman, Spears, Santucci, Casimiro, Kazarian, Caldwell, Kislak,~~
~~Read~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL~~
~~TAXES -- TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM {LC4647/1} (Establishes a property tax deferral~~
~~program for senior citizens, disabled persons or veterans.)~~
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7568](#)

~~BY Noret, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Nardone, Place, Speakman, Costantino, Read, Solomon,~~
~~Santucci~~
~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL~~
~~TAXES {LC3888/1} (Allows the waiver of interest on overdue taxes for commercial properties.)~~
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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