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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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**H-7199 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR**

**H-8105 WAS WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR & HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

**H-7129 HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 18, 2026

**TIME:** 4:30 PM

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7634](#)**

(Dept. of BHDDH)

**BY Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- MENTAL HEALTH LAW {LC4955/1} (Provides that advanced practice registered nurses have the same immunity from liability as physicians and surgeons.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7034](#)**

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

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT {LC3763/1} (Prohibits landlords from inquiring about an applicant's prior incarceration and from discriminating against those who have been released from prison.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. [7129](#)**~~

~~**BY Speakman, Ajello, Morales, Felix, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz, Furtado, Giraldo**~~

~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC3776/1} (Amends the residential landlord and tenant act to prohibit the use of algorithmic renting-setting software that relies on nonpublic competitor data to determine rental prices or occupancy levels for residential dwelling units in Rhode Island.)~~

~~01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7130](#)**

**BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC3775/1} (Allows a tenant to pay an increased security deposit in monthly increments over the course of a twelve (12) month period.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7199](#)**

~~**BY Alzate, Craven, Casimiro, Speakman, Fogarty, Giraldo, Hull, Shanley, Felix, Potter**~~  
~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND~~

~~TENANT ACT -- RHODE ISLAND SURVIVOR EARLY LEASE TERMINATION ACT~~

~~{LC3973/1} (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.)~~

~~01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7285](#)**

**BY Nardone, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Place, Santucci**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT {LC3958/1} (Requires effective January 1, 2027, that upon the execution of a lease agreement for a mobile and manufactured homes in a mobile and manufactured home park, a complete copy of the lease be provided to the tenant within 10 days of execution.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7559](#)**

**BY Casey, Lima, J. Brien, Phillips, Chippendale, Corvese, Costantino, Noret, Read**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND

TENANT ACT {LC4684/1} (Requires landlords to register certain information for residential properties constructed prior to 1978 with the department of health on a statewide registry and defines which information may be viewed on a public database.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7560](#)**

**BY Casey, Lima, J. Brien, Chippendale, Phillips, Corvese, Costantino, Noret, Read**

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

HAZARD MITIGATION {LC4696/1} (Substitutes "housing resources commission" with "department of health" for lead hazard mitigation purposes. It also makes it easier for a property owner to release funds put into an escrow account, if needed to make required repairs or improvements.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7655](#)**

**BY Handy, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Batista, Sanchez**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC4908/1} (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.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7758](#)**

**BY Cruz, Stewart, Felix, Morales, Giraldo, Batista, Furtado, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Cotter**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BED BUGS IN RESIDENTIAL PREMISES ACT {LC5267/1} (Spells out the responsibilities of both the landlord and tenant with respect to the inspection and treatment of bed bugs in residential premises.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7762](#)**

(Lieutenant Governor)

**BY Giraldo, Cruz, Alzate, Stewart, Felix, Tanzi, Potter, Kislak, Handy, Sanchez**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- FAIR CHANCE IN HOUSING CREDIT REPORTS ACT {LC4787/1} (Establishes the fair chance in housing credit reports act to provide standards for which a credit report can be used in considering a rental application.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7764](#)**

**BY Potter, Cruz, Voas, Stewart, Alzate, Sanchez**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC4447/1} (Prohibits the use of algorithmic pricing by landlords to determine the amount of rent to charge a residential tenant.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7765](#)**

**BY Stewart, Tanzi, Speakman, Cruz, Alzate, Morales, Kislak, Furtado, Potter, Cotter**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC4803/1} (Increases the notification time about rent increases and termination of tenancy for month-to-month tenants.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7766](#)**

**BY Cruz, Stewart, Felix, Morales, Giraldo, Batista, Furtado, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC5283/1}** (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.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8066](#)**

**BY Baginski, Casey, J. Brien**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM {LC4635/1}** (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8108](#)**

**BY Potter, Cruz, Handy, DeSimone, Alzate, Stewart, Morales, Kislak, Giraldo, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND**

**TENANT ACT {LC5773/1}** (Limits rent increases to 4% annually, but allows an additional increase for taxes, insurance, or health and safety costs if the landlord gets an exemption from the secretary of housing, and provides tenants civil remedies for violations.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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**House Bill No. [8109](#)**

**BY Cruz, Tanzi, Handy, Ajello, Potter, Stewart, Batista, Cotter, Sanchez, Morales**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND**

**TENANT ACT -- JUST CAUSE EVICTIONS {LC5792/1}** (Prohibits a landlord from removing a tenant from any housing accommodation, or attempt such removal or exclusion from possession.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8110](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, Kazarian, Spears, McGaw**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND**

**TENANT ACT {LC5380/1}** (Requires landlords who rent shoreline property to provide their tenants, before the start of the tenancy, with a detailed, written disclosure regarding their shoreline access rights.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8111](#)**

**BY Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC5674/1} (Provides for the sealing of eviction records under certain circumstances.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8112](#)**

**BY Baginski, Casey, J. Brien**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC4634/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8113](#)**

**BY Cruz, Handy, Potter, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Shanley, Cotter, Giraldo, Kislak**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC5286/1} (Provides that landlords would pay interest on security deposits in residential landlord-tenant matters.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8141](#)**

**BY Cruz, Tanzi, Potter, McGaw, Donovan, Handy, Ajello, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Stewart**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL TENANT'S RIGHT TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION ACT {LC5808/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8215](#)**

**BY Serpa, Fellela, Read, Ackerman**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT {LC4751/1} (Tenants with disabilities may request to keep an emotional support animal.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8274](#)**

**BY Ajello, Morales, Tanzi, Kazarian, McGaw**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICE ACT {LC6018/1} (Amends the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act to clarify housing-status enforcement, ban discriminatory housing notices, aligns state law with federal standards and removes a ban on public discussion of fair housing cases.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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