
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

H-7662 HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THIS AGENDA

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for 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

02/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2037](#)

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3418/1} (Authorizes the town of Barrington to provide a tax dollar credit reduction for legally blind persons by ordinance.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/10/2026 Senate read and passed

03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2040](#)

BY Ujifusa, Felag, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC3488/1} (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 Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/10/2026 Senate read and passed

03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2041](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC3740/1} (Authorizes the town council of Little Compton to establish a homestead exemption for residential dwellings.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/10/2026 Senate read and passed

03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2331](#)

BY Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4034/1} (Allows for the issuance of a Class B liquor license for the property located at 150 Broadway in the city of Providence.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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

02/10/2026 Committee recommends passage

02/12/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

02/26/2026 Senate read and passed

02/27/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2422](#)

BY Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4592/1} (Authorizes the town of Jamestown to authorize, by ordinance, the expansion of the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage
03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/10/2026 Senate read and passed
03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2470](#)

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4837/1} (Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage
03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/10/2026 Senate read and passed
03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2472](#)

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4838/1} (Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Barrington.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage
03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar
03/10/2026 Senate read and passed
03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2700](#)

(By Request)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC5409/1} (Authorizes the town of Middletown to adopt by ordinance, a veterans' property tax exemption to any veteran, who was honorably discharged, or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, regardless of dates or periods of service.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government
02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/05/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/06/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/10/2026 Senate read and passed

03/11/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7148](#)

BY Place, Newberry, Nardone, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Hopkins, Chippendale, Fascia ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REHABILITATION BUILDING AND FIRE CODE FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES {LC3624/1} (Expands the Rhode Island rehabilitation and fire code to include existing one, two, and three-bedroom homes, removing their current exclusion and promoting the continued use and reuse of existing residential buildings.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7149](#)

BY Read, Noret, Hull, Fascia, O'Brien, Casey, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC3878/1} (Requires that before any fire fighter or police officer is eligible to receive benefits for illness or injury sustained off duty, they prove they had reasonable grounds to believe that an emergency existed that required immediate need of their assistance.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7443](#)

BY O'Brien, Read, Furtado, Noret, Messier, Azzinaro, Corvese, McNamara, Hull, Biah ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC3865/1} (Authorizes an annual two and one-half percent (2.5%) escalation for all active and retired police and firefighter's retirement pension allowance, compounded each year on January 1 following the year of retirement and continuing yearly, on that date.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7444](#)

BY O'Brien, Read, Furtado, Noret, Messier, Azzinaro, Corvese, McNamara, Hull, Biah ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC3866/1} (Changes the retirement allowance based on accrued benefits.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7566](#)

BY Casey, Serpa, O'Brien, Edwards, Shanley, Messier, Spears, Read, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC3896/1} (Authorizes retired police officers and firefighters to earn income in addition to their earnable compensation; provided that, the amount would not exceed 5 times the rate of earnable compensation currently in force.)

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

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7660](#)

BY McEntee, Spears, Craven, Casimiro, O'Brien, Bennett, Diaz, Edwards, Caldwell, Dawson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC4892/1} (Affords an option for police and firefighters to receive retirement allowances, without reduction, who seek retirement after twenty (20) years of service, upon reaching age fifty-seven (57).)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8009](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Voas, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TEMPORARY EXTENDED SERVICE HOURS {LC5706/1} (Authorizes temporary periods for extended service hours under existing liquor licenses for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament, subject to limitations or opt out by a municipality via council resolution.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8011](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, O'Brien, Read, Azzinaro, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5749/1} (Repeals § 3-7-19 which prohibits retail liquor licenses within two hundred feet (200') of schools and religious institutions.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8012](#)

BY Biah, Hull, Chippendale, Fascia, Baginski, DeSimone, Shallcross Smith, O'Brien, Slater, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- RHODE ISLAND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT {LC5406/1} (Creates the RI Pedestrian Safety Act allows cities and town to use automated safety monitoring which a civil fine of \$50 for violations.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

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House Bill No. [8014](#)

BY Read, Baginski, Noret, Santucci, Cotter, J. Brien, Place, Corvese, Bennett, Casey ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FARMLAND PRESERVATION ACT {LC5115/1} (Prohibits any city, town, quasi-municipal corporation or public corporation from assessing any existing agricultural operation or agricultural land for the extension of any water utilities past the property and from imposing any connection fee.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8143](#)

BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Read, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC5478/1} (Provides for the re-employment of public safety retirees under certain conditions.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8230](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5550/1} (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 819 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8231](#)

BY Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY {LC5987/1} (Authorizes the town of Scituate to issue a total of three (3) Class A liquor licenses.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8295](#)

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS -- TOWN OF EXETER {LC6106/1} (Create an exemption from property taxes in the amount of \$5,000 for any veteran of the military or naval service of the United States who is to be totally disabled through a service-connected disability in the town of Exeter.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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