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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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**H-8435 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION  
PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE A FOR H-7152, AND H-8558 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [7152](#)

**BY Voas, Casey, Azzinaro, Shanley, Giraldo, O'Brien, Read, Solomon, Hull, Place**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**  
{LC4087/1} (Increases the minimum veterans' exemption from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) with respect to municipal taxes.)

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

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

### House Bill No. [7222](#)

**BY Kislak, Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Speakman, Cortvriend, Handy, Bennett, Donovan**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PESTICIDE CONTROL**  
{LC3805/1} (Creates rodent integrated pest management pilot programs for municipalities that choose to participate. Reports to be approved by the municipality's mayor or administrator and submitted to the department of environmental management.)

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

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/30/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

### House Bill No. [7224](#)

**BY Edwards, Bennett, Kislak, Corvese, Carson, Fogarty, Casimiro**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AWARD OF MUNICIPAL**  
**CONTRACTS** {LC4107/1} (Increases the maximum municipal small purchase limits from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for construction projects and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for all other municipal purchases.)

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

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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02/03/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7298](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC4125/1} (Allows the town of Tiverton to apply different tax rates to all classes of property.)

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

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/03/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7778](#)**

**BY Noret, Morales, Azzinaro, Read, Fascia, Shallcross Smith, Biah, Messier, Serpa, Fellela**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING {LC4937/1} (Amends the current law on low-income housing to include moderate-income housing and eliminates the income percentages used to determine qualifications for low or moderate income housing.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [8525](#)**

**BY Noret, Read**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC6407/1} (Authorizes the town of Coventry to apportion the tax levy proportionately between residential and commercial properties.)

05/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/21/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [8546](#)**

**BY Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT REGARDING MOTIONS AT THE TOWN OF SCITUATE ANNUAL

FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING {LC6458/1} (Amends a public law regarding the fixing of time for the election of officers at the town of Scituate's annual financial town meeting.)

05/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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05/21/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [8558](#)**

**BY McNamara, Solomon, Bennett, Hopkins, Shanley**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS -- CITY OF WARWICK {LC6472/1}** (Grants the city of Warwick the authority to sell the property located at 34 Warwick Lake Avenue, without regard for statutory limitations pursuant to § 45-2-6, to clear the title to said property.)

05/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/21/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2749](#)**

**BY Bell**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5439/1}** (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 819 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/08/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/09/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

04/14/2026 Senate read and passed

04/15/2026 Referred to House Education

05/07/2026 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2994](#)**

**BY Valverde**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC5552/1}** (Allows for the issuance of a Class B or Class B-H liquor license for the property located at 349 Main Street in the town of South Kingstown.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/08/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/09/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

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04/14/2026 Senate read and passed

04/15/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3186](#)**

**BY Euer**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO FUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC6261/1} (Proposes a bond measure to authorize the Town of Jamestown to issue up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in general obligation bonds, subject to voter approval, to support affordable housing projects in Jamestown.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/30/2026 Committee recommends passage

05/01/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

05/07/2026 Senate read and passed

05/08/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3203](#)**

**BY Famiglietti, Tikoian, Paolino**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC6252/1} (Allows for the issuance of a Class BV license for the property located at 1706 Mineral Spring Avenue in the town of North Providence.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/15/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/16/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar

04/28/2026 Senate read and passed

04/29/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3241](#)**

**BY DiMario**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT TO FINANCE THE EQUIPPING, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND RENOVATION OF FIRE STATIONS IN THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT AND TO ISSUE NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR {LC6415/1} (Authorizes the town of Narragansett to issue up to \$3,000,000 in bonds and notes to finance the equipping, expansion, improvement and renovation of fire stations in the town.)

05/01/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
05/07/2026 Committee recommends passage  
05/08/2026 Placed on Senate Calendar  
05/12/2026 Senate read and passed  
05/13/2026 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [8435](#)**

**BY Azzinaro, Kennedy**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC6308/1} (Allows for the issuance of a Class B license for the property located at 102 Granite Street, in the town of Westerly.)

04/10/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/29/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [7152 SUB A](#)**

{LC4087/A/1}

**House Bill No. [8558 SUB A](#)**

{LC6472/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [8468](#)**

**BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Read, Noret, Serpa**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998 {LC6314/1} (Allows the town of Coventry to receive a one-half (1/2) credit for affordable housing units for manufactured homes in age restricted communities in conformance with all zoning laws and/or ordinances of the town.)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8469](#)**

**BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Read, Noret, Serpa**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- COVENTRY'S NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ACT {LC6316/1} (Sets timelines for Coventry's new construction, including one year for final approval, two (2) years for building permits, and temporary inclusion of units in the town's count until completion or three (3) years, whichever comes first.)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8470](#)**

**BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Read**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC6312/1} (Requires the Rhode Island housing authority to verify and document the count of affordable housing stock in the town of Coventry two (2) times per year.)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8471](#)**

**BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Read, Noret, Serpa**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--PARKING SPACES {LC6313/1} (Permits Coventry to require two parking space for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing units upon the determination that limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability near these units.)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8472](#)**

**BY Nardone, Roberts, Chippendale, Noret, Serpa, Read**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT--COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS PROHIBITED IN WATERSHED OVERLAY PROTECTION {LC6315/1} (Prohibits applications for a comprehensive permit under the Rhode Island comprehensive planning and land use regulation act in any watershed overlay protection district located in the town of Coventry.)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8580](#)**

(Tiverton)

**BY Edwards, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Bennett, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH TIVERTON FIRE DISTRICT {LC6504/1} (Amends the act which incorporated the North Tiverton fire district and reduces the number of tax assessors, subsequent to any voluntary resignations, from six (6) to four (4) after the annual 2026 meeting.)

05/22/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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