
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-5797, H-5798, AND H-5799 HAVE BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5081](#)

BY Boylan, Donovan, Fellela, Serpa, Azzinaro, Giraldo, Casimiro, Abney, Ackerman, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS -- VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS {LC67/1} (Waives the fees for vehicle identification number inspections for veterans, including active duty military personnel and members of the National Guard and military reserves.)

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

02/04/2025 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5306](#)

(City of Providence)

BY DeSimone, Biah, Diaz, Slater, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION {LC967/1} (Repeals legislation establishing the Capital Center Commission, which is a special development district commission for downtown Providence.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5307](#)

(City of Providence)

BY DeSimone, Biah, Azzinaro, Ajello, Diaz, Slater, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC972/1} (Authorizes the Providence city council to set the veterans tax exemption limit to an amount determined by the city council via ordinance or resolution.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5686](#)

(CRMC)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Corvese, Diaz, Bennett, McGaw, Speakman, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC1771/1} (Requires municipalities to maintain and update a list of CRMC designated rights-of-way to tidal areas in their municipality.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing



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02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5694](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman, Carson, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC1759/1} (Allows the town of Middletown to adopt a tax classification plan for residential real estate which divides the class into non-owner and owner-occupied properties with separate tax rates.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5796](#)

BY Knight, Tanzi, Casey, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC2156/1} (Adds an additional purpose to the standard provisions list that a zoning ordinance is required to address.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5797](#)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Phillips, DeSimone, Fogarty, Shallcross Smith, Spears, O'Brien, Morales, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC2157/1} (Adds a definition for "co-living housing" to the zoning ordinance provisions of the general laws and would include such housing as a special provision to be included in a zoning ordinance.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5798](#)

BY Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC2158/1} (Adds the process of permitting the construction of attached single-family dwellings in identified zoning districts as a factor that zoning ordinances must address.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing
03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



House Bill No. [5799](#)

BY Cruz, Shekarchi, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Cotter, Solomon, Slater, Casimiro, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC2159/1} (Provides that minor subdivisions would include oversized lot subdivisions under certain circumstances and relative to zoning ordinances, permit a modification to allow "neighborhood character-based modifications" under certain circumstances.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing



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03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5800](#)

BY Craven, Speakman, Spears, Noret, Bennett, McEntee, Solomon, Casimiro, Casey, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC2160/1} (Adds "providing for residential development in all or some of the areas encompassing commercial districts" as a purpose a zoning ordinance must address.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/11/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/14/2025 Scheduled for consideration



PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [5797 SUB A](#)

{LC2157/A/1}



House Bill No. [5798 SUB A](#)

{LC2158/A/1}



House Bill No. [5799 SUB A](#)

{LC2159/A/1}



SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5229](#)

BY Speakman, Boylan, Giraldo, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Ajello, Potter, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION -- HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

{LC300/1} (Authorizes the establishment of a RI housing champion designation program. This program would make qualified municipalities eligible to receive preferential access to state resources, including discretionary state infrastructure funds, as available.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5267](#)

BY Cruz, Diaz, Kislak, Ajello, Morales, Sanchez, Potter, J. Brien, Giraldo, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE -- NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS

{LC524/1} (Requires a housing code enforcement officer to give a copy of any housing code violation notice to all tenants of the building affected by a housing code violation along with any hearing dates scheduled for the violation.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5373](#)

BY Speakman, Shekarchi, Diaz, Slater, Casey, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC1263/1} (Defines a quorum of the building code standards committee be a majority of the current board members and amends the state building code to require that sections provide that dwelling units from one to four (4) units use the international residential code.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5450](#)

BY Handy, Cortvriend, Kislak, Stewart, McGaw, Speakman, Boylan, Fogarty, Carson Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ALL-ELECTRIC BUILDING ACT {LC1198/1} (Provides that no city or town may issue a permit for the construction of new buildings, that are not an all-electric building, if the initial application for a permit was submitted after December 31, 2026, unless certain circumstances apply.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5509](#)

BY Knight, Cortvriend, Caldwell, Speakman, Spears, Cotter, Donovan, McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC1307/1} (Requires the state building commissioner to implement electronic permitting for any category of state or local permit authorized under state law to significantly impact the expediency of construction and development.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5698](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Hull, Cortvriend, Diaz, Bennett, Speakman, Caldwell, Alzate, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC1874/1} (Establishes the assessed value of owner-occupied low- and moderate-income housing as the most recent sales price of the property.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5793](#)

BY Corvese, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC2153/1} (Amends the provisions under which a city or town may exceed the maximum levy for the assessment of local taxes.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/13/2025 Committee transferred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5801](#)

BY Speakman, Tanzi, Alzate, Kislak, Spears, Dawson, Furtado, Casey, Boylan, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING {LC2161/1} (Amends several definitions relating to low- or moderate-income housing as well as the procedure for the approval of low- or moderate-income housing.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5802](#)

BY Noret, Slater, Tanzi, Casey, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart, Finkelman, Hull
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC2162/1} (Provides
amendments relative to the state developing state-owned vacant land for housing and the
process therefor.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5803](#)

**BY Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart,
Finkelman, Hull**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE
BUILDING CODE {LC2163/1} (Provides for the establishment and operation of an
electronic permitting platform for all state and local permitting.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5804](#)

**BY Shekarchi, Casey, Tanzi, Blazejewski, Speakman, Cotter, Dawson, Stewart,
Finkelman, Hull**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEATH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING
CODE {LC2164/1} (Amends the corporation of the building code standards committee
and would make several technical amendments relative to the building code office and
would establish an state building code office within the office of state fire marshal.)

02/27/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5955](#)

BY Speakman, Giraldo, Voas, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM {LC2033/1} (Creates the
department of housing land bank program to allow for the deposit of title to real estate
assets for the purpose of developing residential housing.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [5958](#)

BY Speakman, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING
ORDINANCES {LC1474/1} (Municipalities required to amend zoning ordinances, to
include special listed provisions, to authorize development incentives to increase
development density or dimensional flexibility, identify provisions to promote and
regulate commercial developments.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Resolution No. [5970](#)

BY Handy, Stewart, Casimiro, Speakman, Potter, Fogarty, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE
COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
CREATION OF A STATEWIDE WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS PROGRAM {LC1920/1}
(Creates 12-member commission to study and provide recommendations for the creation
of a statewide whole-home repairs program, and who would report back to the General
Assembly by January 5, 2026, and would expire on March 5, 2026.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Resolution No. [6027](#)

BY Giraldo, Stewart, Voas

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES, AND REQUIRING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENTIRE AREA OF LAND USE, PRESERVATION, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT, AND REGULATION {LC2343/1} (Extends the reporting and expiration dates, and requires letter of continued interest, to the commission studying land use, preservation, development, housing, environment, and regulation, from June 8, 2025, to June 8, 2026, and expires on June 30, 2026.)

03/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



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