
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7373](#)

BY Felix, Stewart, Shallcross Smith, Messier, Cruz, Tanzi, Furtado, Kazarian, Spears, Potter
ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4487/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center located in the city of Pawtucket.)

01/28/2026 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

02/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration



SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR 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



House Bill No. [7448](#)

BY Perez, Fellela, Fascia, Corvese, Cruz, Serpa, Azzinaro, Hull, Bennett, Sanchez
ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC3935/1} (Places a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2026, and every December 31 thereafter.)

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

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



House Bill No. [7563](#)

BY Quattrocchi, Fascia, 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

02/10/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

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



House Bill No. [7661](#)

BY McGaw, Cortvriend

ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC5089/1} (Enables the town of Portsmouth to adopt, repeal, or modify their tax classification plan for any tax year on and after December 31, 2026.)

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

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



House Bill No. [7662](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman

ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4881/1} (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.)

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

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



House Bill No. [7663](#)

BY Roberts, Hopkins, Santucci, Nardone, Chippendale, Newberry

ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC3861/1} (Provides a totally and permanently disabled veteran with a one hundred percent (100%) exemption from local taxation on real or personal property including real property located in any fire or lighting district.)

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

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



House Bill No. [7775](#)

BY Slater

ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4859/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of MAP Behavioral Health Services, Inc. and MAP Development Corporation, located in the city of Providence.)

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

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



House Bill No. [7776](#)

BY Cortvriend, McNamara, Kazarian, Spears

ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- ACQUISITION OF LAND {LC3967/1} (Provides that cities or towns may, by ordinance, designate "special ways" throughout the city or town which would be subject to alternative regulations to preserve its cultural, historic or scenic character.)

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

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



House Bill No. [7800](#)

BY Cortvriend, Carson, Handy, Boylan, McGaw, Kazarian

ENTITLED,

AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK {LC3143/1} (Allows local government recipients of grant funds from the Rhode Island infrastructure bank's OSCAR fund and resilient Rhode Island infrastructure fund to use monies for insurability planning.)

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