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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7220](#)**

(by request - Barrington)

**BY Boylan, Knight**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4063/1} (Permits the town of Barrington to assess an annual dog licensing fee of seven dollars (\$7.00).)

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

03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration



**House Bill No. [7221](#)**

(by request - Barrington)

**BY Boylan, Knight**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC4062/1} (Increases the fines for dog ordinance violations in the town of Barrington.)

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

03/13/2026 Scheduled for 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

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

03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration



**Senate Bill No. [2328](#)**

**BY Lauria**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS {LC4377/1} (Names the new coveside dog park, located at Haines Memorial State Park in Barrington "The Christine Conrad Lane Memorial Dog Park.")

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

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



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**\* Senate Bill No. 2328 Continued from Previous Page**

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  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7083](#)**

**BY Lima, Potter, Cruz, Slater, Diaz, Sanchez, Handy, Bennett, McNamara  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC3945/1} (Authorizes the city of Cranston to establish a housing division within its municipal court.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 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  
02/25/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7564](#)**

**BY Spears, Speakman, Carson, McEntee, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Stewart, Cotter,  
Donovan, Boylan  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS {LC4676/1} (Creates the home-fit dwelling units act to apply to all new construction of covered dwelling units to incorporate design features that provide safe and convenient use of to the greatest extent feasible, regardless of age or physical ability.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
02/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
02/08/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7658](#)**

**BY Cruz, Stewart, Furtado, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Sanchez, Handy, Morales, Giraldo,  
Tanzi  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND OCCUPANCY CODE -- NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS {LC3742/1} (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.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7774](#)**

**BY Speakman, Cortvriend, Casey, Shekarchi, Giraldo, Alzate, Spears, Boylan, Kazarian, Donovan**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC5049/1} (Amends the state building code and would require that the state adopt the 2024 International Residential Code and prohibit the state building committee from adopting amendments for one to four residential dwelling units until 2030.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7777](#)**

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

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS--WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT {LC3173/1} (Expands the jurisdiction of the city of Warwick municipal court.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [8019](#)**

**BY McNamara**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC5835/1} (Increases the additional permit fee cap on residential construction that supports electronic permitting and residential construction workforce training from one hundred dollars (\$100) to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [8020](#)**

**BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC5761/1} (Allows for building inspectors to conduct “virtual inspections” or utilize photographic evidence, at the building official’s discretion, from time to time during and upon completion of the work for which the building official has issued a permit.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [8021](#)**

**BY Stewart, Tanzi, Handy, Cruz, Morales, Potter, Speakman, Spears**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT {LC4864/1} (Addresses any single-family construction, townhouse construction, and multi-family construction complying with the Standards for Visitable Units of the ANSI Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [8025](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC5670/1} (Allows the town of Tiverton to authorize, by ordinance, a real estate tax credit for seniors over the age of sixty-five (65) years.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [8026](#)**

**BY Edwards**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC5732/1} (Repeals the Tiverton tax credit for totally disabled veterans and includes a veteran's unmarried widow or widower for a tax credit in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200) or greater.)

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

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



**House Bill No. [8027](#)**

**BY Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Handy, Morales, Potter, Speakman, Batista**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS {LC5790/1} (Requires a municipality to disclose on their official website the specific issues, details and costs of any legal action of which the town or city is a named defendant within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.)

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

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



**House Bill No. [8038](#)**

**BY Furtado, Dawson, Boylan**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ORDINANCES {LC5395/1} (Authorizes East Providence to issue licenses to any business seeking to engage in the business of operating a hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse, or catering and that business first obtains approval from chief of police, building inspector and the mayor.)

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

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



**House Bill No. [8040](#)**

**BY Speakman, Edwards, Giraldo, Cruz**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5798/1} (Prohibits any city or town from enacting any zoning ordinance that would place restrictions on residential recovery houses that are not applicable to other residential homes.)

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

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



**House Bill No. [8232](#)**

**BY Chippendale, Santucci, Place**

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMBRACING THE TOWNS OF FOSTER AND GLOCESTER {LC5988/1} (Changes the date of the regional school district financial meeting for the Foster-Glocester regional school district to March 24, 2026.)

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

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



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### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION**

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