
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

**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
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



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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
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



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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
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

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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