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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7755](#)**

**BY McGaw**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC5404/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Little Compton Game Club.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/29/2024 Scheduled for consideration

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7240](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Baginski, Voas, Slater, Bennett, Giraldo, Diaz, Noret, Phillips, Corvese**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC3931/1} (Authorizes an annual two and one-half percent (2.5%) escalation for all active and retired police and firefighter's retirement pension allowance, compounded each year on January 1 following the year of retirement and continuing yearly, on that date.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7241](#)**

**BY Edwards, Kennedy, Cortvriend, Messier, Fellela, Solomon, Finkelman, Ackerman, Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC4080/1} (Amends definition for final compensation, relative to police officers and firefighters, provides them life annuity regardless of age or years of service, upon retirement and further provides additional benefits upon retirement.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7461](#)**

**BY Craven, Noret, Dawson, O'Brien, J. Lombardi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC4640/1} (Allows the presumption of in-the-line-of-duty illness unless contrary evidence is presented.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7464](#)**

**BY Baginski, Edwards, Hull, Shanley, Casimiro, Fellela, DeSimone, Lima, McEntee, Spears**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC4626/1} (Extends injured-on-duty (IOD) benefits to police officers and firefighters that suffer from diagnosed post-traumatic stress disorders, except under certain conditions.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

**BY Dawson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD LIMITS -- WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON ROUTE 114 A EAST PROVIDENCE {LC5042/1} (Prohibits commercial motor trucks, with a gross weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds (26,001 lbs.) or more, from traveling on Route 114 A, East Providence between Pawtucket Avenue and the Massachusetts state line.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7839](#)**

**BY Casey, Casimiro, Craven, Corvese**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC5190/1} (Authorizes retired police officers and firefighters to earn income in addition to their earnable compensation; provided that, the amount would not exceed 5 times the rate of earnable compensation currently in force.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7892](#)**

**BY Carson, Craven, Casimiro**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- HARBORS AND HARBOR LINES {LC4473/1} (Permits towns and cities to regulate all houseboats within their jurisdiction.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

(by request)

**BY Carson, Abney**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS**

{LC5270/1} (Increases passenger landing and boarding fees for passenger cruise vessels landing at a dock in Newport from three dollars (\$3.00) to ten dollars (\$10.00).)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8077](#)**

**BY Solomon**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MANAGEMENT**

AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY {LC5675/1} (Prohibits any state-chartered fire district from liquidating or disposing of any real or tangible property without first offering the property to the municipality in which the fire district is located.)

03/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8085](#)**

**BY Kazarian, Craven**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION**

{LC5736/1} (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island (Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island), a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation, located in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.)

03/20/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8086](#)**

(by request)

**BY Carson, Abney**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWPORT TO ISSUE NOT TO**

EXCEED \$98,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT AND

IMPROVEMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IN THE CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LAND ACQUISITION,

DEMOLITION, LANDFILL REMEDIATION, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS,

BRIDGES, SEWERS, DRAINAGE, CITY BUILDINGS, AND RECREATION, BEACH AND

HARBOR FACILITIES {LC5772/1} (Authorizes Newport to issue not more than \$98,500,000

general obligation bonds and notes to finance all costs relating to the design, construction, repair, rehabilitation, replacement and improvement of infrastructure and municipal facilities)

03/20/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8106](#)**

**BY Corvese, O'Brien, Hull**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO THE NORTH PROVIDENCE CHARTER -- THE SALVATORE MANCINI CENTER ON AGING {LC5743/1} (Amends the charter of the Town of North Providence to create a new department entitled the "Salvatore Mancini Center on Aging.")

03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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