
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT & HOUSING

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 27, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR 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

03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5230](#)

BY McEntee, Craven, Noret, Hull, Read, Edwards, Dawson, O'Brien, Finkelman, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC915/1} (Affords an option for police and firefighters to receive retirement allowances, without reduction, who seek retirement after twenty (20) years of service upon reaching age fifty-seven (57).)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5271](#)

BY Casey, Noret, Craven, O'Brien, Dawson, Read, Corvese, Solomon, Casimiro, Lima
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC812/1} (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.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5372](#)

BY Craven, O'Brien, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC1305/1} (Includes police officers to fire fighters who are unable to perform duties as a result of heart disease, stroke or hypertension to be presumed to have suffered an in-the-line-of-duty disability, unless contrary evidence is presented.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5471](#)

BY Craven, Corvese, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC1395/1} (Provides an option for members to receive retirement allowances, without reduction, after twenty (20) years of service upon reaching age fifty-seven (57).)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5700](#)

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE FORCE AND FIREFIGHTERS {LC1607/1} (Changes the retirement allowance based on accrued benefits.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5701](#)

BY Edwards, Casey, Diaz, Kennedy, Casimiro, Bennett, Ackerman, McEntee, Fogarty, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS {LC1606/1} (Makes the provisions of §§ 45-19.1-3 and 45-19.1-4, benefits for firefighters with cancer, effective regardless of any general, special or specific law, or any charter and/or municipal ordinance to the contrary.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5702](#)

BY Chippendale, Finkelman, Fascia, Newberry, Lima, Noret, Nardone, Edwards, Paplauskas, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC1877/1} (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5947](#)

(Auditor General)

BY Felix, Tanzi, McNamara, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND INSTALLATION OF SYSTEMS {LC2053/1} (Amends the audit compliance requirements for municipalities' contributions to pension plans under the budget of accounts and installation of systems chapter.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5950](#)

(by request)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC2047/1} (Establishes a reimbursement system for a municipalities cost of training public safety personnel when they are hired by a different municipality or public safety agency within Rhode Island within 3 years of receiving the public safety training.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5951](#)

(by request)

BY Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED SAFETY ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2025 {LC2049/1} (Enables cities and towns to expand the use of automated speed enforcement systems in Rhode Island to designated safety zones, excluding school zones.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5960](#)

BY Cortvriend, Tanzi, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- ABANDONMENT BY TOWNS {LC925/1} (Allows for a qualified abandonment of public town roads which grants a public easement over said road allowing it to be converted to walking, biking, and hiking trails and access to parks, nature preserves and other recreational facilities.)

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

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

03/09/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5962](#)

BY Santucci, Fascia, Nardone, Solomon, Place, Chippendale, Newberry, Quattrocchi, Paplauskas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES {LC1621/1} (Requires a municipality or quasi-public agency to file a report with the department of municipal finance if it has not made its payment to its other post-employment benefits trust fund or if it is less than thirty-five percent (35%) funded.)

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

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6111](#)

BY Edwards, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON {LC1052/1} (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Tiverton Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Tiverton on November 5, 2024.)

03/19/2025 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [44](#)

BY Sosnowski, Gu, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC162/1} (Grants the town council of the town of South Kingstown the authority to enact a homestead exemption ordinance.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

03/11/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/12/2025 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/20/2025 Senate read and passed

03/21/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [199](#)

BY Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON {LC1103/1} (Validates and ratifies the amendments to the Barrington Home Rule Charter which were approved by the electors of the town of Barrington on November 5, 2024.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

03/04/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/05/2025 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/11/2025 Senate read and passed

03/12/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [351](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES {LC603/1} (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.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

03/04/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/05/2025 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/11/2025 Senate read and passed

03/12/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [443](#)

BY Sosnowski, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE KINGSTON WATER DISTRICT -- BONDS {LC2021/1} (Increases the maximum amount of the Kingston water district bonding authority from four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000).)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

03/04/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/05/2025 Placed on Senate Calendar

03/13/2025 Senate read and passed

03/14/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government & Housing

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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