
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

S-2473 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 9, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212 - State House

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

03/17/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/20/2026 Placed on House Calendar

03/24/2026 House read and passed

03/27/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 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

03/17/2026 Committee recommends passage

03/20/2026 Placed on House Calendar

03/24/2026 House read and passed

03/27/2026 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2574](#)

BY de la Cruz, Burke, Patalano, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC5017/1} (Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain landscaping equipment based on its power source.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3029](#)

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC5253/1} (Prohibits municipalities from restricting certain landscaping equipment based on its power source. It also prohibits any changes in the regulation of the use of power equipment in the municipality, without a positive referendum vote.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2912](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC5851/1} (Amends the definition of abandoned property by imposing the requirement that the building owner be notified of the violation and has failed to address such violations in the timeframes set forth in the notice of violation or court order.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2800](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- ABANDONED PROPERTY {LC4500/1} (Provides that energy storage systems located on abandoned or contaminated property be permitted by right as a permitted use and not considered to have negative environmental impacts.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2124](#)

BY Zurier, McKenney, Gu, Acosta, Bissaillon, Lauria, DiMario, Kallman, Vargas, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT ACT {LC3682/1} (Requires that an independent efficiency and performance audit of the department of transportation be commissioned by the department of administration.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2705](#)

BY Gu, Burke, Mack, DiMario, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES

{LC5506/1} (Requires that affordable housing would be provided for with some developments.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2690](#)

BY Gu, Bissaillon, Murray, Burke, Mack, DiMario, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE

INCOME HOUSING {LC5725/1} (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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2903](#)

BY Gu, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, McKenney, Euer, Thompson, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RESIDENTIAL AND

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAM ACT {LC5574/1} (Establishes the

Residential and Commercial Property Acquisition Program Act to implement residential or

commercial property acquisitions, paired with funding for relocation costs within or proximate to the current community.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2904](#)

BY Gu, Lauria, Euer, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES {LC5035/1} (Advances the interests of older Rhode Islanders by

adding a representative of an aging adult organization to the state planning council and a permanent committee on aging to the state planning council.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2908](#)

BY Thompson, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND

{LC5751/1} (Reduces the newspaper advertising notice requirements for amendments to zoning

ordinances and planning board meetings from three (3) weeks to two (2) weeks.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3092](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC5390/1} (Allows municipalities to request a one-time, state-approved extension to update comprehensive plans if they show active progress, while keeping the existing plan in effect during the extension period.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2584](#)

BY Bissailon, Burke, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HOME-FIT DWELLING UNITS {LC4636/1} (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.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2694](#)

BY Felag, Raptakis, Burke, Tikoian, Appollonio, Euer, Britto, Bissailon, Ciccone, E Morgan, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE--DISABLED VETERAN HOME MODIFICATION ACT {LC4845/1} (Prohibits the imposition of fees associated with home modifications that are specifically required to accommodate a veteran's disability.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2473](#)

~~**BY Bell, Vargas, Euer, McKenney, DiMario, Valverde, Maek, Murray, Kallman, Gu**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE -- RHODE ISLAND INCLUSIVE HOME DESIGN ACT {LC4799/1} (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.)~~

~~02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government~~

~~04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [3032](#)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE {LC6059/1} (Establishes a moratorium on changes to the state energy conservation code from the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code until January 1, 2031, unless approved by the legislature and made effective by the governor.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2905](#)

BY Euer, Mack, DiMario, Valverde, Acosta, Gu, Kallman, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DECARBONIZATION DEMONSTRATION INITIATIVE ACT OF 2026 {LC5475/1} (Creates
the multi-unit residential decarbonization initiative program to provide funding for feasibility
studies to convert large, multi-family residential units to non-emitting renewable geothermal
energy.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3187](#)

BY DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION
OF RENTAL OF MOTORIZED BICYCLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS AND MOTORIZED
TRICYCLES IN NEW SHOREHAM {LC6273/1} (Permits the town council of the town of New
Shoreham to enact an ordinance that limits a license holder from renting or leasing more than
thirty-four (34) motorized bicycles, motor scooters and/or motorized tricycles.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 9, 2026, in order for it
to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting
records.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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information that you do not want available to the public. Once written testimony is posted to the
General Assembly website, submitted documents may be viewable via internet search engines.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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