



# Legislative Tracking 2018

Bill Number	Date Introduced	Sponsor(s)	Companion Bill	Sponsor(s)	Title	Intent	Committee	Activity	RIAR Testimony and Notes	RIAR Ranking	RIAR Bill
<a href="#">S 2001</a>	1/2/2018	Senators Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley	<a href="#">H 7290</a>	Representatives Messier, Coughlin, Johnston, Tobon, Barros	JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO FINANCING LEASE AND PAYMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BALLPARK IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET	Authorization for the State of Rhode Island to enter into financing, lease and payment agreements related to the construction of a new ballpark to house the Pawtucket Red Sox in the City of Pawtucket. (See bill for financing details and costs)	Senate Finance	01/16/2018 Senate read and passed 01/17/2018 Referred to House Finance		3a	
<a href="#">S 2002</a>	1/2/2018	Senators Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley	<a href="#">H 7291</a>	Representatives Messier, Coughlin, Johnston, Tobon, Barros	ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND PROJECTS	Permits redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/16/2018 Senate read and passed 01/17/2018 Referred to House Finance	RIAR staff expressed opposition in 2017 bill related to eminent domain. Revision have been made in 2018 bill to address concerns.	3a	
<a href="#">H 7013</a>	1/3/2018	Representatives Lombardi, Coughlin, Williams and Hull			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - EMERGENCY SHELTERS	Establishes rules and procedures for licensing emergency shelters, including setting minimum standards and prohibiting the charging fees to the residents. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	01/03/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance		3a	

<a href="#">H 7051</a>	1/3/2018	Representatives Nunes, Serpa, Morgan, Nardolillo, and Roberts	<a href="#">S 2020</a>	1/12/2018	AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 330 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997 AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 140 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2006, PERTAINING TO SEWERS IN THE TOWN OF COVENTRY	Provides that in the town of Coventry, an abutting owner or occupant of land upon any street in which there is a sewer would not be required to connect to the town sewage works, except in certain circumstances involving a sale or transfer of the property, or when the town council orders the sewer connection be made, in the interest of public health. The act would also provide that a sewer assessment would not begin to be assessed or accrue or be levied against real property prior to the time of actual connection to the town sewage works. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Municipal Government	<a href="#">01/25/2018 Committee recommended measure be held for further study; David Salvatore testified in support and submitted written testimony.</a>	KWAOR submitted written letter to Coventry Town Administrator regarding the plan to install sewers and assess homeowner fee.	2	
<a href="#">H 7072</a>	1/10/2018	Representatives Solomon, Phillips, Cunha, Lima, Nardolillo			AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS	Prohibits any development of land contiguous to the State House unless approved by the general assembly. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Judiciary	<a href="#">01/24/2018 Committee recommended measure be held for further study</a>		3a	
<a href="#">H 7076</a>	1/10/2018	Representatives Kennedy, Abney, Shekarchi, Serpa, and Marshall	<a href="#">S 2008</a>	Senators DiPalma, Pearson, Calkin, Goldin, Miller	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS - NET NEUTRALITY	Require Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Corporations	<a href="#">01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Corporations</a>		2	
<a href="#">H 7080</a>	1/10/2018	Representatives Ruggiero, Casimiro, Phillips, Kazarian, Amore	<a href="#">S 2093</a>	Senators Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Calkin, and Felag	AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ELECTRONIC RECORDING	Authorizes a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents. This act would take effect on January 1, 2019.	House Corporations	<a href="#">H 7080: 01/24/2018 Committee recommended measure be held for further study; David Salvatore testified in support and submitted written testimony</a>	RIAR taking lead on this bill.	1	Yes
<a href="#">H 7093</a>	1/10/2018	Representatives Lombardi and Hull			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES -- HOMELESS SHELTERS	This act would create a commission to establish homeless shelter standards. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/10/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance</a>		2	

<a href="#">H 7102</a>	1/11/2018	Representatives Edwards, Mendonca, Maldonado, Serpa, Marshall			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM	Creates a municipal infrastructure grant program within the department of administration (DOA) to issue grants and provide assistance for municipal and other public infrastructure projects that support job creation and expansion, housing development and rehabilitation, community development, and for the accommodation of future growth and redevelopment. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/11/2018</a> Introduced, referred to House Finance		2	
<a href="#">H 7103</a>	1/11/2018	Representatives Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Azzinaro, Casey			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION -- VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS	Extends the veterans' partial exemption from real estate taxes to those who were one hundred percent (100%) disabled owing to an injury or injuries sustained in training for combat duty at any time. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/11/2018</a> Introduced, referred to House Finance		2	
<a href="#">H 7108</a>	1/11/2018	Representatives Lancia, Chippendale, Nardolillo, Mendonca, Perez			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - SALES AND USE TAXES - LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION	Eliminates sales and use taxes on electricity and natural gas bills. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/11/2018</a> Introduced, referred to House Finance		2	
<a href="#">H 7121</a>	1/11/2018	Representatives Ruggiero, Phillips, Cunha, Serpa, Kazarian			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE	Authorizes the Rhode Island health benefit exchange to seek a waiver under the Affordable Care Act to allow qualified small business owners and sole proprietors to purchase qualified health benefit plans offered by the exchange and not be forced into the individual market. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/11/2018</a> Introduced, referred to House Finance		2	
<a href="#">H 7131</a>	1/12/2018	Representatives Bennett, Hull, Craven, Solomon, Morin			AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - WATER SUPPLIERS	This act would exempt residential water customers over sixty-five (65) from paying surcharges on their basic water supply rate. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Corporations	<a href="#">H 7131: 01/26/2018</a> Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/30/2018)		2	

<a href="#">H 7132</a>	1/12/2018	Representatives Ruggiero, Marshall, Handy, Maldonado, McKiernan			AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS	Requires public utilities and electric distribution companies to provide prompt and adequate service to its ratepayers relating to new service and service upgrades, subject to a penalty of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation. Electric distribution companies would be required to provide upon request written estimates of any work to be performed of more than five hundred dollars (\$500), with an itemized bill for work performed for any fee payable by the ratepayer. This act would take effect upon passage	House Corporations	<a href="#">01/12/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Corporations</a>		3a	
<a href="#">H 7142</a>	1/12/2018	Representatives McNamara, Carson, Ruggiero, Ackerman, Azzinaro			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND LIVABLE HOME TAX CREDIT ACT	Establishes the "Rhode Island Livable Home Tax Credit Act", and would provide for its administration. The act would provide a tax credit against the state's personal income tax for taxpayers who purchase new residences or retrofit residences which meet or are modified to meet standards that make the residences more accessible for elderly and disabled persons. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/12/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Finance</a>		2	
<a href="#">H 7144</a>	1/12/2018	Representatives Perez, Ucci, O'Brien, Handy			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	Places a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing December 31, 2018 and every December 31 thereafter. This cap would not apply to a newly constructed building or a newly constructed addition to an existing building for a period of three (3) years after completion. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/12/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Finance</a>		4	

<a href="#">H 7149</a>	1/12/2018	Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Bennett, Lancia, Walsh			AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT	Requires all town or city comprehensive plans to include, address and incorporate the present and future interests of the school district, including infrastructure improvements, maintenance, administration, school buildings, transportation routes, fields, playgrounds, sidewalks, raised crosswalks, and parking lots. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Municipal Government	01/25/2018 Committee recommended measure be held for further study		3a	
<a href="#">S 2010</a>	1/12/2018	Senators Conley, Nesselbush, Crowley			AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY	Prohibits the town of Coventry from charging its sewage works' users more than the interest the town has actually paid for its borrowed funds for sewage works' purposes. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Environmental and Agriculture	01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Environment and Agriculture		2	
<a href="#">S 2017</a>	1/12/2018	Senators Felag, Ciccone, Gallo, Lynch Prata, Raptakis			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF	Amends the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2	
<a href="#">S 2026</a>	1/11/2018	Senators Goodwin, Nesselbush			AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- REFUSE DISPOSAL	Includes a facility's potential detrimental impact on the community as a factor to be considered when approving the construction or operation of a solid waste management facility. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	01/11/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		3a	
<a href="#">H 7174</a>	1/17/2018	Representatives Chippendale, Serpa, Nardolillo, Roberts, Nunes			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY--COVENTRY	This act would extend to the town of Coventry the provisions of § 44-7-10.2 relative to the non-issuance of building and demolition permits to applicants in arrears on taxes, liens, and assessments. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2	
<a href="#">H 7175</a>	1/17/2018	Representatives Ruggiero, Serpa, Hearn, Costantino, Cunha			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - BUSINESS CORPORATION TAX	Exempts a corporation from the minimum corporate tax for the first three (3) years following the date of its corporation. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to all tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.	House Finance	01/17/2018 Introduced, referred to House Finance		3a	

<a href="#">H 7220</a>	1/18/2018	Representatives Edwards, Newberry, Coughlin, Canario, Filippi			AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REPEALER	Creates the joint committee of the repealer to compile suggestions for repeal of statutes, regulations, and executive orders received from citizens, businesses, and government agencies, including, but not limited to, those that are not considered "business friendly" and those that are archaic and out of date. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Judiciary	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Judiciary</a>		2	
<a href="#">H 7215</a>	1/18/2018	Representatives Knight, McEntee, Craven, Ranglin-Vassell, Tanzi			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION	Defines as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. This act would take effect upon passage and would be retroactive to January 1, 2017.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Finance</a>		2	
<a href="#">H 7206</a>	1/18/2018	Representatives Nunes, Morgan, Nardolillo, Roberts, Serpa	<a href="#">S 2085</a>	Senators Raptakis, Kettle	AN ACT RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 330 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO CREATE A SEWER AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN OF COVENTRY AND TO AUTHORIZE SAID TOWN TO PLAN, CONSTRUCT, FINANCE, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN SEWAGE WORKS"	Amends the town of Coventry's sewer system enabling legislation to allow town to appropriate monies from its regular town tax to fund wastewater system projects or sewers only after voter approval resulting from an all-day referendum. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Finance</a>		2	
<a href="#">H 7205</a>	1/18/2018	Representatives Serpa, Nunes, Nardolillo, Chippendale, Roberts			AN ACT RELATING TO COVENTRY SEWER AUTHORITY	Prohibits the town of Coventry from charging its sewage works' users more than the interest the town has actually paid for its borrowed funds for sewage works' purposes. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Finance</a>		2	
<a href="#">H 7197</a>	1/18/2018	Representatives Casey, Phillips, Azzinaro, Corvese, McLaughlin			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION-VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS	Gives cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or their surviving spouse from taxation. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Municipal Government	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government</a>		2	
<a href="#">S 2102</a>	1/18/2018	Senators Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, McCaffrey, Nesselbush			AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT	Mandates that a landlord have a general liability policy of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in effect for those injured on the premises due to the landlord's negligence. Failure to provide proof of insurance would preclude a landlord from proceeding on an eviction action. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary</a>		3a	

<a href="#">S 2100</a>	1/18/2018	Senators Lombardi, Lynch Prata, Conley, Nesselbush, Jabour			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT	Provides that houses, condominiums, or other residential dwelling units, regardless of the number of rooms, which are used and/or advertised for rent for occupancy would be exempt from the state sales or hotel tax. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	01/18/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		2	
<a href="#">S 2091</a>	1/18/2018	Senators Archambault, Lombardi, McCaffrey, Lynch Prata, Ciccone			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX SALES	Expedites the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and would amend the provisions of the general laws on tax sales in order to, among other things, establish priorities of tax liens, clarify the effect of late recordings and simplify procedures in the event of a void sale. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	01/18/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		3a	
<a href="#">S 2061</a>	1/18/2018	Senators Ciccone, Quezada, Metts, Lombardi, Miller			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998	Requires the general assembly to appropriate a minimum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in capital financing to Rhode Island Housing & Mortgage Finance Corporation (RIHMFC) for the development of affordable housing for the homeless. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/18/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2	
<a href="#">S 2062</a>	1/18/2018	Senator Picard			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	Permits a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income. This act would take effect upon passage	Senate Finance	01/18/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a	
<a href="#">S 2063</a>	1/18/2018	Senator Picard			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	Increases the maximum tax for qualifying low income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/18/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a	
<a href="#">S 2066</a>	1/18/2018	Senators DiPalma, Pearson, Conley, Lynch Prata, Felag			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - WITHHOLDING OF TAX	Provides that non-resident withholding requirement for a corporation that sells real estate be consistent with the seven percent (7%) corporate income tax rate. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/18/2018 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		1	Yes

<a href="#">S 2068</a>	1/18/2018	Senators Satchell, Metts, Cote, Conley, Picard			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MICRO ZONE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ACT	Creates micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2	
<a href="#">S 2074</a>	1/18/2018	Senators Picard and Cote			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	Increases the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	<a href="#">01/18/2018</a> Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a	
<a href="#">H 7259</a>	1/24/2018	Representative Solomon (By Request)			AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - CONDOMINIUM LAW -- MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS	Requires condominium unit owners' association officers to verify that management agents or companies retained by the association are insured with respect to the services they provide to the condominium. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Corporations	<a href="#">01/24/2018</a> Introduced, referred to House Corporations			
<a href="#">S 2118</a>	1/24/2018	Senators Archambault, McCaffrey, Lombardi, Jabour, Nesselbush			AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS	Authorizes the creation of a state sponsored loan program to provide financial assistance to purchase a home and to help pay off student debt. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	<a href="#">01/23/2018</a> Introduced, referred to Senate Finance			
<a href="#">S 2145</a>	1/24/2018	Senator Crowley (Clerk's Association)			AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY - ELECTRONIC RECORDING	Authorizes a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents. This act would take effect on January 1, 2019.	Senate Judiciary	<a href="#">01/23/2018</a> Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary			
<a href="#">S 2127</a>	1/23/2018	Senators Coyne, Lombardi, Crowley, Seveney, DiPalma			AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION - LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES	Requires municipalities to exempt from taxation the real property of a surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, who occupies the real property as their principal place of residence. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	<a href="#">01/23/2018</a> Introduced, referred to Senate Finance			



<a href="#">H 7307</a>	1/25/2018	Representatives Phillips, Casey, Morin, Corvese, Azzinaro			AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY	Encourages commercial property owners to install vehicle barriers at their retail establishment locations, and also permit insurers to consider the installation of such barriers to provide a discount on the owner's insurance policy. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Corporations	<a href="#">01/25/2018</a> <a href="#">Introduced, referred to House Corporations</a>			
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