



Legislative Tracking 2019

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Comp Bill	Sponsor(s)	Intent	Committee	Recent Activity	RIAR Testimony and Notes	RIAR Ranking
H 5010	Knight, Tanzi, Ruggiero, Craven, Shanley			Defines as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. Would take effect upon passage and would be retroactive to January 1, 2018.	House Finance	H 5010: 01/03/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2
H 5024	Edwards, Newberry, Filippi, Corvese, Johnston			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including, but not limited to, those that are not considered "business friendly" and those that are archaic and out of date. Would take effect upon passage.	House Judiciary	H 5024: 01/04/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary		3a
H 5030	Carson, Blazejewski			Enables cities and towns to provide a tax exemption to individuals who take resiliency measures to rehabilitate their property because of flood hazards. Would take effect upon passage.	House Municipal Government	H 5030: 01/24/2019 Committee recommended measure be held for further study	David Salvatore testified in support of H 5030 on 1/24/2019.	1
H 5031	Carson, Handy			Clarifies that § 34-7-4 ("right of footway denied") applies only to private rights of footway. This act would take effect upon passage.	House Environmental and Natural Resources	H 5031: 01/24/2019 Committee recommended measure be held for further study		3b

H 5033	McNamara, Ackerman, Amore, Diaz, Lyle	S 112	Cano, Gallo, Goodwin, Paolino, McCaffrey	Mandates that a program of financial literacy be taught to all students in public high schools throughout the state of Rhode Island. The curriculum of the program would include, but not be limited to, budgeting, maintaining credit, saving, investing, and protecting and insuring assets. Would take effect upon passage.	House H.E.W. / Senate Education	H 5033 : 01/04/2019 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W. S 112 : 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Education		2
H 5041	Solomon, Phillips, Jackson, McNamara, Lima	S 221	Felag	Prohibits any development of land contiguous to the State House unless approved by the general assembly. Would take effect upon passage.	House Judiciary / Senate Housing and Municipal Government	H 5041 : 01/23/2019 Committee recommended measure be held for further study S 221 : 01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government		3a
H 5209	Chippendale			Authorizes tax assessors to use either the last revaluation or the current fair market value, whichever is greater, as the assessed valuation. Would take effect upon passage.	House Municipal Government	01/30/2019 Withdrawn at sponsor's request (01/31/2019)	Withdrawn at the sponsor's request	4
H 5050	Cortvriend, Donovan, Edwards, Canario	S 80	Seveney, DiPalma, Coyne, Valverde, Euer	Authorizes tax assessors to use either the last revaluation or the current fair market value, whichever is greater, as the assessed valuation. Would take effect upon passage.	House Finance / Senate Judiciary	H 5050 : 02/01/2019 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/07/2019) S 80 : 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		4
H 5101	Lombardi, Hull, Walsh			Creates a commission to establish homeless shelter standards. Takes effect upon passage.	House Finance	H 5101 : 01/10/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		3a

H 5090	Quattrocchi			Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to study the efficacy and cost of implementing a recycling program for multi-family residential units from February 7, 2019, to April 30, 2019, and said commission would expire on May 30, 2019.	House Environment and Natural Resources	01/31/2019 Committee recommends passage		3a
H 5075	Maldonado, Filippi, Alzate, Morin, Slater			Requires the sealing of any district court file, where a resolution of a trespass and eviction complaint results in a verdict for the tenant and no appeal is taken. Would take effect upon passage.	House Judiciary	H 5075: 01/23/2019 Committee recommended measure be held for further study		3b
H 5110	Marshall, O'Brien, Millea, Almeida			Creates the statewide site readiness fund, a state sponsored fund for the preparation of shared ready commercial, industrial and manufacturing property in the state. Takes effect upon passage.	House Finance	H 5110: 01/11/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2
H 5129	Solomon, Casey, Johnston, Millea, Vella-Wilkinson	S 154	Picard	Imposes a penalty against a condominium association that fails to deliver a resale certificate within ten (10) days of a request by a unit owner. Takes effect upon passage.	House Corporations / Senate Judiciary	H 5129: 02/01/2019 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/05/2019) S 154: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		1
S 0090	Ciccione, Pearson, Quezada, Crowley, Felag			Creates the "Healthy Workplace Act of 2019" and would establish a cause of action against employers and employees for workplace bullying, harassment and other abusive conduct that is tolerated by employers and which may not fall into other categories already protected such as race, color and sex or sexual orientation. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Labor	01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Labor	DAS participates in the RI Business Coalition and will brief GAC on the group's position.	3b

85	Euer, Conley, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Ruggerio	H 5176	Amore, Tobon, Blazejewski, Alzate, Casimiro	Provides protections to residents of this state furloughed by the federal government relating to civil proceedings, credit card transactions, payments relating to mortgages, leases and installment contracts. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary / House Special Legislation	S 85: 01/22/2019 Committee recommended measure be held for further study H 5176: 01/23/2019 Introduced, referred to House Special Legislation	David Salvatore did not testify on S 85; however, will work with the bill's sponsor on amendments	4
S 71	Picard			Prohibits residential landlords from terminating period tenancies from December 1 to February 1 and would require sixty (60) days written notice to the elderly or disabled. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	S 71: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary	DAS will sperak to GAC members.	
S 65 As amended	Conley, Euer, Algieri, Lombardo, DiPalma	H 5191		Enables city and town councils to grant tax relief from the payment of taxes on real estate and personal property during periods where federal or state government cease governmental operations, in whole or in part, for employees of the state or federal government. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance / House Finance	S 65: 01/29/2019 Senate passed as amended (floor amendment) 01/30/2019 Referred to House Finance H 5191: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2
S 62	Coyne, Crowley, Lombardi, Seveney, DiPalma			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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 62: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2

S 61	Coyne, Seveney, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde			Authorizes cities and towns to establish a program to allow persons over the age of sixty (60) to provide volunteer services in exchange for a property tax credit up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). The credit would be calculated by multiplying the number of volunteer service hours by the state minimum wage per hour. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 61: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2
S 57	Satchell, Conley, Metts, Picard, Cano			Would create 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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 57: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2
S 52	Picard			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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 52: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a
S 51	Picard			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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 51: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a
S 40	DiPalma, Conley, Euer, Goldin, Paolino			Requires Internet service providers to follow Internet service neutrality requirements. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Commerce	S 40: 01/16/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce		2

S 30	Lombardi, Ciccione, McCaffrey			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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	S 30: 01/15/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		3a
S 23	Picard			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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 23: 01/15/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a
S 22	Satchell, Euer, Conley, Bell			Applicants for historic tax credits shall have ninety (90) days after the date of the commission's written determination certifying the rehabilitation to pay the required three percent (3%) non-refundable fee to the division of taxation. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 22: 01/15/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a
H 5137	Williams, Shekarchi, Vella- Wilkinson, Barros			Prohibits discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Would take effect upon passage.	House Judiciary	H 5137: 01/17/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary		2

H 5133	McNamara, Ackerman, Newberry, Lyle, Jackson			Would grant residential purchasers of solar energy systems protections requiring solar system retailers to provide disclosures in the retail sale/lease documents as well-as the right to cancel/rescind the agreement within ninety (90) days prior to installation and notice of any liens filed against their residential property. Would take effect upon passage and would apply to solar agreements entered into on or after September 1, 2019.	House Environment and Natural Resources	H 5133: 01/24/2019 Committee recommended measure be held for further study		2
H 5189	Morin, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Marszalkowski, O'Brien	S 134	DiPalma, Pearson, Felag, Seveney, Cano	Provides that the non-resident withholding requirement for a corporation that sells real estate be consistent with the seven percent (7%) corporate income tax rate. Would take effect upon passage.	House Finance / Senate Finance	H 5189: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance S 134: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		1
H 5194	Marshall, O'Brien, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, Millea			Repeals the sunset provision of chapter 33.6 of title 44 which grants tax credits to individuals or companies redeveloping historic structures. Would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	H 5194: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2
S 151	Felag, Raptakis, Seveney, Ciccone, DiPalma			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. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Housing and Municipal Government	S 151: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government		2

S 148	DiPalma, Seveney, Morgan, Coyne, Euer		Allows mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city's or town's comprehensive land use plan. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Housing and Municipal Government	S 148: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government		2
S 147	Felag, Ciccone, Gallo, Conley, Seveney		Establishes the Rhode Island Livable Home Modification Grant which allows eligible homeowners and renters to retrofit their residence to nationally recognized accessibility standards and receive fifty percent (50%) of the total sum spent, up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to retrofit such existing residence. Such retrofitting of an existing residence will allow an individual with disabilities to remain safely an independently within their residence and out of long-term care facilities, while reducing falls and other related emergency room, hospital and/or rehabilitation expenses. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Housing and Municipal Government	S 147: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government		2
S 122	Archambault, Felag, Conley, Cano, McCaffrey		Establishes the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act," to allow for the establishment of tax free zones. Businesses selected for access to such tax free zones would not be required to pay state income, business, corporate taxes, local taxes or franchise fees for a period of up to te (10) years. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	S 122: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance	NOTE: Real estate brokers and real estate management companies are prohibited from participating	3b

S 118	Gallo, Satchell, Sheehan, Lawson, Metts			SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER FORM A WORK GROUP TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH REVIEW INTO HOW RHODE ISLAND CAN PROTECT STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS	Senate Education	S 118: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Education		3b
S 108	Picard			Creates a five (5) year period after the date of dissolution, termination, or revocation of limited liability companies or corporations to settle and close its affairs but not to continue its business. Upon the death of a sole member of a limited liability company, its affairs shall be governed by probate practice. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Commerce	S 108: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce		3a
S 107	Algieri, Morgan, Paolino, de la Cruz, Rogers			Would reduce the minimum corporate tax from four hundred dollars (\$400) to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the year beginning on July 1, 2019, and would abolish the minimum tax for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2020. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Commerce	S 107: 01/24/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce		2
H 5225	Marshall, Abney, Shekarchi, Shanley, Costantino			Establishes an office of economics to assist the house of representatives during its review of the financial impact of proposed legislation. Would take effect upon passage.	House Finance	H 5225: 01/30/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2
H 5221	Casey, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Solomon			Would define as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. Would take effect upon passage and would be retroactive to January 1, 2018.	House Finance	01/30/2019 Introduced, referred to House Finance		2

H 5258	Azzinaro, Morin, Casey, Price, Solomon	S 219	Felag	Mandates that builders of new one or two (2) family residential dwellings provide the home buyer with written information regarding the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system subject to civil penalties for violations enforced by the attorney general or state fire marshal along with the results of radon tests and certify that smoke detector devices are in working order. Would take effect upon passage and would apply to any contract for the construction of a new dwelling entered into on or after January 1, 2020	House Small Business / Senate Housing and Municipal Government	H 5258: 02/01/2019 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/06/2019) S 219: 01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government	Will contact RIBA	4
H 5276	Price, Nardone, Roberts, Quattrocchi, Filippi			Excludes the growth of marijuana and any of its derivatives from the provisions requiring the permitted use of plant agriculture within all city and town zoning ordinances. Would take effect upon passage	House Judiciary	02/01/2019 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary		3a
S 190	Picard			Would provide that financial and other records be made available for examination by unit owners within thirty (30) days of a request being made. This act would take effect upon passage.	Senate Commerce	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce		3b
S 193	Raptakis, Morgan, Paolino, Lombardo, Rogers			Would refund the minimum tax paid by corporations with annual gross income of less than four hundred dollars (\$400); but caps the amount refunded at four hundred dollars 3 (\$400). Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Commerce	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce		3a

S 234	Conley, DiPalma, Lawson, Satchell, Cano			Would create the "Consumer Privacy Protection Act." It would require businesses that collect, maintain or sell personal information to notify consumers and would disclose the information and the businesses' use of the information. The act would also provide that consumers may opt out and have personal information deleted. Takes effect upon passage	Senate Judiciary	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		3b
S 231	Metts, Crowley, Quezada, Goldin, Cano			Prohibits a landlord from asking about the immigration status of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant, or prospective occupant of residential rental property. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		3a
S 230	Metts			Provides that only those juveniles over the age of fourteen (14) be required to register as sex offenders and that the offense be comparable or more severe than those defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2241. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Judiciary	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary		3b
S 208	Quezada, Goodwin, Goldin			Authorizes cities and towns to tax real and/or personal property owned, leased or operated in whole or in part by any nonprofit institution of higher education or nonprofit hospital currently exempt by charter, general, or public law. Would take effect upon passage and apply to property taxes due and payable for calendar year 2019.	Senate Finance	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance	Providence bill	3b
S 207	Lombardo, Crowley, Nesselbush, Ciccone			Applies a tax to moderate-income housing equal to eight percent (8%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		3a

S 206	Seveney, Picard, DiPalma, Coyne, Valverde		Amends the definition of the term "disabled," for purposes tax relief, to include persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government. Would take effect upon passage.	Senate Finance	01/31/2019 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance		2
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