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What is the Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee?

This diverse group of homeowner leaders, community managers, and representatives from community association business partners provides perspective on how proposed legislation could impact people living and working in community associations.

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP

During legislative sessions in Rhode Island, there are always pieces of legislation introduced that impact Rhode Island community associations. We need your help now to continue to educate legislators and build relationships on your behalf. In order to be successful in supporting or opposing legislation, we rely on your support. Your donation makes our legislative advocacy and outreach efforts possible.

Please consider donating a \$1 per door (or more) so we can represent your community voice at the State Capitol. Giving is easy, simply donate online today at www.advocacy.caionline.org or mail back your Dollar-a-Door or More donations form.

Additional information can be found on the Legislative Action Committee's website, www.caionline.org/RILAC



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1 Gives you a voice. The volunteer committee represents the approximately 92,000 Rhode Islanders living in [the Ocean State's nearly 2,000 community associations](#). Your donation saves you and your community association money by protecting Massachusetts' homeowner and condominium associations from burdensome legislation.

2 Keeps you informed and involved. The Rhode Island Legislative Action Committee (LAC) organizes "grassroots" advocacy campaigns — letters, e-mails, phone, and social media communications regarding important issues related to community associations.

3 Tracks legislation that could impact community associations. In 2024, the committee reviewed 26 bills that directly or indirectly impacted community associations >> www.caionline.org/LegislativeTracking

4 Strengthens key relationships with lawmakers. By educating lawmakers, legislative and executive staff, and other organizations, as well as testifying, the committee helps advance issues facing community associations and influence the outcome of legislation.

5 Advocacy Successes. Rhode Island's state legislative session began on January 2, and adjourned on June 30, 2024. Below are highlights from the 2024 Rhode Island General Assembly:

HB 7867/SB 2647 – AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW This bill requires the recording of the rules of the association in the land evidence records of the city or town the condominium is located in and requires amendments to the original filings to be certified by 2 or more members of the executive board. Previously, statutory language required neither to be recorded. Now, with the passage of this bill, both bylaws and rules, current and future, are required to be recorded. The LAC led the introduction of this bill, as currently there is no requirement for the recording of bylaws or rules and regulations for condominiums built after July 1, 1982. Under both new and old Rhode Island Condominium law, unit owners can be penalized and fined for violations of by-laws and rules and regulations. There is often confusion as to which "version" is the controlling version, since there may not be a formal recorded copy. The LAC submitted testimony in [support](#) when the bill was heard by the House Committee on Corporations.

Status: Successfully PASSED, signed by Governor. Effective immediately.

[Click here to follow the important legislation CAI is tracking for 2024.](#)

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