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PRESENTED BY:

*Deval Patrick*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE  
NEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.**

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PETITION OF:

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A message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to providing for the municipal road and bridge maintenance needs of the Commonwealth

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to provide for the municipal road and bridge maintenance needs of the commonwealth, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 To provide for a capital outlay program of maintenance and improvements to municipal road and
- 2 bridge assets of the commonwealth, the sums set forth in sections 2 for the several purposes and
- 3 subject to the conditions specified in this act are hereby made available, subject to the laws
- 4 regulating the disbursement of public funds, which sums are in addition to any other amounts
- 5 previously appropriated for these purposes.

6 SECTION 2.

7 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

8 6122-1190 For the construction and reconstruction of town and county ways as described in  
9 clause (b) of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided that a city or town shall  
10 comply with the procedures established by the division of highways within the department of  
11 transportation; provided further, that any such city or town may appropriate for these projects  
12 amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this item preliminary  
13 notice of which shall be provided by the department to the city or town no later than April 1 of  
14 each year; provided further, that the commonwealth shall reimburse any such city or town under  
15 this item within 30 days after receipt by the department of a request for reimbursement from the  
16 city or town, which request shall include certification by the city or town that actual expenses  
17 have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement under this item, and that the work has  
18 been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town according to the specifications of the  
19 project and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures established by the department.

20 \$200,000,000

21 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state treasurer  
22 shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an amount to  
23 be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
24 \$200,000,000. All these bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face,  
25 Maintenance and Improvement of Municipal Roads Act of 2011, and shall be issued for a  
26 maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general  
27 court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All these bonds  
28 shall be payable not later than June 30, 2046. All interest and payments on account of principal  
29 on these obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued

30 under this section shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, be general obligations  
31 of the commonwealth.