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PRESENTED BY:

Deval Patrick

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 MAKING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 BEFORE FINAL ACTION ON THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

PETITION OF:

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Message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making certain appropriations for fiscal year 2012 before final action on the general appropriation bill.

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An Act MAKING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 BEFORE FINAL ACTION ON THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

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

June 24, 2011

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2 To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

3 I am filing for your prompt consideration a bill entitled “An Act Making Certain Appropriations
4 for Fiscal Year 2012 Before Final Action on the General Appropriation Bill.” Section 1 provides
5 the spending authorization to maintain necessary services through July 10, 2011, pending the
6 passage of the General Appropriation Act. All actions taken under this section will apply to the
7 General Appropriation Act.

8 Section 2 allows advance local aid payments to be made to any city, town, regional school
9 district, or independent agricultural and technical school that demonstrates an emergency cash
10 shortfall. Section 3 also continues authority for the Commonwealth’s health insurance plan for
11 certain legal resident immigrants until enactment of the General Appropriation Act.

12 In order to ensure that the Commonwealth will be able to meet its payment obligations without
13 delays, I urge your favorable action on this bill no later than June 27, 2011.

14 Respectfully submitted,

15 Deval Patrick

16 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount of \$1,250,000,000 is
17 hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, to meet necessary expenditures
18 before the enactment of the general appropriation act for that fiscal year, for the maintenance and
19 operations of the various departments, boards, commissions, and institutions, including federal
20 grant and Intragovernmental Service Fund expenditures, for other necessary services, and for
21 meeting certain requirements of law. This appropriation shall cease to be operative as of the
22 effective date of the general appropriation act, and all actions taken under this section shall apply
23 against that general appropriation act. All expenditures made under this section shall be
24 consistent with appropriations made in the general appropriation act.

25 SECTION 2. The state treasurer shall make advance payments for some or all of periodic local
26 reimbursement or assistance programs to any city, town, regional school district, or independent
27 agricultural and technical school that demonstrates an emergency cash shortfall, as certified by
28 the commissioner of revenue and approved by the secretary of administration and finance,
29 pursuant to guidelines issued by the secretary.

30 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 136 of chapter
31 131 of the acts of 2010, as appearing in section 95 of chapter 359 of the acts of 2010, including
32 the definition of “eligible individual” in subsection (a) and the authority to establish or designate

33 a health insurance plan for enrollment under subsection (b) of said section 136, shall continue in
34 force until enactment of the general appropriation act for fiscal year 2012.

35 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.