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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

I am filing for your consideration a bill entitled “An Act Financing the General Governmental Infrastructure of the Commonwealth”

This bill authorizes the Commonwealth to borrow \$4.991 billion to fund general government capital improvements that enable the Commonwealth to continue delivering core state services to the people of Massachusetts in an efficient and uninterrupted manner.

Specifically, it authorizes \$4.150 billion to maintain, repair and modernize critical assets across the state. The majority of our facilities are more than 30 years old, and this bond bill represents an important next step in ensuring Commonwealth assets meet the needs of those who use them. The facilities improved by this bill will serve some of the Commonwealth’s neediest citizens, help educate our future workforce, prepare for climate change, help us meet key environmental objectives, and keep our communities and workers safe. This Administration is proud of the work done in close collaboration with the Legislature to keep Commonwealth facilities on a path of good repair.

Additionally, the bill authorizes \$185 million of additional borrowing for cybersecurity improvements and business application modernizations, which will enhance information

technology security and increase overall government efficiency. It also authorizes \$160 million for critical public safety equipment to be acquired by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and used by agencies within the Secretariat.

The bill also seeks to support Massachusetts communities by authorizing \$496 million of additional borrowing for established and successful grant and community programs, including the Workforce Skills Capital Grants Program, the Community Compact IT Grants Program, the Cultural Facilities Fund, the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, the Housing Stabilization Fund, and the Housing Choice Capital Grants Program. These programs have a demonstrated track record of providing valuable resources to communities across the state.

The prompt passage of this legislation will ensure that the Commonwealth continues to deliver core services to its citizens uninterrupted. Accordingly, I urge you to enact this legislation swiftly.

Respectfully submitted

Charles D. Baker,  
*Governor*

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth.

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

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

1           SECTION 1. To provide for a program of capital investments for capital asset  
2 acquisitions, dispositions, public safety, governmental infrastructure, improvements to various  
3 state programs, services, agencies, institutions and properties, the sums set forth in this act, for  
4 the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act, are hereby made  
5 available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public funds, which sums shall be in  
6 addition to any other amounts previously appropriated for these purposes; provided, that the  
7 amounts specified for a particular project may be adjusted in order to facilitate projects  
8 authorized in this act.

9           SECTION 2.

10           EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

11 *Office of the Secretary*

12 0640-0307 For the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund established in section 42 of  
13 chapter 23G of the General Laws for the acquisition, design, construction, repair, renovation,  
14 rehabilitation or other capital improvement or deferred maintenance to a cultural  
15 facility.....\$50,000,000

16 1100-2515 For a grant program to cities, towns, regional organizations whose  
17 membership is exclusively composed of municipal governments or municipal redevelopment  
18 authorities or agencies, or similar governmental development agencies to provide funding for  
19 capital purposes, including, but not limited to, planning and studies, preparation of plans and  
20 specifications, site assembly and preparation, dispositions, acquisitions, repairs, renovations,  
21 improvements, construction, demolition, remediation, modernization and reconstruction of  
22 facilities, infrastructure, equipment and other capital assets, technical assistance, information  
23 technology equipment and infrastructure and for costs associated with improving accessibility of  
24 municipal facilities, including, but not limited to, assessments, transition plans, technical  
25 assistance to cities, towns, municipal councils on aging and disability, and regional organizations  
26 whose membership is exclusively composed of municipal governments, under guidelines  
27 adopted by the secretary of administration and finance.....  
28 \$100,000,000

29 *Department of Revenue*

30 1201-0002 For the division of local services within the department of revenue, for grants  
31 to carry out the Community Compact Information Technology Grant Program established in  
32 conjunction with Executive Order 554 ..... \$30,000,000

33 Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

34 1102-2021 For costs associated with planning and studies, dispositions, acquisition of  
35 land and buildings and interests therein by purchase, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds  
36 the useful life of the facility, gift or other transfer or by eminent domain pursuant to chapter 79  
37 of the General Laws, for the preparation of plans and specifications, disparity studies, repairs,  
38 construction, renovations, improvements, asset management, accessibility improvements,  
39 demolition, disposition and remediation of state-owned and former county facilities and grounds  
40 and for costs associated with repair and maintenance of buildings and building systems and  
41 equipment at various facilities of the commonwealth; provided, that any federal reimbursement  
42 received by a state agency in connection with projects funded from this item may be retained by  
43 the executive office for administration and finance and expended for the purposes of the project,  
44 without further appropriation, in addition to the amounts appropriated in this item; provided  
45 further, that all maintenance and repair work funded in this item shall be listed in the capital asset  
46 management information system administered by the division of capital asset management and  
47 maintenance; provided further, that where appropriate, the commissioner of capital asset  
48 management and maintenance may transfer funds authorized herein in accordance with a  
49 delegation of project control and supervision process pursuant to section 5 of chapter 7C of the  
50 General Laws; provided further, that funds so transferred shall be distributed based on the  
51 severity of the need that the repair shall address and other criteria developed by the division, in  
52 consultation with the secretary of administration and finance ..... \$975,000,000

53 4000-2028 For costs associated with planning and studies, dispositions, acquisition of  
54 land and buildings and interests therein by purchase, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds  
55 the useful life of the facility, gift or other transfer or by eminent domain pursuant to chapter 79

56 of the General Laws, for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction,  
57 renovations, improvements, modernization, construction, reconstruction, furnishing, equipping,  
58 acquiring, remodeling, refurbishing, asset management, accessibility improvements, demolition,  
59 disposition and remediation of facilities and grounds operated by the various departments within  
60 the executive office of health and human services, all as the commissioner of capital asset  
61 management and maintenance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human services  
62 and the appropriate commissioners of the departments within the executive office, shall consider  
63 appropriate; provided, that costs payable from this item shall include, but shall not be limited to,  
64 the costs of leases of temporary relocation space or equipment as required for completion of a  
65 project; provided further, that any federal reimbursement received by a state agency including,  
66 but not limited to, projects related to the provision of health care, human services, and veterans'  
67 services in connection with projects funded from this item may be retained by the executive  
68 office for administration and finance and expended for the purposes of the project, without  
69 further appropriation, in addition to the amounts appropriated in this  
70 item..... \$820,000,000

71           7066-2011 For costs associated with plans and specifications, planning and studies,  
72 repairs, reconstruction, demolition, remediation, rehabilitation, modernization, disposition,  
73 renovations, improvements and maintenance at Massachusetts public higher education campus  
74 facilities and grounds; provided, that all projects approved for design and construction by the  
75 division of capital asset management and maintenance shall be consistent in priority and need  
76 with regional capital master plans developed by the division of capital asset management and  
77 maintenance, in consultation, as applicable, with the presidents of the community colleges, state  
78 universities, and the University of Massachusetts and approved by the board of higher education,

79 with respect to the community colleges and state universities, or approved by the board of  
80 trustees of the University of Massachusetts, as applicable; provided further, that all maintenance  
81 and repair work funded by this item shall be included in the capital asset management  
82 information system administered by the division of capital asset management and maintenance  
83 ..... \$750,000,000

84 8000-2028 For costs associated with planning and studies, dispositions, acquisition of  
85 land and buildings and interests therein by purchase, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds  
86 the useful life of the facility, gift or other transfer or by eminent domain pursuant to chapter 79  
87 of the General Laws, for the preparation of plans and specifications, repairs, construction,  
88 renovations, improvements, remediation, rehabilitation, modernization and demolition for public  
89 safety and security facilities, all as the commissioner of capital asset management and  
90 maintenance, in consultation with the secretary of public safety and security and the appropriate  
91 commissioners of the departments within the executive office, shall consider appropriate;  
92 provided that costs payable from this item shall include, but not be limited to, the costs of leases  
93 of temporary space or equipment as required for completion of a project ..... \$530,000,000

94 SECTION 2A.

95 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

96 *Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance*

97 JUDICIARY

98 *Trial Court*

99           1102-2022 For capital needs at court facilities, including, but not limited to, expenditures  
100 for the planning, design and acquisition of land and buildings and interests therein by purchase,  
101 lease for a term, including any extensions, not to exceed 50 years, gift or other transfer or by  
102 eminent domain under chapter 79 of the General Laws, the preparation of plans and  
103 specifications, the construction, renovation, reconstruction, alteration, improvement, demolition,  
104 expansion, repair and improvements, including furnishings and equipment and temporary  
105 relocation costs, as needed for priority projects identified by the division of capital asset  
106 management and maintenance and the executive office of the trial court; for building repairs  
107 necessary to correct unsafe and overcrowded conditions, for the remediation of life safety code  
108 violations, for the remediation of access code and civil rights violations, for the remediation of  
109 environmental hazards and for security improvements and other necessary repairs at court  
110 facilities owned by the commonwealth or by political subdivisions of the commonwealth;  
111 provided, that expenditures made from this item shall include, but not be limited to, expenditures  
112 for the projects identified through the court capital repair needs assessment database as  
113 developed and maintained by the division of capital asset management and maintenance and  
114 reviewed and approved by the executive office of the trial court .....  
115 \$675,000,000

116           SECTION 2B.

117           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

118           *Office of the Secretary*

119           7002-1500 For grants administered by Massachusetts Technology Development  
120 Corporation established in section 2 of chapter 40G of the General Laws, and doing business as



121 MassVentures; provided that such grants shall be made on a competitive basis to growing  
122 Massachusetts-based companies commercializing technologies developed with assistance of a  
123 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)  
124 grant from a federal agency, including, but not limited to, the United States Department of  
125 Defense, the United States Department of Energy, or the National Science  
126 Foundation..... \$16,125,000

127 *Department of Housing and Community Development*

128 7004-0062

129 For the purpose of state financial assistance in the form of grants or loans for the Housing  
130 Stabilization and Investment Trust Fund established in section 2 of chapter 121F of the General  
131 Laws and awarded only pursuant to the criteria established in said section 2 of said chapter 121F;  
132 provided, that not less than 25 per cent shall be used to fund projects which preserve and produce  
133 housing for families and individuals with incomes of not more than 30 per cent of the area  
134 median income, as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
135 Development; provided further, that if the department of housing and community development  
136 has not spent the amount authorized under the bond cap for this program, at the end of each year  
137 following the effective date of this act, the department may award the remaining funds to  
138 projects that serve households earning more than 30 per cent of the area median income, as  
139 defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; provided further,  
140 that the department may expend an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to stabilize and promote  
141 reinvestment, through homeownership, in areas the department has determined to be weak  
142 markets as indicated by a high concentration of assisted rental housing, a low rate of

143 homeownership, low median family income, low average sales prices, high levels of unpaid  
144 property taxes or vacant or abandoned buildings, by waiving the requirements of this item and  
145 said chapter 121F, and by subsidizing the purchase price, borrowing costs or costs of renovation  
146 or new construction of 2 to 6 unit residential buildings for a person who shall own the property  
147 and occupy any portion of the property as the person’s primary residence for at least 5 years  
148 from the date of purchase; provided further, that if more than 5 years, but less than 10 years,  
149 from the date the owner takes ownership of the property, the owner sells any of the owner’s  
150 interest in the property, the new owner shall so occupy 1 unit in the property for a period equal to  
151 the difference between 10 years and the amount of time the first owner occupied the property as  
152 the owner’s primary residence; provided further, that if the owner fails to so occupy a unit on the  
153 property or ceases to be the owner of the property as required by this section, the department  
154 shall recoup the value of any subsidy provided to the owner; and provided further, that 10 years  
155 after the owner takes possession of the property pursuant to this item, all restrictions on the  
156 property created by this item shall be void..... \$60,000,000

157           7004-0067 For a local capital projects grant program to support and encourage  
158 implementation of the housing choice designation for communities that have demonstrated  
159 housing production and adoption of housing best practices, including a grant program to assist  
160 MBTA communities in complying with the multifamily zoning requirement in section 3A of  
161 chapter 40A.....  
162 \$25,000,000

163           EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

164           *Office of the Secretary*

165           7009-2008 For a competitive grant program to be administered by the executive office of  
166 education, in consultation with the executive office of housing and economic development and  
167 the executive office of labor and workforce development, to provide funding for the purchase  
168 and installation of equipment and related improvements and renovations to facilities necessary  
169 for the installation and use of such equipment, to establish, upgrade and expand career technical  
170 education and training programs that are aligned to regional economic and workforce  
171 development priorities; provided, that grant applications may facilitate collaboration to provide  
172 students enrolled in eligible vocational technical schools with postsecondary opportunities  
173 consistent with clause (o) of the first paragraph of section 22 of chapter 15A of the General Laws  
174 and section 37A of chapter 74 of the General Laws; provided further, that community colleges  
175 and innovation centers that receive funds from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center shall also  
176 be eligible for funds from this program; provided further, that the executive office of education,  
177 in consultation with the executive office of housing and economic development and the  
178 executive office of labor and workforce development, shall adopt additional guidelines as  
179 necessary for the administration of the program; and provided further, that awards may be made  
180 to community-based organizations with recognized success in training adults with barriers to  
181 employment..... \$100,000,000

182           SECTION 2C.

183           TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

184           0640-1005 For the water pollution abatement trust established in section 2 of chapter 29C  
185 of the General Laws for deposit in the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Fund established in  
186 section 2L of chapter 29 of the General Laws for application by the trust to the purposes

187 specified in section 5 of said chapter 29C, any portion of which may be used as a matching grant  
188 by the commonwealth to federal capitalization grants received under Title VI of the federal  
189 Clean Water Act or for deposit in the Drinking Water Revolving Fund established in section  
190 2QQ of said chapter 29 for application by the trust to the purposes specified in section 18 of said  
191 chapter 29C, any portion of which may be used as a matching grant by the commonwealth to  
192 federal capitalization grants received under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act; provided, that  
193 funds may be used to assist homeowners in complying with the revised Title 5 of the state  
194 environmental code for subsurface disposal of sanitary waste..... \$64,000,000

195 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

196 *Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance*

197 1102-2023 For costs associated with the implementation of Executive Order 594 to  
198 decarbonize and minimize the environmental impacts of state-owned facilities, equipment, and  
199 related capital assets by reducing or eliminating emissions from on-site use of fossil fuels,  
200 increasing energy and water efficiency, deploying renewable and clean energy resources, and  
201 improving resilience and climate change readiness, including costs associated with planning and  
202 studies, prepayment of lease for a term that exceeds the useful life of the facility, gifts or other  
203 transfers or by eminent domain under chapter 79 of the General Laws, for the preparation of  
204 plans and specifications, repairs, construction, renovations, improvements, asset management  
205 and demolition, disposition and remediation of state-owned and former county facilities and  
206 grounds, and repair and maintenance of buildings and building systems and equipment at various  
207 state-owned facilities; provided, that all maintenance and repair work funded in this item shall be  
208 listed in the capital asset management information system administered by the division of capital

209 asset management and maintenance; provided further, that the commissioner of capital asset  
210 management and maintenance may, if appropriate, transfer funds in accordance with the  
211 delegation of project control and supervision process under section 5 of chapter 7C of the  
212 General Laws; provided further, that costs payable from this item shall include, but not be  
213 limited to, the costs of engineering and other services essential to these projects rendered by the  
214 division of capital asset management and maintenance employees or by consultants; provided  
215 further, that amounts expended for employees of the division of capital asset management and  
216 maintenance may include the salary and salary-related expenses of such employees to the extent  
217 that such employees work on or in support of these projects; provided, however, that the division  
218 shall not expend more than 5 per cent of the funds authorized in this item for such costs; and  
219 provided further, that the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance shall  
220 maximize efforts to utilize all available means to minimize use of capital funds to pay for salaries  
221 of division employees.....  
222 \$400,000,000

223 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

224 *Department of Agricultural Resources*

225 2511-0121 For a food security program, including grants to fund costs of immediate and  
226 projected infrastructure needs for farms, retailers, fisheries, food system businesses and food  
227 distribution channels including, but not limited to, food banks, farm stands, food hubs, food  
228 retailers, elder services and community supported agriculture farms, while taking into account  
229 the unique needs of rural and urban areas and gateway municipalities as defined in section 3A of  
230 chapter 23A of the General Laws, to provide greater access to local food, and to provide grants

231 that support food banks and other parts of the food distribution channel by expanding services,  
232 which may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) information technology needs, including the  
233 development of online markets and delivery systems, including an online system to link food  
234 system channels to identify and match agricultural and fishery products to consumers and  
235 markets, particularly to benefit food insecure communities; (ii) facility adaptation to new safety  
236 guidelines, including new signage and the installation of handwashing stations; (iii) expansion of  
237 storage and food preparation areas for food banks, food pantries or food distribution  
238 organizations; (iv) the purchase or lease of point-of-sale devices to provide to retailers at no cost  
239 to provide curbside pick-up and curbside payment service, including payment using electronic  
240 benefits transfer cards; (v) storage and processing equipment to adapt to supply chain  
241 disruptions, including for cold and ambient storage and vehicles for distribution; (vi) capital  
242 support for food retailers in communities underserved by full grocery stores to increase capacity,  
243 expand offerings of health foods and maintain continuity of business operations; (vii) production  
244 processing and transportation for meat, fish and other poultry products individually, or through a  
245 collaborative effort and information technology for tracking and quality control of products and  
246 for fishing vessels and farms; and (viii) information technology needs for food retailers with not  
247 more than 100 employees in order to meet criteria to join the online purchasing program of the  
248 supplemental nutrition assistance program as outlined by the United States Department of  
249 Agriculture..... \$51,000,000

250 SECTION 2D. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND  
251 SECURITY

252 *Office of the Secretary*

253           1790-3011 For costs associated with initiatives, projects, and expenditures to make  
254 improvements to the quality, consistency, efficiency, and delivery of any service or program for  
255 the benefit of the public and the interactions between residents and state agencies and  
256 instrumentalities of the commonwealth, including but not limited to, planning and studies, the  
257 preparation of plans and specifications, purchase, procurement, acquisition, licensing and  
258 implementation of information technology, telecommunications and data-security-related  
259 equipment, hardware, software, systems, intellectual property and related projects for various  
260 state agencies of the commonwealth; provided, that for projects the secretary of administration  
261 and finance certifies to the comptroller directly or indirectly generate state revenue or budgetary  
262 savings, the comptroller shall transfer such revenue or budgetary savings to the state treasurer for  
263 payment of debt service related to those projects; provided further, that any federal  
264 reimbursement received by a state agency in connection with projects funded from this item may  
265 be retained by the state agency or the executive office of technology services and security and  
266 expended for the purposes of the project, without further appropriation, in addition to the  
267 amounts appropriated in this item ..... \$100,000,000

268           1790-3012 For costs associated with the virtual information technology and security  
269 infrastructure of court facilities, to install systems within each courthouse to ensure the safety of  
270 Trial Court employees and visitors to the courthouse, including but not limited to, intrusion  
271 detection, duress and screening technology, access and video monitoring, and communication  
272 systems..... \$50,000,000

273           1790-3013 For costs associated with the virtual and physical security infrastructure of  
274 Massachusetts State Lottery Commission facilities, including but not limited to, installing

275 systems upgrades, decommissioning end of life equipment, and addressing cybersecurity  
276 vulnerabilities..... \$35,000,000

277 SECTION 2E.

278 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

279 *Office of the Secretary*

280 8000-0706 For equipment for the department of correction and other agencies within the  
281 executive office of public safety and security including, but not limited to, medical equipment,  
282 security equipment, safety equipment, communications equipment and vehicles..... \$60,000,000

283 *Department of State Police*

284 8000-2023 For the replacement of state police cruisers and accompanying equipment;  
285 provided, that funds may be expended for equipment purchased in conjunction with the operation  
286 of the state police cruiser fleet, including, but not limited to, mobile data  
287 terminals.....\$100,000,000

288 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out sections 2,2A and 2B  
289 the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth  
290 in an amount to be specified by the governor, but not exceeding in the aggregate \$4,131,125,000.  
291 All such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, General  
292 Governmental Infrastructure Act of 2022 and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not  
293 exceeding 30 years, as the governor recommends to the general court pursuant to section 3 of  
294 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later than



295 June 30, 2057. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be  
296 payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued pursuant to this section shall,  
297 notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

298 SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2C, the state  
299 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
300 amount to be specified by the governor, but not exceeding in the aggregate \$515,000,000. All  
301 such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, General  
302 Governmental Infrastructure Act of 2022, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not  
303 exceeding 20 years, as the governor recommends to the general court pursuant to section 3 of  
304 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later than  
305 June 30, 2047. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be  
306 payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued pursuant to this section shall,  
307 notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

308 SECTION 5. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2D, the state  
309 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
310 amount to be specified by the governor, but not exceeding in the aggregate \$185,000,000. All  
311 such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face, General  
312 Governmental Infrastructure Act of 2022, and shall be issued for a maximum term of years, not  
313 exceeding 10 years, as the governor recommends to the general court pursuant to section 3 of  
314 Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later than  
315 June 30, 2037. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be  
316 payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued pursuant to this section shall,  
317 notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

318 SECTION 6. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2E, the state  
319 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an  
320 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
321 \$160,000,000. All such bonds issued by the commonwealth shall be designated on their face,  
322 General Governmental Infrastructure Act of 2022, and shall be issued for a maximum term of  
323 years, not exceeding 7 years, as the governor may recommend to the general court under section  
324 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. The bonds shall be payable not later  
325 than June 30, 2034. All interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall  
326 be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and interest thereon issued under this section shall,  
327 notwithstanding any other provision of this act, be general obligations of the commonwealth.

328 SECTION 7. To provide for the continued availability of certain bond-funded spending  
329 authorizations which otherwise would expire, the balances of the following items and any  
330 allocations thereof shall be extended through June 30, 2027 for the purposes of and subject to the  
331 conditions stated for these items in the original authorizations and any amendments to such  
332 authorizations: 0640-0035, 1100-2513, 1100-9200, 1102-2009, 1102-2015, 1102-2016, 1102-  
333 2017, 1102-2018, 1102-2019, 1102-5700, , 1790-3007, 1790-3008, 1790-3009, 2000-7026,  
334 2000-7029, 2000-7031, 2000-7051, 2000-7052, 2000-7054, 2000-7055, 2000-7056, 2000-7057,  
335 2000-7058, 2000-7059, 2000-7060, 2000-7061, 2000-7062, 2000-7063, 2000-7064, 2000-7065,  
336 2000-7066, 2000-7070, 2000-7071, 2000-7072, 2000-7073, 2000-7074, 2000-7075, 2000-7077,  
337 2000-7078, 2000-7079, 2000-7080, 2000-7081, 2000-7084, 2000-7085, 2000-7135, 2200-7016,  
338 2200-7019, 2200-7021, 2200-7022, 2200-7023, 2200-7024, 2200-7025, 2300-0421, 2300-7019,  
339 2300-7020, 2300-7021, 2300-7022, 2300-7023, 2300-7024, 2300-7025, 2300-7026, 2300-7027,  
340 2300-7028, 2500-7011, 2500-7021, 2500-7023, 2500-7024, 2511-0122, 2800-1121, 2800-7014,

341 2800-7020, 2800-7023, 2800-7025, 2800-7027, 2800-7031, 2800-7032, 2800-7033, 2800-7035,  
342 2800-7107, 2800-7108, 2840-7024, 2840-7025, 2840-7026, 2840-7027, 2890-7034, 2890-7035,  
343 3000-0410, 4000-2022, 4000-2025, 6720-1336, 7000-9091, 7009-2005, 7066-8000, 7066-8110,  
344 7100-1000, 8000-0702, 8000-3502, 9300-7030, 9300-7031, 9300-7918, and 9300-7919.

345 SECTION 8. To carry out the purposes of this act, the commissioner of capital asset  
346 management and maintenance may, notwithstanding sections 32 to 37, inclusive, of chapter 7C  
347 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, acquire, by purchase,  
348 lease or leaseback for a term, including any extensions, not to exceed 50 years, gift or other  
349 transfer, or by eminent domain under chapter 79 of the General Laws, any interests in land and  
350 buildings considered necessary by the commissioner to carry out the purposes of this act  
351 including, but not limited to, easements for drainage, access, utilities and environmental  
352 mitigation, and may grant and retain such easements and interests as considered necessary by the  
353 commissioner to carry out the purposes of this act.